

What: 2007 Alsatian Tasting
When: Sunday, May 19th at 1:00 PM
Where: The Mika's Residence, 620 Ridge Road in Moscow
Cost: \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members
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2007 was an exceptional year for wine in the Alsace region of France. Wine Spectator gave the vintage a grade A (95 points), Wine Enthusiast gave the vintage a superlative 94, and Robert Parker gave it an outstanding rating of 90.

Laurence Faller, winemaker at Domaine Weinbach, described September and October (of 2007) as, "all an Alsace grower can wish for." Bright and sunny days were punctuated by light winds and cool nights, weather that promoted a long, slow final development of the grapes. Such conditions "are beneficial to the finesse and complexity of the aromas of our grapes and wines," she added.

Olivier Humbrecht with an eye to his 2007s, "I'm never going to complain about having an extra gram or two of acidity." In fact, Humbrecht considers 2007 ideal in nearly every respect, having permitted the grower the luxury of picking under optimum conditions for each grape variety and style. The fruit was completely healthy, insists Humbrecht, "you could walk through the vineyards for half an hour and not find one spoiled berry," ... except, of course, where the rot was noble!

All the 2007 Alsatian wines were purchased in 2008 and 2009. We will be examining the top three varietals, by area, in the Alsace. The wines, listed below, are written in the order of Producer, Variety, Grand Cru (i.e. vineyard), and Purchase price. The purchase price is to help show the value of the tasting.

Pierre Sparr, Gewurztraminer, Brand, \$22.99
Weinbach, Riesling, Schlossberg, \$74.94
Mann, Riesling, Schlossberg, \$41.85
Mann, Riesling, Furstentum, \$44.85
Domaine Zind Humbrecht, Riesling, Brand, \$101.96
Domaine Zind-Humbrecht, Pinot Gris, Rangen de Thann, \$130.04
Meyer Fonne, Gewurztraminer, Kaefferkopf, \$47.05
Domaine Zind-Humbrecht, Riesling, Heimbouurg, \$54.99
Domaine Zind-Humbrecht, Riesling, Herrenweg de Turckheim, \$45.99
Domaine Zind-Humbrecht, Gewurztraminer, Herrenweg de Turckheim, \$45.99
Domaine Zind-Humbrecht, Pinot Gris, Calcaire, \$41.99

The Kaefferkopf vineyard was not classified as a grand cru until 2006, even though Kaefferkopf had been the very first named vineyard in Alsace to have its boundaries delimited (in 1932 by a Colmar tribunal) and the only named site to be defined in the original AOC Alsace of 1962. So, why was Kaefferkopf not classified as a grand cru until 2006? For the very reason that made it famous in the first place: its traditional practice of blending two or more grape varieties, which was contrary to the pure varietal concept of Alsace Grand Cru. The authorities would not allow this exception to the rule and, quite rightly, a significant number of growers refused to be bullied by the bureaucrats. Even some who had never produced blends.

In addition to the delicious wines listed above we will be serving some tastes of traditional Alsatian dishes. 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 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 83843

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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I will attend the 2007 Alsatian Tasting on Sunday May 19, 2013 at 1:00 PM. I have enclosed a \$ _____ check for _____ people (@\$40 for members or \$45 for non-members). It will be held at the Mika's Residence, 620 Ridge Road, Moscow. 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, 2012-August 31, 2013). I (We) have enclosed _____ for _____ person(s) (\$18 for one and \$31 for two).

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