

King George Chapter Newsletter May



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Twenty two members and 3 guests, one of whom joined our chapter, attended the May 10 presentation named "Pinot What?" led by member Rita Scott from City Vino held at the American Legion Building. Rita shared the DNA and siblings of Pinot through wines developed both in the old and new world styles, including a Pinot Grigio which was produced



through soft pressing. A unique New Zealand Pinot Gris demonstrated that pink hues can be present with this grape. This observation generated much discussion. There was also a Pinotage, and an old world from France among others.

Sadly, this author was not present to enjoy what was well done with a great slide presentation, therefore a link to the

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information [is provided here](#) (then click on the "Pinot What?"). Thanks to Rita for showcasing interesting grape heritage with several from around the world.



Wine	Cost	Favorite
Annie Amie Pinot Blanc 2015	21	1
Gio Delle Venezie Pinot Grigio 2017	14	3
The Ned Pinot Gris 2018	16	10
Wildeckrands Estate Pinotage 2016	19	7
Darting Pinot Meunier Pfaltz 2016	27	5
Maison Albert Bichot Bourgogne Pinot Noir Secret de Famille 2016	30	5

Any problems reviewing the presentation, let us know.

Hoping everyone is enjoying the new venue for our tastings. We have presenters set for the remainder of the year; however, help is needed in the food department.

Please see the chart below and consider helping out.

Just around the Corner

Date	Program	Presenter	Food Preparer
June 14th	Austrian	Klaus Wittauer	Stricklands
July 12th	White Port	Walter Rachele AWS Judge	Hailey Lawrence
August 2nd	To Zin or not to Zin	Paul Koepfinger	
September 13th	NTP Napa CA	Jerry Gibson	Denise Gibson
October 11th	We'll be fine, there will be plenty of wine	Schlereth/Csoka	Schlereth/Csoka

The learning continues with our next two presentations being delivered by individuals not in our chapter. Who are these speakers set to come? Read on.

In June we will again hear from Klaus Wittauer, a self-employed Austrian. He says in the West (Austria) they ski, in the East we make wine. He was the Sommelier of L'Auberge Chez Francois (Great Falls, VA) and studied at Schloss Klessheim, Salzburg. After Great Falls he changed over to the trade side of the wine business and became the wine buyer for Sutton Place Gourmet also known as Balducci and then he created his own export company with renowned Austrian winemaker Anton Bauer, KWSELECTION. KWSELECTION includes wines from top producers such as Bauer, Hillinger, and Straus. Organized by the Capital Chapter of the German Wine Society, he provided wines at a very special event at the Austrian Embassy in Washington, D.C. What might he delight us with during our June meeting. Be sure to reserve your spot.

In July, Walter Rachele will enlighten us with White Ports and some other treasures he feels we will enjoy. Walter is an AWS member, currently Treasurer of the Education Foundation, and certified judge. He is a member of the International Federation of Wine Brotherhoods, Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine (Master Knight) and Wine Century Club as the 243rd member. (This info certainly generates some questions in my mind!) He is on the board of the Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association which promotes wine produced in the 17 east coast states plus, West VA, PA and Vermont. The ASWA was founded in 1973 and many other AWS members are a part. Walt has traveled extensively to increase his wine knowledge having visited in part, Spain, Portugal, Slovenia, Switzerland, France, England, Hungary and Serbia. He lives in Loudon County in farmland. I feel certain we will be trying some terrific wine at his July 12th tasting. Mark your calendars now.