

King George Chapter Newsletter August



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Paul Koepfinger led 36 members and 2 guests in a Zin/Non Zin blind tasting at the King George Wine Society, held at the American Legion on Aug 9. Paul shared that Zin loves warmth; the longer on the vine, the yummiest. Zin likes soil not too rich or clayey and thrives in CA; sadly it does not do as well East and North. Primitivo has the same DNA as Zin; as do two

Croatian grapes. The grape found its way to the United States in the mid-19th century, where it became known by variations of a name applied to a different grape, likely "Zierfandler" from Austria. It is a big, robust red, dark color, big berry fruit (peppers, raspberry, blackberry). After all wines were poured, Paul had the group taste the wines in a blind manner, following a wine sheet with six circles, each containing the statement Zin/Not Zin. He did mention that 2 wines were blends and that the vintages were 2014-2016. A small amount was to be saved for further evaluation during a discussion period.

Food was available during the tasting to include light bites of cheeses, peanuts, strawberry, salami, pepperoni, chocolate kisses, bread, all considered to be yummy. Tasters were asked to note whether the wine was Zin or not, and to mark their favorite. All had fun while Paul was in coaching mode (he is our high school Cross Country and Track coach) who used that style to enlighten the attendees. He even provided a surprise wine at the end of the night.

Thanks Paul for a great evening!



**Welcome to our
newest
members:
Hardestys and
Smiths**

SEPTEMBER'S EVENT

Venue Change

Join us Sept 13 for the **National Tasting Project** on Napa Valley wines. **The venue will be held at the Hyde's residence.** Come early to watch a video describing how to judge wines presented by the **AWS Head of Wine Education.** Timing is perfect given the format for the NTP. We will taste the whites, take a short break, followed by reds. Seven wines will be evaluated. Tastings will commence at 7:30.; video starts at 7:10. Only bread is provided during the NTP; however, **you may bring pot luck** to enjoy afterwards.

The Hyde's home is at 16170 Ridge Rd (on Rt 205 about 4 miles from Rt 301) and has an American flag flying proudly.

During the September meeting we would like to make a quick Standing Rule change to allow for half year payments for new members joining after June 30. This is in keeping with AWS practices. We would like to make it retroactive for calendar year 2019, and need 36 members voting affirmative to pass the amendment.

#	Wine	Price	Notes	Votes
1	Emporium Appassiment 2015 50% Primitivo, 50% Negroamaro	Total Wine \$15	Medium to full bodies, moderate tannins, oaky, deep colors, rustic character, perfumey, Primitivo mostly used as a blend, from deep southern Italy. Grape has big thick skin, is medium to large sized grape. Drought tolerant. Likes heat.	9
2	Ingelside Sangiovese 2016	Ingleside \$25	Medium bodied, soft tannins, Italian grape. Since Zin hails from Italy, Paul through this in.	2
3	Carol Shelton Wild Thing Old Vine 2015 Zinfandel	City Vino \$23	Fun wine. Female in a male dominated industry; went to UC Davis to study poetry and got introduced to wine; worked at some great wineries then opened her own with her husband. Black cherry, raspberry, cigar box. Finish of long, lush, jammy fruit.	14 Favorite-Zin
4	Brady Vineyard (Casa Robles, CA) Petite Sirah (2 from 2014, 1 from 2016- oops!)	City Vino \$19	This was Paul's "curve ball". Description reads as a Zin: luxurious, featuring deep flavors, black cherry (and other) aromas, spicy flavor, long finish.	17 Favorite of night
5	Masseria Cicella Primitivo Salento 2016	City Vino \$18	"Zin of another color" (primitivo), temperature controlled stainless steel vat, aroma of blackberry, mouth feel pleasing balsamic with licorice notes	5
6	ZinPhomaniac 2016 Zinfandel	City Vino \$16	Lodi Zin, old vine, strong smoky oak aromas and flavors almost covering the sweet flavor underneath	13
7	Surprise: THIEVERY (Lodi, CA) 2017 Zinfandel - Note: the 2nd "E" is backwards on the label	Total Wine \$7	Love the price!	