



## King George Chapter Newsletter December 2020

### KGWS Board Members

Chair/President - Terri Hyde - [president@kgwinesociety.com](mailto:president@kgwinesociety.com)  
Vice President - Scott Such - [vicepresident@kgwinesociety.com](mailto:vicepresident@kgwinesociety.com)  
Treasurer - Chris Strickland - [treasurer@kgwinesociety.com](mailto:treasurer@kgwinesociety.com)  
Secretary - Denise Gibson - [secretary@kgwinesociety.com](mailto:secretary@kgwinesociety.com)  
IT - Mike Hyde - [it@kgwinesociety.com](mailto:it@kgwinesociety.com)  
All of the above: [Board@kgwinesociety.com](mailto:Board@kgwinesociety.com)  
Chapter website - [www.kgwinesociety.com](http://www.kgwinesociety.com)

As with many changes in 2020, the King George Wine Society modified their typical Christmas chapter event by having a presentation in lieu of a holiday party. Results of a survey indicated that another virtual presentation was preferred, although some opted for an in person gathering. The Board selected wines that they presented to the members who could have either purchased the wines themselves or obtained small bottle samples. There was no cost to the 25 members and 2 out of town family guests that met on December 11th. We started with a bubbly; those in person tried a CAVA or a Prosecco. Terri led us in a toast to Janet's father, who had recently passed away, followed by wishes for better things to come. We moved on to Scott who introduced a 2019 Psarades, Dafni, a wine from Crete with notes of pungent herbs and bay leaves. The wine had a medium long finish. People paired it with their own foods. These are the samples of foods for those who met in person.



Terri then moved to a rosé from Erath winery in Oregon, made from Pinot Noir grapes. It had little tannins, but can be considered a great winter wine as it has some weight to it. It had a lot of aromas including strawberry and cherry with a long finish. Next, Chris introduced us to Backporch, the newest winery in King George, and to their Sunset Red, a Cabernet Franc. This wine was fruity with no pepper and nice smooth tannins with a decent finish. We rounded out the tasting with a dessert wine from Rappahannock Cellars. Denise shared that it was made with the Norton grape from their green stone and clay "shaley" vineyard. It had 21% alcohol, 10% residual sugar and was aged in brandy/bourbon barrels with aromas of caramel and butterscotch.

While this year was a challenge, we have been fortunate to have had opportunities to gather virtually. The election did not occur in the usual way. With no objections, the Board will continue as is for 2021. The calendar year is wide open for presentation sign ups. Please consider conducting a presentation; Terri has many ideas she could impart to help you get started. If you would like the newsletter sent to you, please inform Denise. Those who have already responded need not do so again.

Terri concluded the gathering with best wishes for a nice holiday.

