

'TO LIFE, TO LIFE, L'CHAIM' 2010 VIRGIN ISLANDS WINEMAKERS DINNERS



Winemakers join guests after a champagne luncheon, Bitter End Yacht Club, Virgin Gorda. Photo Credit: Guy Clothier, Yacht Shots BVI

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Wine, lots and lots of wine, food prepared by award winning chefs and a chance to make new friends from across the globe are all part of



Ajit George and Sir Richard Branson, Necker Island

the annual winemakers dinners happening on the British Virgin Islands (BVI) of Tortola and Virgin Gorda. Spokesman Joel Brillet says he and event director Ajit George see the annual event as a way to support the Island as proceeds benefit local charities.

“We expect about a thousand guests to join us this year for a series of dinners and a chance to meet winemakers from typical wine regions like France, Italy and California as well as newer wine varieties from places like South Africa and Argentina,” says Brillet. “The winemakers walk from table to table pouring their wines and talking shop with everyone. This is fun for wine geeks as well as people like me who love to taste different wines but may not be as knowledgeable.”

The price range varies for the dinner series ranging from a high of several thousand dollars, which gets you a dinner with Sir Richard Branson on his private Necker Island, to \$50 for an individual three course lunch or dinner at one of the local restaurants including *Bird's Eye View* favorite *Myette's*. A full line up of prices and offerings can be found at winemakersdinners.com