



King George Chapter
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On March 10, 38 members and 1 guest, Rita’s Mother-in-Law, gathered at the American Legion for a Taste of India presented by Mike Hyde. After our newest members Susie and Ken Novellino served his starter wine, a Rosé, while Terri led us in some important business that June and Sep were available for presenter sign-up and several spots preparers. We held a moment of silence in remembrance of member Julie Moore, who recently passed away. Our hearts go out to Ken and family. Standing Rules changes were addressed. Click [Standing Rules](#) to review the changes as they impact tasting fees and other topics.



were introduced, Mike actions. She did, first share remain open for food



But the real fun of the evening was listening to Mike tell us about how he came to know “Raj”, how he was on the VIP list in the kitchen to provide him the hottest sauces (#13) and how that led to his tasting wines of India. India has 4 wine regions and we focused on two, 1) the Nashik district of Maharashtra that is extremely dry and needs the monsoon season as it provides 90% of needed water, and 2) the foot of the Nandi Hills in Bangalore, Karnataka. While these regions are not between the growing latitudes presented at an earlier month’s presentation, Mike shared that the breezes and mountainous Mediterranean climate contributes favorably to grape growing.



We tasted wines from Grover Zampa and Sula. The whites showed well with the Chenin Blanc being the favorite of the whites (it’s the best seller). The Sauvignon Blanc was the first ever Indian SB. Those and the Rosé were produced by Sula. The last white, the Viognier, was produced by Grover Zampa and that winery started winemaking in 1995. Details of the aromas and palette unfortunately were not captured by this writer.

As we moved on to the reds, Mike relayed another fun story about Razz and his extensive wine understanding which is why we landed 2 different vintages of the same wine- unbeknownst to the beloved Indian food restaurateur of Bollywood. He just knew Mike needed Sula Shiraz. Yep, we got the bottles. Well, some tasters had the 2016 vintage, some the 2020. Some said the 2020 seemed more like Shiraz. And it was the Wednesday night special, sold much cheaper to Mike! The last two wines were produced from Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz grapes, with the composition amounts being different. Wine 6 was 60% CS, 40% Shiraz; the last wine 80% CS and 20% Shiraz.



A nice tray of food completed the wine; Indian cheeses, hummus and a chicken dish but without the 13 level heat that Mike so loves. He wanted us to enjoy the wines, not the fire in our mouths from the food.



The group scored the wines as follows:

#	Wine	Fav-White/Reds	Favorite Overall	Cost \$
1	Grover Rosé 2021	10	3	21
2	Sula Chenin Blanc 2022	24	13	16
3	Sula Sauvignon Blanc 2022	9	2	16
4	Grover Zampa White Collection Viognier 2019	12	2	34
5	Sula Shiraz 2016/2020	16	11	20/34
6	Grover Zampa Cabernet Shiraz	8	6	21
7	Grover Zampa La Reserve 2018	22	13	25

Next Tasting: April 14, 730 pm
WINES FROM THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

Standing Rule Changes follow on the next page.

Motion made by Rita, seconded by Tom B to change food to be a set amount for a maximum of \$3 per head, **failed**.

Motion made by Mike, seconded by Chris, Food preparer gets reimbursed up to \$3 head based on RSVP of Friday before and 1 free tasting, receipt to be presented, was **approved**. (SR 16 will be updated to reflect change)

Motion made by Mike, seconded by Mark, Raise tasting fee to \$20, was **approved**. (SR 12 will be updated to reflect change). By **unanimous consent**, guest fees to be raised to \$25. (SR 13 will be updated to reflect change)

Motions take affect March 10, 2023.

Comment made to use the budget to get wine for the holiday party vice after each presentation.

Recommendation to look at Operating Procedures Section III, Paragraph D regarding Immediate Past President serving on board.