

# Greetings, Salutations and Slainte!

Welcome to the June 2011 edition of the Murphy Beverage Company News Letter! The heat wave broke, it's a beautiful day in the 'hood (Don't you love it when white folks talk like tha' brothas?!) And there's a ton of stuff to do in Old Town

First is our First Friday Tasting. As always it's from 6p-9p and Ben Trayers will be here from Dixie Beverage. You can sample 3 wines from Austria's Anton Baur and we're opening one of Sierra Nevada's new sampler Packs called Beer Camp. To find out more about the, go to: <http://www.sierrabeercamp.com/#/home> Our tastings are always free & open to the public!

Also this weekend, The Gathering of the Eagles at the Old Courthouse Museum. Here's your info for that: [http://civilwarmuseum.org/gathering\\_of\\_eagles\\_schedule\\_of\\_events2010.htm](http://civilwarmuseum.org/gathering_of_eagles_schedule_of_events2010.htm)

There's another car show tonight! This time, it's MG's courtesy of Union Jacks down the street! Details: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=187455247971444>

On Saturday June 18th, we will be holding a beer tasting with Specialty. What we're pouring is still in the works, but it looks like we will be featuring a couple of beers from Firestone Walker in Paso Robles, Ca. It'll be from 1p-4p, free and open to the public!

On Sunday June 26th, please make plans to come to Old Town for the first annual "Strolling Bridal Show". It'll take place from 12p-4p and 25 Old Town merchants and restaurants are participating. You can walk from shop to shop, see what the restaurants have to offer and register to win over

1,700.00 in prizes! See what Old Town can do for your wedding day. You'll start out at Formalities (157 N. Loudoun St.), pick up your goody bag and get your guide book with directions, addresses, participating businesses and then be on your way. We will be offering a tasting of inexpensive and affordable wines & sparklers and you can register to win a wine rack valued at \$50.00 dollars plus a \$50.00 gift certificate from Murphys! Call Formalities for details at 540-723-4245

Wine Tip of the Month: Opening a bottle of wine at a restaurant is a ritual, part of which is the sommelier presenting the cork. The tradition behind this comes from untrustworthy negotiants (people that bought grapes or juice to make wine, skipping the growing process) putting bogus juice in mislabeled bottles stating that the wine was something it certainly was not. One way to inspect the wine was to present the cork, so it could be checked out to ensure that it matched up with the bottle. Now a days, you want to inspect the cork to see if it's moist and not falling apart both of which should tell you that the wine has been stored properly.

Wine Quote of the Month: In victory, you deserve champagne, in defeat, you need it. - Napoleon

That's it for June!

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