

Tentative Upcoming Events:

January 11th - Sicilian Wine & Pizza
February 8th - 2000 Bordeaux Tasting
March 1st - Grenache Around the World

What: 1994 Port Tasting
When: Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Church parish hall, 111 S. Jefferson, Moscow
Cost: \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members
Contact: Dave Riggleman (daverz@frontier.com)

It is time to break out the 1994 Port Horizontal tasting out of the Society's library. I think we have waited long enough. Please join us on Saturday December 14th to taste the following ports:

- Cockburn's
- Ferreira
- Ramos Pinto
- Quinto Do Crasto
- Smith Woodhouse
- Dow
- Warre's
- Graham's
- Taylor Fladgate

Growers and shippers have universally declared the 1994 vintage to be the finest in the last 25 years. Winter was very wet, although March and April witnessed some warm and dry weather. Heavy rain and cold weather during May seriously affected the flowering and reduced the potential final yields. June, July and August saw ideal weather and this continued through into September when the hot days were accompanied by cool nights, thus ensuring that acidity levels remained intact.

Some growers jumped the gun and started harvesting on 8th September. Much welcome rain then fell during the following week and most growers started picking on the 20th. The Vintage Ports are characterized by their ultra-ripe fruit as well as being very well structured and extremely long-lived. It is early days (in Vintage Port terms) but this is potentially one of the finest vintages of the last century. Robert Parker gave the vintage an overall grade of 92 Outstanding. Robert Parker gave one of the wines we are tasting 97 points, two of them 96 points and another 95 points.

The society will provide blue cheese to go with the ports and we are asking you to bring another dish to share that you think will go well with the ports. Some suggestions are Dark Chocolate, Dishes with nuts like Pecans Walnut, fruitcake etc.

There will only be 24 spots available for reservation so please send in your reservations early. We hope to see you all at this excellent event.

For more information on the event, please contact Dave Riggleman (daverz@frontier.com). To reserve a spot, mail in this coupon and your check to:

Palouse Chapter, PO Box 8274, Moscow, ID 83843

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Being willing to fortify myself with excellent 1994 Ports, I will attend the 1994 Port Tasting on December 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM. I have enclosed a \$_____ check for _____ people (@\$40 member or \$45 non-member).

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, 2013-August 31, 2014). I(We) have enclosed _____ for _____ person(s) (\$18 for one and \$31 for two).

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