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Chris and Kathy Strickland hosted our July tasting to dispel the myth that box wines are only for the desperate and they aren't just for boaters. The idea was to address an often unfairly acquired negative attitude toward wines in a box. One guest, Diane Tucker, from DC, who will be presenting in October (topic-Burgundy), our newest members John and Julie Edgar and 16 other members joined together on this July 14 Friday evening.



Chris shared that it wasn't until the 1600s that glass bottles were introduced as the means to contain wine. Wine skins had been used, also known as Bota Bags. Wine is produced the same manner; box wines have earned such an unfair reputation and yet packaging is the only difference. Packaging materials of cardboard and plastic are cheaper than bottles rendering a 95% distribution cost difference; oxidation is nonexistent and allows for a longer shelf life once opened. Quality is improving, yet it is understood that no aging can occur. It takes less energy to produce box wines as well.

We were then directed to the table for a self-paced tasting of seven boxed wines from different producers. They included: Kirkland Pinot Grigio, La Deliza Pinot Grigio, Black Box chardonnay, La Vieille Ferme Rosé, Bota Box Dry Rosé, Hi Jinx Pinot Noir and Nighthawk Black Bold Cabernet Sauvignon.



Pulled pork was prepared by the Stricklands and members brought other dishes to augment the evenings event. There were deviled eggs, chicken wings, cheeses, chips, cake, and brownies to name a few.

Despite the horrendous thunderstorm that passed through, attendees analyzed the various wines while dodging good sized raindrops. People seemed to like most of these boxed wines. Following the deluge, several brave souls descended to the swimming pool, and then as the evening ended, we acknowledged Chris's 58<sup>th</sup> birthday with cake and song.



The annual summer social with education tidbits was a success.

2023	JUST AROUND THE CORNER		
Date	Presenter	Topic	Food Preparer
August 11th	Paul Koepfinger	Old World, New World, Out of this World Wine	
September 8th	Meg Ulfers		
October 13th	Hubbell	Burgundy	
November 10th	Tom Burckell		Theresa ONeill
December 8th	All	Holiday Celebration	All

As you can see, there are several food preparer open spots. Please consider signing up for a spot.