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Bonny Doon Wine Tasting and Book Reading

Winemaker and Bonny Doon Vineyard founder Randall Grahm has published a brand- new book, the cleverly titled “Been Doon So Long: A Randall Grahm Vinthology.” To celebrate, there will be a wine tasting and book reading at Bookshop Santa Cruz on Monday, September 21 at 7pm. The collection includes a send-up of the wine industry and literary parodies—Joyce, Kafka, Pynchon, Salinger, and others—plus song lyrics, satires, poems, and lectures. Grahm also gives readers a history of Bonny Doon Vineyard, told through the story of its unique wine labels. His accolades include being named Bon Appetit’s Wine & Spirits Professional of the Year in 1999. Kathleen Flinn, author of “The Sharper Your Knife, the Less you Cry,” comments on the new book: “Long a fan of Bonny Doon, it cheered me to find Randall Grahm’s writing just as irreverent and delicious as his approach to wine.” Wine tasting will begin at 7:00, followed by a book talk and signing at 7:30. Wine served will include a red variety: 2005 Le Cigare Volant, described as “an earthier style of Cigare than previous editions...a deep ruby robe with bright purple highlights,” and a white variety: 2008 Ca’ del Solo Albariño, which a New York Times reviewer described as “lively and crisp, zesty and delicious, with flavors of minerals and citrus and a tangy acidity that makes you want to keep drinking it.” Ca’ del Solo is the biodynamic estate vineyard of Bonny Doon Vineyard. More details on these wines can be found at the vineyard’s site. Location: Bookshop Santa Cruz, 1520 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz 95060

