

**What:** Red Bordeaux from 2015, 2016, and 2018 **When:** Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church dining hall, 420 E. 2nd St., Moscow

**Cost:** \$40 per person. Please email Tim Steffens (timsteffens@mac.com) that you are coming.

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The Bordeaux wine region of France is well known for its red wines. The region is split by the Garonne River with wines on the west side of the river (the Left Bank) generally dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon with lesser amounts of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petite Verdot while those on the east side (the Right Bank) are mostly composed of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. While the upper echelons of wines are quite expensive, there are many lesser and cheaper wines (Cru Bourgeois) produced that can be excellent in quality.

For those of you who follow Bordeaux wines, you probably know that 2022 is considered an excellent vintage--one that you should consider purchasing. Wine Spectator, for example, rates the vintage as 95-98 points, putting it in their Classic: Great Wines category, for both left and right bank wines. But do these ratings translate into wine characteristics you can taste? And how do they affect your enjoyment? Here's where we come in. We've put together a tasting of 2 right bank and 2 left bank Cru Bourgeois wines from the 2015, 2016, and 2018, all Outstanding or Classic rated vintages. The wines have all received very good ratings from the critics. So join us and find out how these wines taste to you.

## The Wines:

Right Bank

Château d'Aiguilhe Castillon Cotes des Bordeaux (80 % Merlot, 20 % Cabernet Franc)

Château Puy Blanquet Saint Emilion Grand Cru (75% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon Left Bank

Château Mauvesin Barton Moulis-en-Médoc (54% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc) Château Lilian Ladouys St. Estephe (50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc)

## The Food:

French Onion Soup with Cheese Toasts Beef Bourguignon and Green Salad Bread and butter

To reserve a spot (**limited to 24 people**), mail in this coupon and your check to (and email Tim Steffens, <u>timsteffens@mac.com</u>):

Palouse Chapter, PO Box 8274, Moscow, ID 83843

Left or right? I am willing to find out on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM. I have enclosed a \$ check for people (@\$40/person). Unitarian Universalist Church dining hall, 420 E. 2nd St., Moscow. Please make checks payable to "Enology Society, Palouse Chapter".
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