The North Idaho Enological Society

The Grapevine

February Tasting 2014 www.northidahowinesociety.org

MALBEC MERITAGE ESCAPE

For many years the malbec grape lingered in the wine wings, being used to add with other varietals to make such blends as Bordeaux. Increasingly winemakers have brought the thin-skinned sun worshipping grape into its own limelight. Winemakers in the Cahors region of southern France and Argentina's Lujan de Cuyo and Uco Valley regions have brought Malbec to the fore as a magnificent varietal on its own. At our next wine adventure we will explore some new and old world Malbecs and learn more about this sleeper grape.

Our February tasting will begin with a worthy white wine from South Africa, gently revisiting the January tasting. Heading north from SA we'll enjoy a Chenin Blanc from France before turning redwards to two Malbecs from the Cahors region. Next we'll compare and contrast with two from Argentina. I'm sworn to secrecy, but you might want to bring a long stemmed red rose for the surprise!

Join us for this February 21st exploration of Malbecs at the Lake City Center, 1916 N. Lakewood Dr. in CdA. Please arrive around 7:15 to meet and mingle; we'll commence our adventure at 7:30. See you there!

Reservations for the Friday, 21 Feb tasting in Linda's hands by 11 Feb, please.

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By-Laws prohibit anyone less than 21 years of age attending NIES functions. Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 23-808, NIES is not allowed to serve alcoholic beverages to anyone who is intoxicated.

Who wants to jump hemispheres down to South Africa for more? All reports are that Dirk Brink and his lovely wife Esther were boffo on the bottles. Everyone enjoyed the comparison of SA wines with their NW counterparts. Thanks very very much to Dirk for leading the exploration and thanks to all who came and enjoyed.

Never too early to mark an important date: 17 May for the NIES Season Closer Dinner Extraordinaire at the Hayden Lake Country Club. Dunham wines will be featured; more info coming down the line but don't commit to babysitting the grandkids that evening!

Have recently enjoyed some of the wine rooms at Chelan; it's a great destination for a weekend away. Among the many other tasting rooms waiting to be explored we enjoyed Karma, Ventimiglia, and the hands-down pick of the litter Siren Song Wines from West Seattle; check them out. Get out and drink!

Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter, Sermons and soda-water the day after. Lord Byron (1788-1824)

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