

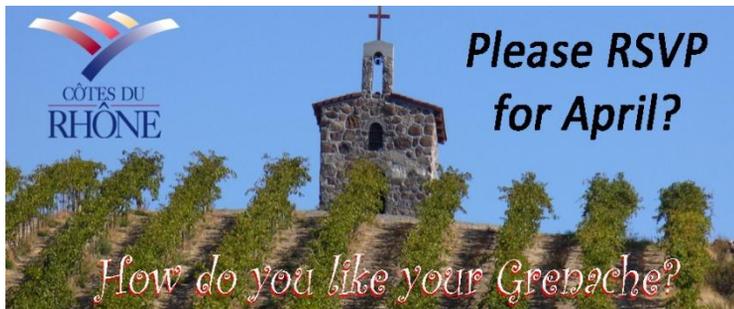


American Wine Society King George Chapter Newsletter – March 2016

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Our March tasting kept us close to home as Scott Such featured a grape that has flourished in the mid-Atlantic, Chambourcin. Although it is grown in other parts of the world, Missouri and the Eastern Seaboard appear to be just right for growing this deep red hybrid. Chambourcin is just one of the many experiments done by the French biochemist Joannes Seyve. A relatively young grape, only becoming available in 1963, it is known for its resistance to fungus.



The wines presented showed a full range of the Chambourcin hybrid. The two bookend wines for the night were a light refreshing rosé and a complex ruby port styled dessert wine. In between there were four reds that varied from off dry to full fruit forward. Chambourcin has the reputation of being a food friendly libation, and with all the different styles we tasted, I am sure a pairing could easily be found for a wide array of dishes.

Top honor of the evening was awarded to Cooper Vineyard's 2014 Chambourcin. This dark and spicy medium body wine received the majority of votes. General's Ridge dessert wine with its chocolate undertones was also a crowd pleaser. Once again thank you to the Such Family for preparing the accompanying treats and providing a wonderful and educational presentation.



Chambourcin

presented by *Scott Such*

Winery/Wine	AVA	YR/ALC	Top Votes Cost
Port of Leonardtown Wicomico Rose	MD	2012 12.5%	8 \$16
Caret Cellars Chambourcin	VA	2013 12%	6 \$16
Good Luck Cellars Radiant Red	VA	2010 13%	1 \$12
Cooper Vineyards Chambourcin	VA	2014 13.5%	18 \$28
Port of Leonardtown Chambourcin	MD	2014 12.5%	5 \$16
General's Ridge General's Last Call	VA	NV 17%	11 \$25 375ml



April's Wine Festivals in Virginia!

Support our Commonwealth's Growers, Wineries, and Cellars!

Hops, Wines & Swines Festival – Chatham, VA 2531	April 2
7th Annual Rites of Spring Wine Festival – Fredericksburg, VA	April 9-10
A Celebration of the Vine Wine Festival - Midlothian, VA	April 9
Clarksville Lake Country Wine Festival – Clarksville,	April 9
Smithfield Wine & Brew Fest – Smithfield, VA	April 9
Virginia Fly Fishing and Wine Festival – Doswell, VA	April 9-10
Farmville Wine Festival – Farmville, VA	April 16
Williamsburg Music & Wine Festival – Williamsburg, VA	April 16
Northern Neck Wine Tasting Festival – Heathsville, VA	April 17
Suffolk Wine Festival – Suffolk, VA	April 23

** List extracted from the Virginia is for Lovers Website



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Hiding on a bottom shelf at Wegmans across from the Bordeaux, one can find this gem from Sicily. Coming in at the \$10-\$12 price point, this medium body wine is full of spice and red fruit. The wine is 100% Nero d'Avola grapes, and when you open a bottle listen closely. My bet is you will hear your grill screaming - Light Me! Enjoy!

Let me know if you find a wine that you would like to share with the group. And remember - Shhh! Don't tell it is just between us!



KGWS Flashback

Brian Jones will be the KGWS April presenter. A quick look in the archives section of our website and you will find this will be his 11th presentation to our group. Thank you Brian!

- 1997 New Zealand
- 1998 Wine Spectator Top 100
- 2001 Mexico
- 2003 Alsace
- 2005 New Zealand



- 2007 Cabernet Franc
- 2009 Australian Shiraz
- 2010 Chile/Argentina National Tasting
- 2012 Loire Valley
- 2014 Loire Wines

Tell us Brian, How do you like your Grenache?

The Guilt Trip

We really do need volunteers to step forward and help with the food for many of the upcoming presentations. If you can assist with this task, send an email to the board. Please consider helping so the wine presenters can focus on the wine.

Big Thank you!