



San Francisco Chapter German Wine Society

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May 17th Tasting: Wines of the Current Vintage

Members and guests enjoyed a lively tasting of 14 Rieslings, all but one from the 2006 vintage. There were several standouts and even a surprise or two. The Leitz Ruedesheimer Klosterlay Kabinett, for example, was rich enough to have been a Spätlese. The Hans Wirsching Iphoefer Julius-Echter-Berg trocken, one of the very few Rieslings to be produced in Franken, showed great complexity with lemon, wet rocks, peach and floral notes.

Another highlight was the Bacharacher Hahn Kabinett from Toni Jost. The winery is run by his son Peter Jost. The Bacharacher Hahn is one of the most famous vineyards in the Mittelrhein region. The wine displayed balanced fruit and crisp acidity with green apple, lemon, and pronounced minerally notes.

Two of the Spätlesen stood out. The Erben von Beulwitz Kaseler Nieschen Alte Reben had aromas of orange blossom, honey, and petrol coupled with a full body. Zilliken's Saarburger Rausch Spätlese exhibited tropical fruit, apple pie, quince, and a round mouthfeel. Just a hint more of the crisp acidity and the wine would have been perfect.

The three Auslesen in the program did not disappoint; the 1983 Zilliken Saarburger Rausch showed the elegance of age with dominant petrol and honey notes. The high acidity kept it fresh and it finished very long. The Auslese that stood out was the Wehlener Sonnenuhr Gold Cap from Dr. Loosen. It had an enticing nose of honeysuckle, candied lemon, and apricot. It's perfumy and concentrated with well balanced acidity and sweetness and a lingering finish. It will age well for decades.

Upcoming Wine Dinner

We are pleased to announce that this year's wine dinner will return to Alioto's Restaurant where many wonderful German Wine dinners have taken place in prior years. Owner Nunzio Alioto, a former member and German wine authority, has arranged a great menu for us to enjoy in the restaurant's private dining room overlooking Fishermen's Wharf. The wine selections will begin with the 2004 Solter Rheingau Riesling Brut Sekt, move on to one or more other wines for each subsequent course, and finish with a memorable dessert bottling. We are carefully selecting different German wines for each course to compliment the flavors of the cuisine.

Reception – Passed Hors d'Oeuvres:

Salmon on a Fresh Potato Chip, Onion-flavored Cream, Chives, and Smoked Salmon Roe

Mint-Marinated Grilled Shrimp Spedini

1st Course:

Swordfish Carpaccio with Diced Red and Yellow Peppers, Capers and Italian Parsley, Virgin Olive Oil, and Salt from Trapani

2nd Course:

Dungeness Crab, Mango, and Chive Ravioli

3rd Course:

Medallions of Veal, Swiss Chard, Crispy Pancetta, Caramelized Pearl Onions, Wild Mushroom Apple Flavored Veal Demi Glaze.

4th Course:

Warm White Peach and Blackberry Crostata, Vanilla Ice Cream, and an Almond Vanilla Flavored Sauce

Coffee or Tea

Date: Saturday, July 19th

Time: 7 PM

Location: Alioto's Restaurant
8 Fishermans Wharf
(Taylor at Jefferson Street)
San Francisco

Price: \$120 for members, \$145 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: Monday, July 14th

GWS Board Opportunity

We would like to invite one or two interested persons to join the management board as "members at large" to contribute ideas and creativity in the planning of our tasting events. The board typically meets for a couple of hours over lunch before each event and discusses the selection of wines, tasting themes, and other topics of interest. Please contact me or any current board member to express your interest or for further information.

Best regards from your board.



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