

## Newsletter #3 – Sept/Oct. 2011

Happy Fall Oenophiles,

You are receiving this email because you were on the ORYC Wine Tasting list last year. Please let us know if you no longer wish to be on the list, or if your email has changed. Please feel free to forward this to anyone who wasn't part of the group last year and you think might like to join us. The sign up information has been posted on the ORYC website, but a personal invitation never hurts. First time guests are always welcome, as long as we know by the RSVP date.

In this newsletter:

- Welcome Back - Plans for the Year
- RSVP - Wine of Italy - October 15, 2011 - 7:30 PM at the home of Marilyn & Ron Claise
- Tasting Notes from January 2011 - Sauvignon Blanc & Pinot Noir
- Review of Wine Tasting Procedure/Hosting Responsibilities
- Possible New Feature - Guest Column - Share Your Experience - Any Takers?
- Upcoming Local Happenings
- Future Dates to Mark - 23rd Boston Wine Festival - January 6-21, 2012  
Boston Wine Expo - Jan 20-21, 2012 Tickets go on sale October 1, 2011 <http://www.wine-expos.com/boston/>

We haven't quite gotten that crisp, cool air of autumn that accompanies the harvest, but the signs of fall are beginning - starting with shorter days and new schedules - and especially a return of favorite activities. We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer, complete with lazy days of sipping wine by the pool or on the deck. Let us know if you've made any new discovery. We have again planned 2 wine tasting dates - Saturday, October 15 - Wines of Italy and Saturday, Jan 14 (tentative) - Champagne & Chocolate. We will also try to have a field trip sometime in the spring - either a wine dinner or winery tour. There have been several local wineries at the farmer's market this summer and we'll have information to share at our first tasting. This year we'll put a date on the calendar sooner rather than later so it happens for sure. All suggestions are welcome and anyone is encourage to plan an evening out during the year. There are several wine dinners or pairing menus available weekly at many different locales.

As noted above - our first wine tasting will be on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 7:30 PM. Thank you, Marilyn & Ron Claise for volunteering to host before I even had to ask. We are planning a tour of some of Italy's famous wine regions - tasting both white and red. RSVP by October 7 to Pat if you will join us. Estimated cost is \$15-20/person. Remember that we need to know the headcount to purchase adequately.

For your entertainment and education, here's a practice for pronouncing Italian wines

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p\\_4YLsjxEig](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_4YLsjxEig)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pYfqW0MCZ0&feature=related>

A VERY belated thank you to Margie & Dave Lager for hosting our tasting last January. (Was it that long ago?) We certainly learned how the same grape could taste very different depending on the region grown and the wine making process. The notes from that tasting are attached.

ORYC Wine Tasting is intended to be educational, fun, and social. No expertise required. Costs will

be kept reasonable and divided among the participants. Wines will be selected and purchased by the organizers (the Gilbert's and the Colby's), based on a theme. We even provide the glasses. Appropriate snacks and dessert are served. All that hosts need do is provide a place for us to meet (and maybe some coffee before we leave!). We'll work with the hosts if any purchases need to be made. Because we have had such positive response, we appreciate any volunteers for purchasing or cooking, but this is not a requirement. Yearly membership is \$5 per person. Purchases of wine and food are made based on the number of replies, **so anyone who does not come will still be responsible for his/her cost.** Goodie bags & bottles may or may not be available to no shows.

Coming soon: Legal Seafoods Oyster Festival - Sept 19 - Oct 16  
<http://www.legalseafoods.com/oysterfestival>

23rd Annual Boston Wine Festival - Tentative Dates January 6-21 - Boston Harbor Hotel  
21st Annual Boston Wine Expo - January 22-23, 2011 - Seaport World Trade Center <http://www.wine-expos.com/boston/>

**Bere il vino come un Italiano. Ogni giorno!**  
(Drink wine like an Italian. Daily!)