

Newsletter #2

Happy New Year Oenophiles,

In this newsletter:

- Recap of our "Wines for Thanksgiving" Tasting - November 14, 2010
- RSVP & Request for Host - Wines Tasting - January 15, 2011
- Review of Wine Tasting Procedure/Hosting Responsibilities
- Recent Research at "Pairings" in Boston
- Road Trip to Napa ???
- Boston Wine Festival & Boston Wine Expo

"Wines for Thanksgiving" tasting, complete with mini dinner pairings proved to be another popular event with 22 in attendance. We paired 3 whites, 2 reds, and a dessert wine with traditional Thanksgiving courses, mixing and matching to find the best combinations. The tasting notes for this and our September wine tasting are attached for those of you who couldn't make it. I'll also see these can be archived these on the website. Thank you to our hosts, Susan Conway and Cliff Jay, for providing a perfect holiday setting, complete with post tasting musical performance.

Our next wine tasting is scheduled for Saturday, January 15, 2011. We plan to pick one white and one red varietal and do a comparison of 3 different bottles. **We need a host to make this happen**, so let Pat know if you can volunteer. RSVP to Pat if you will join us. Details will follow as soon as we confirm our location.

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. We'll work with the hosts if any purchases need to be made. Yearly membership is \$5 per person. Because purchases of wine and food are made based on the number of replies, *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.

Your organizers, the Colby's and the Gilbert's, recently made a research trip to "Pairings" located at 50 Park Plaza in Boston <http://www.pairingsboston.com/>. As the name suggests, we were treated to excellent food accompanied by wonderful wines. A return is definitely in the plans. Always on the lookout for ideas and places, we spoke to the manager and have subsequently gotten information from their events coordinator.

Here's what's available:

Monday evenings - "Steals from the Vault" - For \$10/glass, the sommelier opens 90+ rated wines that normally don't sell by the glass. Small bites available to pair. Paul & I will definitely go some week and will let you know when if you want to join us.

Wednesday evening - Wine and Food Pairing - \$25/person, reservations needed. Check out the website for upcoming themes

Private Function Room - up to 22 people - approx. \$75 per person, sommelier and chef would join us for notes, etc. Please let us know if you have any interest in this and we'll plan a group outing in the spring.

The Colby's, the Gilbert's, and the Romeo's (yes, they are related to Pat), are going to Napa/Sonoma March 12-17, 2011. If anyone wants to head that way at the same time, we'll let

you know the details of our plans. Susan Conway is on the West Coast for 3 months, and has offered to organize a group bus if there is a large group. Let her know!

22nd Annual Boston Wine Festival - opens January 7 - Boston Harbor

Hotel <http://www.bostonwinefestival.net/>

20th Annual Boston Wine Expo - January 22-23, 2011 - Seaport World Trade Center

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Stay healthy! Drink more wine!