



San Francisco Chapter German Wine Society

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Wines of the Current Vintage

At our next event, we will be pouring some highly regarded wines from several respected Riesling producers. The collection includes wines from six of Germany's thirteen wine producing regions, including the Rheingau. While the Rheingau is the smallest of the regions in terms of vineyard area, it is particularly known for its outstanding Rieslings, with its most important varietal representing about three quarters of total production. Another wine of note is the Hans-Wirsching Riesling. This is an exceptional wine in that it comes from the Franken, region where Rieslings represent less than 2% of output. The Dr. Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Gold Cap also deserves special mention as other vintages of this highly regarded wine have been greatly favored in earlier tastings. All together, this collection of wines has been selected to provide a nicely balanced overview of the 2006 vintage.

Although the tasting focuses on current production, we also plan to include one older Auslese, to provide a benchmark against which to compare the current vintage Auslesen. The Zilliken Saarburger Rausch, from the outstanding 1983 vintage should be memorable.

Leitz	Ruedesheimer Klosterlay	Kabinett	Rheingau
Prinz Hallgartener	Jungfer	Kabinett	Rheingau
Hans Wirsching	Iphoefer Julius-Echter-Berg	Trocken	Franken
Schaefer-Froehlich		Kabinett	Nahe
Toni Jost	Bacharacher	Kabinett	Mittelrhein
Joseph Rosch	Leiwener Klostergarten	Kabinett	Mosel
Dr. Loosen	Graacher Himmelreich	Kabinett	Mosel
Kaiserberghof	Limestone	Spätlese	Pfalz
Schaefer-Froehlich	Bockenauer Felseneck	Spätlese	Nahe
Erben von Beulwitz	Kaseler Nies'chen, Alte Reben	Spätlese	Mosel
Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch	Spätlese	Mosel
Dr. Loosen	Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Gold Cap	Auslese	Mosel
Schmitges	Erdener Treppchen	Auslese	Mosel
Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch	Auslese	Mosel

This should be a popular tasting, so reserve your place now.

Date: Saturday, May 17th
Time: 7 to 9 PM
Location: Gate House, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco
Price: \$40 for members, \$60 for others.
First time guests may attend at the members' price, and each member may also bring one guest at the members' price.

Checks, payable to the German Wine Society, should be sent to:

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Sign-up deadline: Wednesday, May 14th

Tasting Notes

Just a reminder: tasting notes from our March 28th tasting of wines of the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, which appeared in the prior edition of this newsletter, as well as the notes from other earlier tastings, are also available at www.gws-sf.org.

2008 Tasting Program

Mark your calendars for the GWS tasting events for the remainder of the year

Date	Event Theme	Venue
Sat., July 19	Wines of a Premium Producer	Restaurant TBD
Sat., Sept. 20	Rare and Unusual Wines from Members' Cellars	Fort Mason
Thu., Dec. 4	Holiday Event	Fort Mason

Other Wine Events of Interest

Occasionally wine events put on by other organizations come to our attention that may be of interest to members. One such is a tasting of Maximin Grünhaus Rieslings by Dee Vine Wines on Saturday, May 10th. For more information go to www.dvw.com.

Best regards from your board.



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