

What: Virginia Wines—an East-West comparison
When: Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 7 PM
Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Church parish hall, 111 S. Jefferson, Moscow
Cost: \$26 for members and \$31 for non-members
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During a recent trip to Virginia to hike in Shenandoah National Park, I encountered some bad weather and decided to spend my time exploring some of Virginia's wine country. You may be surprised to know that Virginia has almost 200 wineries, all established within the last 40 years. While a lot of the wines were not to my liking, I did find a number of enjoyable wines and brought back a few to share with you.

To provide some context for evaluating these wines, we will try them along side similar wines from California and the PNW. All wines will be tasted blind to avoid prejudicing your palate. Some light food to complement the wines will be served and will be limited to 24 people (as it is a single bottle tasting).

Flight 1: Viognier

Keswick Vineyards 2008 Monticello \$20
DuCard 2010 Signature Virginia \$22
The Ojai Vineyard 2009 Roll Ranch Vineyard California
Cougar Crest 2008 Walla Walla \$15

Flight 2: Cabernet Franc

Chester Gap Cellars 2009 Virginia \$22
Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery 2005 Mountain View Vineyards, Virginia \$30
Conn Creek 2008 Napa Valley \$26
Clearwater Canyon 2009 Umiker Vineyard Idaho \$28

Flight 3: Blended Reds

Glen Manor 2008 Hodder Hill Virginia \$32
Linden Vineyards 2009 Claret Virginia \$24
Chappellet 2009 Mountain Cuvee Napa Valley
Gilbert Cellars 2008 Left Bank Wahluke Slope Red Wine \$20

For more information on the event, please contact Peter Mika (pmika@uidaho.edu) or Tim Steffens (timsteffens@mac.com). To reserve a spot and/or renew your membership, mail in the following coupon and your check (payable to Enology Society, Palouse Chapter) to:

Palouse Chapter, PO Box 8274, Moscow, ID 8384

Note: If your membership is delinquent, you will be charged the guest price. Future tasting announcements will be sent by email to those people that have provided an email address

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Being willing to expand my wine palate, I will attend the Virginia Wine Tasting on March 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM. I have enclosed a \$_____ check for _____ people (@\$26 for members or \$31 for non-members). It will be held at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church parish hall, 111 S. Jefferson, Moscow, ID. St. Mark's does not sponsor this event. Please make checks payable to "Enology Society, Palouse Chapter".

I(We) cannot make the tasting but would like to become a member of the Palouse Chapter-Pacific Northwest Enology Society for a year (September 1, 2011-August 31, 2012). I(We) have enclosed _____ for _____ person(s) (\$18 for one and \$31 for two).

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Daytime _____ Nighttime _____

email address _____

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Upcoming events (some tentative - could change):

April 14th	Aged Chateau Meyney Tasting
May 19th	German Whites