



# King George Chapter Newsletter April 2020

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In these unprecedented times, many businesses, wineries and groups are seeking ways to remain viable or sane by gathering their followers by virtual means. The KGWS is no different, trying its regular meeting, that was far from regular, as an opportunity to demonstrate skills at sharing an American made wine over a gotomeeting connection. Some of us were not so adept, but many others were adventuresome and connected

with each other. About 23 people met virtually (or called in) on April 10 with 16 wines being addressed. Most wines were from Virginia, however, Arizona, Washington and Maryland wines were highlighted. An explanation of awards presented at the Governor's Cup Gala started off the presentations, with other influential people in the wine industry being touted as the evening progressed. David King who made history in Virginia, Eric Gromski from Page Springs who created a documentary to bring credibility to Arizona wine making, Lauren the wine maker from Port of Leonardtown who is changing the opinion of Maryland wines, Lost River owners who responded so generously when the community rallied to help with the fires, to wineries who had to fight "City Hall" to have their wineries be in residential areas were just some of the stories that were relayed to the viewers. Presenters spoke of wonderful relationships they have with the wineries they chose for their tasting. Several had compelling stories as to why we should be wishing that we also could be tasting their selected wine. For the first virtual tasting, it went fairly well with the time somewhat aligning to regular in-person tasting meetings. Sure, there are some kinks to work out and timing to tackle, but the effort was appreciated. Quite a variety of grapes were part of this event. Sadly, several wines are no longer available or the vintage is sold out. In general, we began with whites, followed by sparkling, rose, similar red grapes to reds. What a great expression of wines! No voting was appropriate, but here is a list of the wines as accurately as this writer could capture. Read left to right and then down for ordering.

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| Rita   | Orange Viognier from King Family      | Renee   | Sparkling from Walsh                                 |
| Terri  | Rose from Rosemont                    | Such    | Elk Island Rose<br>Elk Island Chambourcin            |
| Dave L | 53rd Chambourcin                      | Renee   | 2018 Rose (from Merlot) Walsh<br>Early Mountain SOIF |
| Denise | Page Springs Vino de la Familia 2015  | John N  | 2018 Jefferson Vineyard Petit Verdot                 |
| Chris  | 2008 Meritage Marterella              | Deb L   | Paradise Springs 2017 Melange                        |
| Hailey | Port of Leonardtown 2016 Red Block 17 | Scott D | Lost River 2017 Community Red                        |
| Patti  | Stanburn Cab Franc Reserve            | Terri   | Rosemont Merlot 2017                                 |

Your board is exploring other creative topics and methods to conduct future tastings. Keep an eye out for Terri's emails.