

# *It Was A Good Year, Inc.*

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## Our September Tasting Information

**Date:** Monday, September 23rd

**Time: 6:00 PM** \*Please note the ½ hour earlier start time!

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

**Deadline for Reservations & Payment:** Wednesday, September 18th

**Price:** \$50 per member and \$55 per guest

**Reservations are limited to the first 50 received - Participation is by reservation only!**

**Event Coordinators:** Arnie Serotsky ([arnieser@aol.com](mailto:arnieser@aol.com)) and Clay Morrissey ([espz2@aol.com](mailto:espz2@aol.com))

## *“The Judgement of Poughkeepsie”*

Please join us this September for one of the most unique tasting formats IWAGY has ever offered! This tasting will be patterned after the famous “Judgement of Paris” tasting of 1976, in which great wine lovers (like our IWAGY members!) blind tasted and compared wines from France with wines from California. The tasting will be fun and engaging, and the presentation will be informative and educational!

The four pairs of wines tasted will be Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and a red Bordeaux blend. A plate of food, selected by IWAGY founder Tim Free and long-time member Joe DiDonato, will be served.

### **Our Presenter**

Matt Glass, who grew up in the Hudson Valley, has been an award winning Frederick Wildman & Sons portfolio representative for 18 years. After earning a B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, he went on to complete his Advanced Certificate and Diploma in Wine and Spirits at the Master of Wine School in New York City. And Matt’s devotion to our region continues, as he resides in Hopewell Junction with his wife, teenage twins and four cats!

### The reservation procedure

When you have decided to attend, please email IWAGY Treasurer Chris Umlauf, [chrsumlauf@gmail.com](mailto: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. Your reservation will be confirmed via email when your payment is received.

### **A Note from the Board**

The increase in planning time needed to organize events with food and other special accoutrements has led 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 the Greeters for your tasting note sheet handout upon arrival. A second handout with information about the wines and their producers will be distributed after the wines are tasted.

**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.*

**Please note:** The pouring coordinator and pourer jobs will be a little trickier than at our usual events from a timing standpoint and the event is also a blind tasting, so bottle labels will be obscured.

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

**\*\*\*Remember, we are starting a half-hour earlier for this event.\*\*\***

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

(The form can be submitted via US Mail, or you can edit it electronically and email it to Chris Umlauf)

### Special Thanks

We want to sincerely thank the Powelton Club for its hospitality and food at our August 29<sup>th</sup> event. Special thanks go to IWAGY-Powelton members Carl and Carmen Najork, our sponsors at the Powelton Club. Also, thank you to the many IWAGY members who helped as greeters, and notably as wine pourers and wine educators!

### Save the Date

Our next upcoming wine tasting is planned for **November 14, 2024** at Casa Italiana. The Coordinators for that event, Arnie Serotsky and Joe DiDonato, are planning a Member's Choice tasting with various club members each presenting a wine they love.

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

Our goal is to post each invitation on IWAGY.org ASAP after email distribution

### **Reminder about Our New Deal to Expand Our Membership**

Do you know someone who has an interest in wine and think they might enjoy our wine tastings? Well, here is a way to entice them to get involved.

- Invite them to attend **one** tasting event at **half-price!**
- \*You can invite up to 2 people per event with each getting 50% off their first tasting.

This deal started at our May 16th event and will be honored at any subsequent wine tastings\* in 2024. **This deal only applies to their first event.**

\*Wine tastings only - not applicable to wine pairing dinner or food events

To take advantage of this offer, the people you invite must complete and submit the attached **Recruitment Form**. *We wish you happy recruiting!*

We are also using the 50% off deal to recruit members via some wine shops in the local area.

\*This offer does NOT apply to current Trade members nor to ex-members who have not renewed their membership.

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