

# King George Chapter Newsletter April



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The American Legion building was abuzz with excitement and liveliness on April 12 as the King George Wine Society prepped for their chapter event at this new venue. Kenny and Emily White from Chateau MerrillAnne of Orange, VA regaled us with stories from their past while showcasing 8 wines from their winery. Kenny's tongue in cheek style of entertainment had many of us on the edge of our



seat as no one wanted to miss his stories. He shared how they never intended to build a winery but good ole tax concerns lead them to grow and sell grapes and then later to have a winemaker produce great wines for them. Kenny's hobby became work! His humor kept us entranced as he shared how their non fancy track of land, oh no, no fancy Chateau, but a farm house, transformed them into producing 700 cases of wine per year and sharing it at their pet friendly winery. While they only grow 4 different grapes on property it was interesting to learn that one of them is the cayuga grape, known to work well in grape was developed by Cornell for winter hardy Finger Lakes wine is in oak and all labels share a cat theme; cats in different say dogs are welcome but they need to beware of the cats. This is King George chapter hosted Chateau MerrillAnne and because of they decided to



cold weather. (This regions). All their poses. Kenny did the second time the their experience

become a part of the American Wine Society's program. This brought much delight to the crowd.

Welcome Here  
Well, onto the wines.



Wine	Grapes	Notes	Rating	Price
2017 Palace White	Seyval, vidal blanc, cayuga	Light crisp, good malic acid	8	\$18
2017 Viognier	Frm 1st lady decreed state white grape	Full bodied	26	\$19
2017 Chardonnay	Char	Hybrid style, added enzyme, buttery and oak	6	\$20
2017 1734	Cab Sav	Purposely muted acidity/tannin for easy drinking style	12	\$21

2016 Palace Red	Chambourcin/merlot	Velvety, low tannins	3	\$21
2017 Merlot	Merlot	Not overly oaked	6	\$24
2016 Can Sav	Cab Sav	Bordeaux Style	17	\$24
2016 Governor Spotswood	Merlot/cab sav	Leather and smoke from French barrel	17	\$26

This was truly a good tasting, full of fun and learning culminating with a door prize from the Whites. (The Nizniks took home the prize). Thanks to the Whites for sharing their stories and wine as well as the Stricklands for providing food. We hope that our guests, Phil Newman and Katie Hendrickson (from President Terri's family), Jessica Delgado (who joined), friend of Hailey Lawrence, and Tim and Brandi Janezeck, friends of the Stricklands, enjoyed what our chapter had to offer. Thirty members, 5 guests and 2 guest presenters were present for our first event at the new location and it was a hit.

## Business

The size of the venue will allow the chapter to expand its RSVPs to 50 allowing larger attendance. However, acoustics do carry voices, thus we need to be mindful of the presenters and keeping the noise level in check. Lighting is great. The board will meet to consider raising membership numbers. Newsletter was mentioned again as it made the national AWS newsletter.

Announcement - if anyone is eligible to become a Legion member that would be excellent and it helps in our use of the Legion facility. See Steve Heitmeyer for details.

## ***JUST AROUND THE CORNER***

Date	Program	Presenter	Food Preparer
May 10th	Pinot What?	Scott and Rita Allan	Patti Damon
June 14th	Austrian	Klaus Wittauer	
July 12th	White Port	Walter Rachele AWS Judge	
August 2nd	To Zin or not to Zin	Paul Koepfinger	
September 13th	NTP Napa CA	Jerry Gibson	Denise Gibson