

# GWS –S.F.



The German Wine Society is a national organization dedicated to improving knowledge of German wines and conducting events at which such wines are shared and appreciated. The Society is private, educational and not for profit.

The San Francisco Chapter conducts local operations of the Society and is run by a board of volunteers. For more information on upcoming chapter events and membership, please contact:

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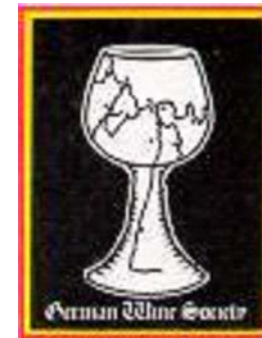
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## ARE YOU A GERMAN WINE ENTHUSIAST?

## OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME ONE?



If not, then you probably have not tried these  
wines recently.

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The San Francisco Chapter of the German Wine Society  
comprises a group of individuals, couples, and members  
of the trade who share a love of German wines. Tasting  
events are held throughout the year.

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## ABOUT GERMAN WINE

Wine has been produced in Germany continuously since it was introduced by the Romans around 100 BC. Wine connoisseurs have long known that Germany's finest wines, usually Rieslings, are among the best wines made anywhere on the globe. German whites are typically low in alcohol, and are known for exquisite acid balance and the ability to age. Today, most German production is in drier styles and an unprecedented third of German output has shifted to the red varietals. While Riesling is arguably still the most famous, the wines grown in Germany are extremely diverse. The German Wine Institute says, "Tasting is the best way to appreciate the special character of German wines, as well as to understand the subtle differences which distinguish a Rhine wine from a Mosel wine, or a Riesling from a Silvaner, or a simple table wine from a late-harvested wine." We completely agree.

The descriptive vocabulary of German wine labeling is remarkably objective and reliably consistent. The names of typical wine styles appear to the right.

## GERMAN WINE STYLES

**Qualitätswein mit Prädikat, or QmP** "quality wine with special character," includes several styles:

Kabinett—lowest in sugar among the QmP wines and lighter in style

Spätlese—harvested late, richer in taste, and higher in sugar than the regular harvest

Auslese—made from very late-picked bunches, sweet and rich in flavor

Beerenauslese—individual berries picked from bunches very late in the harvest with high sugar, may have the "noble" Botrytis mold

Trockenbeerenauslese—dried berries hand-picked very late in the season, usually affected by Botrytis mold

Eiswein—made from grapes left on the vines until they freeze with very concentrated sugar

## TASTING EVENTS

Events are scheduled several times a year and feature German wines selected by the Chapter's cellar master for their excellence of character and interest. The wines poured frequently include older vintages and events may also include short presentations by visiting German wine producers and other wine experts.

Tasting events are open to members, their guests, and prospective members. Non-members pay a higher fee per event than members. However, each member may bring one guest to all events at the member's rate, and prospective members may attend their first event at the member's price. The tasting schedule appears on the chapter web site and events are announced via e-mail.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone of legal drinking age upon application to the society and payment of a one-time initiation fee and annual dues, currently \$25 and \$70 respectively. Simply complete and mail this form with your check to the address shown below.

### Membership Application Form

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you over 21?  Yes  No

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:  Home  Office

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