

# PCA/CAI Moonlight Tour

## Dinner at Pacino's and Wine Tasting at the Souza Family Vineyard, Tehachapi California

Saturday July 25, 2009

Put your top down or just roll down the windows and enjoy. The driving tour departs from the McDonalds in Rosamond at 5:30 PM; our first stop is for wine tasting at the Souza Family Vineyards (about 6:30 PM) our second stop is at Pacino's Spaghetti Factory (Corner of Tucker Rd. and Tehachapi Blvd.) at 8:00 PM. We will be ordering off the menu at Pacino's.

**Please RSVP by morning of July 25!**

RSVP and POC Jim Gude

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### **The Souza family Vineyard Story**

Bob and Patty Souza became transplants from the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles in 1990, leaving the business world as insurance brokers to find a simpler life. The Souzas bought the Elijah Stowell Estate, an 1888 Victorian home and barns on 60 acres overlooking the valley. After years of hard work, the industrious Souzas beautifully restored the lovely historic property which they call the 'Souza Ranch'. The ranch and gardens have hosted many charitable events, including "Cowboy Poetry"

gatherings, barn dances, bar-b-ques and weddings. Bob and Patty had always wanted to honor the agricultural legacy of the founding Stowell family. With the Souza family's Italian heritage, they were mindful that "the growing of grapes and vines is the oldest, recorded agriculture in human history." So the Souzas decided to plant a vineyard. The warm, breezy days, cool evenings and organic soil of the Cummings Valley made this the perfect climate for the Primitivo Zinfandel to flourish. The Souza Family Vineyard bottles their wine under two labels. "Quattro Stagioni", and the "Tehachapi Wine & Cattle Co."



Web Sites:

<http://www.souzafamilyvineyard.com/index.htm>

<http://pacinosf.com/>