

Greeting Salutations and Slainte!

It's Sept., we've survived an earthquake for God's sake, a hurricane and (gasp) the holidays will be here before we know it! On to the tastings!

Tomorrow is First Friday and Neal Manger of Siema LLC will be here for a tasting. We will feature Meinklang biodynamic Burgenland White, a blend of Gruner & Muscat for \$11.99. Next, Gazzotti Ca'Bona (The Good House) a blend of Barbera & Bonarda for \$11.59. Fabrini Marche Sangiovese for \$7.59 and Meinklang's Pinot Noir Frizzante. The winemaker produced it for his wife and their wedding and it was so popular, they decided to produce it for everyone. I'm excited about this tasting because all of these wines are personal favorites of mine. It runs from 6p-9p and it's Free! As always, wines featured during our tastings are 10% off.

Next we are introducing a new distributor, Cobblestone Cellars on Saturday Sept. 10th from 1p-4p. Come meet Chris Bartha and sample wines that will be all new to our shop!

It's time to confess the REALLY EXCITING NEWS!!!! My two loves, passions and careers are colliding tomorrow Sept. 2nd. I have had the honor in being asked to host a weekly radio show with Joe Sanchez of WXVA, AM 610 about wine, called "Charlie's Choice". You may or may not know that my first career was in radio and it lasted 20 years. I worked up and down the east coast, including Rochester NY, Jacksonville FL, Washington D.C. and many towns in between (including Winchester) You'll be able to hear it Fridays at 9:20am live or streaming on line at: <http://www.wxva.com/#> It's going to be a real free-for-all for the first show as Joe & I are flying by the seat of our pants, but it's going to be a blast. It's been many years since I've sat behind a Sennheiser mic, so be kind, tune in and maybe you'll learn something!

We'll be at the Taste of the Town, to benefit the free medical clinic on Thursday Sept. 13th. We'll be pouring champagne.

The next night Sept., 16th we'll be pouring wine at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley for the Magic Lantern Theatre. They are showing "The Misfits" with Marilyn Monroe and you can also view the iconic Warhol silk screen of Marilyn at the museum as part of the exhibit Goya, Dali, Warhol: Masterpieces of World Art from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Call the Museum for more details at 540-662-1473.

On September 4th, the Alamo Draffhouse Cinema is starting a new series called "Alamo Uncorked" a series of movies paired with wines. Details on our participation will follow or you can get details from the Alamo at <http://draffhouse.com/winchester/>

Wine Tip of the Month: Part of the experience of drinking wine is looking at it. It's not just smelling the nose and tasting. Look at it, you can tell many things by doing so. Always remember to hold your glass up to a white background to get the truest and cleanest visual.

Wine Quote of the Month: "Wine can of their wits the wise beguile, Make the sage frolic, and the serious smile." - Homer, "Odyssey (9th c. B.C.)

Don't forget to tune in tomorrow at AM610 or online! (It's so exciting!)

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