



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Laura Parker
Public Information Officer
California State Library
(916) 651-6798

April 12, 2011

Food for Thought Presents *Bottle Shock*

Sacramento - The April event in the California State Library's cultural series, ***Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the State Library***, will be held on Wednesday, April 20. This free evening program includes refreshments, an engaging film, and a lively post-film discussion with legendary wine merchant and food expert Darrell Corti of Corti Brothers in Sacramento.

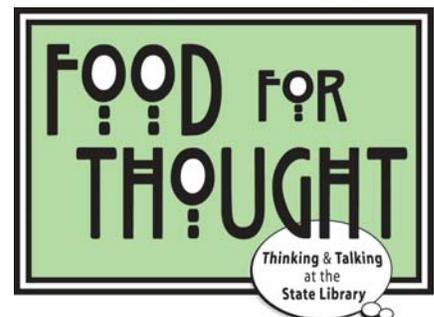
This month **Food for Thought** screens *Bottle Shock*. Based on a true story, this 2008 indie film chronicles an historic upset in 1976, when Napa Valley wines scored a shocking victory over France's best varietals in a blind tasting with eight Parisian judges. The "Judgment of Paris," as it came to be known, vaulted California vintners and their wines to international prominence.

Bottle Shock stars Alan Rickman as a droll and acerbic British wine snob who orchestrates the competition to boost sales at his Paris wine shop, and Bill Pullman as a debt-ridden winemaker struggling to survive as he cultivates a legendary chardonnay at Chateau Montelena. The dappled beauty of the Napa Valley is backdrop to this classic David vs. Goliath story.

Special guest Darrell Corti will join us for discussion after the film. Mr. Corti remembers when California wines leaped to the world stage after the "Judgment of Paris," and will share his first-hand experiences with Napa valley vintners and their remarkable wines.

The California State Library launched ***Food for Thought*** because it believes libraries and the free exchange of information and ideas are essential to a healthy democracy. ***Food for Thought*** is also a unique venue to showcase rich collections dating back to the Library's founding in 1850, and to highlight current State Library resources, programs, and services that help build a stronger California.

Join us on Wednesday, April 20, from 5:00 to 8:30 pm in the California History Room, Room 200, California State Library, 900 N Street, Sacramento. Doors open at 5:00 pm; the program begins at 6:00 pm with time for discussion afterward. Metered street parking is free after 6:00 pm; 8th and O light rail access is nearby.



Seating in this venue is limited, so attendees must RSVP to Rebecca Ann Fontaine at (916) 653-9942 or rfontaine@library.ca.gov.

***Food for Thought* is made possible by generous donations from the
California State Library Foundation**

###