



King George Chapter
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The 2024 tasting year for the King George Wine Society got underway Jan 12 with 27 members gathered to hear the Battle of the Sexes presented by the Stutlers. Board member Chris kicked off the meeting requesting members to consider presenting to which Rita agreed to bring



Wines of Turkey to us for the February meeting. The Stutlers then got underway sharing a Myth that during wine production women were not allowed in the cellars otherwise while wine is fermenting, they would “turn the wine”. That has been debunked! One-half of South African winemakers are female and there exists a high number of women winemakers in several other countries as shown by the numbers shared with us. The intent of the evening was to rate wines produced by men and women to determine if one gender was more suited to producing quality wines. Three rounds with two wines each having nearly the same grape variety were conducted. We started with Valpolicella from the Valley of Many Cellars, Veneto, IT, followed by Cotes du Rhone, FR Grenache and ending with Zinfandel from Mendocino, CA. Prices of the wines were identical to eliminate influences by cost. Of interest, both IT wines were produced from wine makers whose winery has been in the family for generations. The French wine titles had meanings, Handful of Grapes and It’s Thirsty Weather and the Zinfandels, not surprising, had over 14% alcohol. While there wasn’t much discussion during the tastings, people did comment a few times, mostly after learning which wine maker had the most votes. Results suggest female winemakers do a pretty good job making wine.



#	Wine	Male/Female	#	Overall	Cost
1	Zeni Marogne Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso DOC Veneto IT 2020	M	20	7	25
2	Ilaria De Nardi Winery Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore Veneto IT 2019	F	5	1	25
3	Domaine Gramenon Poignee de Raisins Cotes du Rhone France 2022	F	20	1	35
4	Maxime Francois Laurent Rouge Il Fait Soif Cotes du Rhone FR 2021	M	10	1	35
5	Frey Zinfandel Biodynamic Mendocino CA 2020	M	7	2	25
6	Carol Shelton Wild Thing Zinfandel Old Vine Mendocino County CA 2020	F	19	17	25

2024	JUST AROUND THE CORNER		
Date	Presenter	Topic	Food Preparer
9-Feb	Rita Allan	Wines of Turkey	
8-Mar	Sticklands	Chateau Merillanne	
12-Apr	Novellino	Fingerlakes	
10-May			
14-Jun			
12-Jul	Heitmeyer/Klinefelder	Elk Island	
9-Aug			
13-Sep			
11-Oct	Hubbells	TBD	
8-Nov			
13-Dec	Holiday Gathering		

As you can see, there are several holes in our schedule. Please consider helping make 2024 a great year by offering your talents in presenting or food preparing.

Remember, if you reserve a spot and you do not attend, paying for tasting fees is expected. Prior notice for legitimate sickness or reasons can be discussed.

Annual membership dues for AWS and our chapter are now payable.