



San Francisco Chapter
German Wine Society

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Dear GWS Member:

March 31 Tasting

Despite the unsettled weather, a sellout crowd of 39 members and guests attended our tasting of Maximin Grünhaus wines at the Fort Mason Gate House. Reactions to the twelve traditionally-styled Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Rieslings were enthusiastic. Of particular interest was the opportunity to compare several Abtsburg and Herrenberg vintages from 1976 to 2001, as well as QbAs through Auslesen in each of several years. Attendees also had an opportunity to discuss the wines with Nicole Roth, wine maker and U.S. Marketing Manager for the exporter, Valckenberg GmbH of Worms, Germany. Finally, the Society particularly wishes to thank our members Barry and Joan Booth, who donated two bottles of '83 Abtsburg Auslese.

Upcoming Tastings

Tasting events are tentatively scheduled for the following four evenings throughout this year:

- Friday, June 2
- Friday, August 11
- Friday, September 29
- Friday, December 1

Descriptions of the wines to be poured, together with confirmation of time and place, will be mailed to you a few weeks before each event. It's worth noting that future tasting selections may benefit from on-site research by board members Ron and Jane Binder when they vacation in Germany this month.

New Brochure

A short brochure on the German Wine Society and the San Francisco Chapter is now available. The brochure will be helpful to prospective members or anyone who wishes to know more about us. Printed copies may be obtained from any board member. An electronic copy is included with this Newsletter and is also available on our new GWS website.



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New Web Site

The idea of a web site received favorable comment in our recent member survey, so I am pleased to announce that the first edition of the web site for the S.F. Chapter is now available at www.gws-sf.org. The web site is intended to be a handy source of information, including tasting schedules, links to extensive information on German Wines, and other content of interest to current and prospective members. The web site is a work-in-progress, and I will be most grateful for your comments and suggestions.

Best regards from your board,

Jim

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