



**King George Chapter
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On 12 May, 30 members and 2 guests joined the King George Wine Society group to learn about the Raylen Vineyard and Winery presented by Patti Damon. Her enthusiasm was typical; her passion for a great find was evident. She shared how this winery grew out of the disastrous Hurricane Hugo, transforming a former dairy farm into beautiful vineyards when purchased by the current owners. Raylen, located in Mocksville, NC (outside of Winston-Salem) is a green oriented initiative, is the first to use solar power in North Carolina and is a Certified Nature Preserve. While they are amid transitioning wine makers, we were treated to very nice and easy drinking wines made from grapes grown on their 115 acres of farmland. Patti started by offering a Fizzy Rosé that several attendees tried, although the wine wasn't a part of the full tasting. After chuckling on the pronunciation of Carolinius, we started with the NV White Carolinius one of the few non sweet whites offered by Raylen. We continued with their 2020 Rosé of Cabernet France which had just about 10 hours of skin contact during its fermentation process. As we progressed tasting, Patti showed characteristics of the wine that the winery promotes as well as the details such as grape composition and alcohol content. The first red wine, the 2019 Carolinius Red has notes of cherry and is used often at Christmas time to make mulled wine. The 2021 Cabernet Franc was next that had nice spice on the palate. The 2020 Category 5 came next which was named for the Hugo event; it is Raylen's flagship and most popular wine. We rounded out the evening tasting the oldest vintage they have, a reserve, the 2018 Eagle's Select and the taste seemed to pop out. We had nice cheese, fruits, and meat slices with the wines. Patti's trip to North Carolina for a concert resulted in visiting Raylen and the stories and wine she shared were delightful and entertaining evening.

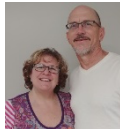


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Our guests,



Larry and LeAnn Hunt, traveled to the winery with the Damon's.

#	Wine	Fav-White/Reds	Favorite Overall	Cost \$
1	NV White Carolinius	16	4	18
2	2020 Rosé of Cabernet Franc	10	1	20
3	2019 Carolinius Red	3	2	18
4	2021 Cabernet Franc	14	7	20
5	2020 Category 5	16	15	24
6	2018 Eagle's Select	10	8	29

Under business, Terri shared that her and Mike are doing June, but September is still open and no one has opted to conduct the National Tasting which are wines from the Southern Rhone. She encouraged members to consider signing up. AWS Newsletter featured KGWS in its latest edition under Chapter Events.



Having missed the January meeting, this author did not meet our new members who joined in January, Luis and Jessica Rodriguez. Welcome!

WHAT'S NEXT

2023	JUST AROUND THE CORNER		
Date	Presenter	Topic	Food Preparer
June 9th	open		Theresa O'Neill
July 14th	Stricklands	Card Bourdeaux	
August 11th	Meg Ulfers		
September 8th	open		
October 13th	Hubbell	Burgundy	
November 10th	Tom Burckell		Theresa O'Neill
December 8th	All	Holiday Celebration	All