

It Was A Good Year, Inc.

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Our November Tasting Information

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024

Time: **6:30 PM**

Location: Casa Italiana, 1195 Rte. 376, Wappingers Falls; (845) 454-1492

Deadline for Reservations & Payment: Saturday, November 9, 2024

Price: \$45 per member and \$50 per guest * **Participation is by reservation only!**

IWAGY Member's Choice 2024

IWAGY's Member's Choice tastings began as early as 2017! The idea was to give members an opportunity to share with their wine loving colleagues. Maybe a wine discovered on a trip, a visit to a winery or a restaurant, or just a favorite from their cellar. We encourage presenters to select a wine with a story, and present that wine and story for attendees to appreciate and taste!

Here are some of the wines "with a story" we will be tasting in the 2024 version:

- A wine from a grape brought to the Finger Lakes by wine pioneer Dr. Konstantin Frank
- A white wine enjoyed by a member on a recent trip to Italy
- A red wine made in Chile from the "Lost Grape of Bordeaux"
- A Gamay grape based wine from the AOC region south of Burgundy
- A classically Italian blend, with a punch of Cabernet power

Coordinators:

Arnie Serotsky (arnieser@aol.com – 845 702 7382) recruited presenters and set the "lineup".

Joe DiDonato (maxfire@hvc.rr.com – 845 337 1702) assisting presenters with PowerPoints.

A plate of coordinated foods, sufficient to make a light meal, will be provided to each person.

Reminder of our reservation procedure:

When you have decided to attend, please email IWAGY Treasurer Chris Umlauf, chrsumlauf@gmail.com, *as soon as possible*. Then download, print and fill out the reservation form attached and submit it with your payment to Chris Umlauf, 7 Elbern Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Tel: (845) 462-4287. We will confirm your reservation via email when your payment is received. The form can also be edited and sent to Chris via email.

A Note from the Board

The lengthy planning time needed to organize events with food and other special accoutrements has caused us to urge you to let us know your plans *as soon as possible*. The request for advance notice that your payment is “in the mail” provides the coordinators with the necessary lead-time for determining how much food and wine to purchase, glassware needs, seating, etc. **We still need to receive your payment by the deadline. If you have not received notification that your payment has been received we cannot admit you to the event.** Of course, we will try to accommodate all members even after the deadline, but late reservations and payment make things much more difficult for event coordinators. Thank you for your consideration and understanding with regard to this matter. If you know for certain that you will not be attending, it would be helpful for the planners to also know this.

► Please check in with our Greeters upon arrival.

Please remember the Club cautions members and guests about drinking and driving. The amount of each wine poured is small, and meant to be swirled, sniffed, tasted and spit into the dump cup provided. Please consider arranging for a designated driver if you feel the need.

Volunteers needed 😊 *Please check the appropriate box on the reservation form.*

- *Greeter(s): one or two people to arrive by 6:00 PM and check people in, etc.*
- *Platers: will need to arrive by 5:30 PM to help set up the food tables*
- *Set-Up: volunteers will need to arrive by 5:30 PM to help set tables, etc.*
- *Pouring Coordinator will need to arrive by 5:30 PM to supervise pouring*
- *Pourers: will need to arrive by 5:30 PM to begin pre-pouring the wines.*
- *Clean-Up: will need to stay 45-60 minutes after the conclusion to help clean up*

*****Don't forget to download, print and complete the attached reservation form.**

Special Thanks

We want to sincerely thank all those who volunteered at our September 23rd event. Special thanks go to the coordinators Arnie Serotsky and Clay Morrissey. And, of course, many thanks to Matt Glass for an outstanding presentation!

Late-Year Communications

This November wine tasting is our last planned event for 2024.

Please be on the lookout for a year-end summary, with some announcements and a VERY brief preview of tentative 2025 events.

***Don't forget to check out our updated website, IWAGY.org!**

Our goal is to post important information on IWAGY.org ASAP

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