



PITTSBURGH EAST CHAPTER

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Bordeaux Values

No other wine region in the world has the mystic that comes to mind at the mention of Bordeaux. From the time of the planting of the first vines around 41 AD, this region has become the definition of fine wine around the world.

Did you know that in times of a good vintage, this area can produce over 800 million bottles and almost 90% of all the wine from this area are red? With a price point that prohibits the casual consumption of many Bordeaux Wines, the average consumer is always on the prowl for good values to satisfy our craving. We want to help you in that endeavor. This month we are pleased to present “**Bordeaux Values**”.

Please join us as we journey through the vineyards of the French countryside and explore the world of Bordeaux. Along the way we may find a few surprises that would be a welcomed addition to our cellars.



In organizing the tasting list we are trying to keep the price point under \$40.00 per bottle. The evening will be fun and

educational and a treat for anyone that wants to expand their knowledge of fine wine.

Join us on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th at 7:30pm as we conclude our program calendar for 2009 on a high note and explore “**Bordeaux Values**”.

Reserve your place for \$24.00 per person for members and \$27.00 per person for guests.

Please have your reservations in by November 3rd.

The Grapevine

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Special points of interest:

- *Mark you calendars for the November 6th Meeting*
- *Christmas Party December 12th*
- *Notes From The Chair*
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Notes From The Chair

November is one of the busiest times of the year for wineries. They have harvest - they have bottling - they have the sales. Everything in the winery is in transition and ramping up for the new wines. This is the most active time for the wine business and so it seems for our wine club too. We are busy planning our November tasting, election of board of officers, Christmas party and planning for 2010 upcoming meetings.

First I would like to express my gratitude to our wonderful Spanish Fiesta team. Our hot tapas were all prepared by Station Brake Cafe from Wilmerding. The owner Tom and Chef Tony did a wonderful job accommodating our special recipes and went above and beyond in customer service to our order. Chef Tony not only prepared a wonderful feast but personally delivered the foods to ensure that they were served at optimum serving temperatures. The food was fantastic. Please consider visiting the restaurant and telling them how much you enjoyed the evening. Second I would like to thank Doug Wayner who prepared a wonderful lineup of Spanish wines. In his special way Doug presented information about Spanish Wines and amazed the group with the wonderful wines he selected representing wines from all around the country of Spain. We are very lucky to have Doug share his wine

expertise with us. Third I want to thank our hosts. Jane Tower and Deana Foley took on the challenge to compliment the tapas and wines with great Spanish cheeses, almonds, olives, breads, and trays of fresh fruits. They did a great job putting the whole Spanish theme together. Thanks to all!

November is traditionally our time for elections for the board of officers. These offices are very important to the success of our Chapter. Since we are an all volunteer non-profit organization we do rely on our members to contribute to make it all happen, and even more heavily on our board. I am very happy to announce that all our current board members have agreed to continue on in the same positions for 2010. This was a special request on my part. As everyone has noticed there seems to be a struggle going on in our economy that has effected our Chapter and I felt that it was very important to have a strong experienced board to carry us thru these times. Please feel free to offer your talents, we need you and will appreciate your help. We want to make 2010 the best year ever for our wine club.



Christmas Party, Saturday December 12th, Jaden's Catering, Route 22 Monroeville. Please mark your calendars. This

will be a fun party you will not want to miss. We met last week with Javid, owner of Jaden's, to plan the menu for the party. He seems very excited about doing our party and this party is unique for him because we are asking for some more unusual foods and plan to match his menu with wines. Javid traveled recently to California's Napa and Sonoma valleys and has a whole new appreciation for wine and for us 'winos'. I am sure he and his crew will make our party extra special. Watch your mail for more information coming soon!

Lastly, we have 2010 to plan! Your ideas for programs are welcome. Please email ideas to Doug Wayner at dewkew@aol.com. If you have a speaker that you have seen at another event - and they were good - let us know contact information. If you have been to a wine tasting that was exceptional - pass along the information. If you would like us to present wines from a specific region - wines made from a certain grape or process - want to know more about conducting a tasting - want to set up an at home wine cellar - or how to make your own wines at home - let us know, we will do our best to work to have 2010 programs the best ones yet.

Looking forward to seeing you Friday November 6th!

Karen Wayner

Wine Glass Washing List {October}

Case 1 Ron Yeager	Case 10 Bob Putignano
Case 2 Clean	Case 11 Sam Cuffia
Case 3 Gil Cuffia	Case 12 Pedley
Case 4 Clean	Case 13 Clean
Case 5 Cunkelman	Case 14 Clean
Case 6 Kostishack	Case 15 Clean
Case 7 Hanks	Case 16 Clean
Case 8 Tranquil	Case 17 Clean
Case 9 Clean	

If you are unable to return the glasses for the May meeting, please call Don or Marty to make other arrangements. Don't forget to sign the glasses out when you take them and again when you return them.

Thanks.



Board Members

Chair 412-795-8192	Karen Wayner dewkew@aol.com	Vice-Chair 412-443-7776	Jim Putignano jjm@putignano.us	Secretary 724-339-4787	Sherri Mangone sherrilynnem@hotmail.com
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October Wines

Our annual “Oktober Fest” celebration featured the food and wine of Spain. Our task was tough in deciding favorite wines of the evening. One wine stood out, but the second and third place wines would in no way disappoint any celebration. The favorite white of the evening was wine No. 2 the Adegas Gran Vinum Nessa Albarino Rias Baixas. It finished slightly ahead of wine No. 4 the Bodegas Muga White. The second place red was wine No. 5 the Borsao Monte Oton. By far the favorite of the evening was wine No. 7 the Casa De La Ermita Jumilla Crianza VI. All of these wines were purchased through the PLCB. Spain still affords the discriminating wine drinker with excellent value. Stop in and shop for these and other value selections.

Doug Wayner

The Wines

PLCB

Code	Wine	Price
6446	Segura Viudas Aria Sparkling Pinot Noir	\$10.99
22525	Adegas Gran Vinum Nessa Albarino Rias Baixas	\$12.99
29837	Paso A Paso Verdejo	\$10.99
29846	Bodegas Muga White	\$16.99
22404	Borsao Monte Oton	\$7.99
22405	Solnia Rioja	\$10.99
4697	Casa De La Ermita Jumilla Crianza Vi	\$12.99
4666	Williams and Humbert Dry Sack Sherry	\$14.99



October Guests and New Members

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

James and Lisa Hawkins

And a Warm Welcome to our October Guests:

Bonnie Conway - Guest of Vince and Donna Perone

Janice Lyle - Guest of Rich and Leanna Ryba

Dan Hradesky



Guests are non-dues paying participants in AWS – Pittsburgh East and visits are limited to Three Lifetime Visits. Guests must join after the third visit to continue attending the meetings.

In The News

Christmas Party



Save The Date" for the Christmas Party on Saturday December 12th. We can accommodate up to 100 people so we encourage everyone to attend and bring guests. The more the merrier.

Wine Judges In The Making

We have two students from our class who will be taking their final test (3rd year) for certification at the conference in Destin Florida this November. We wish the best of luck to Mary and Ivan Riggle from Tyrone, PA. They are very dedicated and have traveled monthly down to our class for the past 3 years in addition to at home study.

Why Red Wine And Fish Don't Mix

The culprit appears to be iron, the team reports in a recent issue of the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry. When the element's content rose above 2 milligrams per liter or so, the seafood-dining experience turned sour.

<http://www.winebusiness.com/news/?go=getNewsLink&dataId=68550>

Bordeaux's Winemakers Reconstruct The Past To Charm Tourists

Jean-Francois Janoueix and Jean-Michel Cazes have more in common than producing wine. They share a passion for old limestone and are banking on tourism to revive Bordeaux's crumbling cottages and dying villages.

<http://www.winebusiness.com/news/?go=getNewsLink&dataId=68534>

2009 Global Cork Harvest Yields Smaller but Higher Quality Crop

With a combined Portuguese and Spanish harvest of 220,000 metric tons, the recently completed 2009 global cork harvest shrunk approximately 10 percent behind 2008's production, according to Jochen Michalski, president of Cork Supply, a leading global supplier of premium natural cork wine stoppers.

<http://www.winebusiness.com/news/?go=getNewsLink&dataId=68551>

Red-Grape Compound May Improve Diabetes

New research provides further insight into how a health-boosting compound found in red grapes may help the body fend off type 2 diabetes.

<http://www.winebusiness.com/news/?go=getNewsLink&dataId=68529>



Items of Interest

Wine Judge Training Information

If you are interested in preparing to become a Wine Judge or just want more extensive training about wine, see Doug or Karen or give them a call at 412-795-8192 to be added to the class. The class meets in Monroeville the third Friday of the month. **Please note there will be no Wine Judge Training in November.**



November 6th Meeting Reservation Form

Member Name(s): _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Check to indicate change in address or other information:

Deadline: November 3, 2009

Members: \$24.00 **per person** *Guests: \$27.00 **per person**

Make Checks Payable to : AWS – Pittsburgh East Amount Enclosed: _____

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Mail Reservations To:
Karen Wayner
609 Rockland Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15239-2057

Facts From The Wine Cellar

One of the missions of AWS is to educate its members on all aspects of wine.

See how many of these questions you can answer.



1. Rioja is a wine from Spain, but what is Rioja?
 - A. A variety of grape
 - B. A region in northern Spain
 - C. A trade name
 - D. A Spanish word meaning 'King of wines'
 - E. The name of a producer

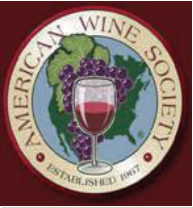
2. Tinto Fino and Tino del Pais are two synonyms for which grape?
 - A. Mazuelo
 - B. Garnacha
 - C. Graciano
 - D. Tempranillo

3. Which of these is a fortified drink from Southern Spain?
 - A. Rioja
 - B. Grappa
 - C. Banyuls
 - D. Sherry

4. Identify the famous sparkling wines from Spain.
 - A. Cava
 - B. Sekt
 - C. Champenois
 - D. Cremant

Answers:

1. B, 2. D, 3. D, 4. A



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“May you never want for wine, nor for a friend to help drink it” -French Proverb



We're on the web
www.awspgheast.org

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: November 6, 2009 Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Lions Hall Murrysville-Trafford Road Level Green, PA

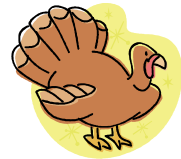
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ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE



**Important
DATE!**



Pumpkin Wine

Since October and November are big months for pumpkin recipes I was curious so I did some looking around to see if anyone made Pumpkin Wine. I should have know that you can make wine from almost anything. The “Three Lakes Winery” in Wisconsin makes a Pumpkin Wine from pie pumpkins. This

‘Pumpkin Wine... has been described as having the qualities of a semi-sweet Chardonnay’ ...’

isn't available from the PCLB on last check but if you must have it for your Thanksgiving meal don't worry there are several recipes available. So if you've had enough pumpkin in your pie you might want to try some in your wine.



Winery Link:

<http://www.cranberrywine.com/pumpkinwine.html>

Recipe Links:

<http://scorpius.spaceports.com/~goodwine/pumpkinwine.htm>

http://www.finevinewines.com/Pumpkin_Recipe.htm

<http://winemaking.jackkeller.net/reques53.asp>

http://www.wine-making-guides.com/pumpkin_wine.html

