

Greetings, Salutations and Slaint'!

It's First Friday, a beautiful day in the neighborhood & a great evening for a tasting!!!! Lets get started

Tonight our tasting is with Dale from Williams Corner Wines. He's pouring all new wines for our shop, so it's definitely an opportunity for you to stretch your palate and expand your wine horizons! You'll sample J Mourat VDP Val de Loire Collection \$14.59, La Stoppa Colli Piacentini DOC Malvazia Frizzante Dolce \$15.59, Domaine les Grimaudes Costieres de Nimes \$13.59, and Domaine Klein aux Vieux Remparts Malice d'Epice \$17.99. Our tastings are always free and open to the public and as always, you get 10% off the wines samples during the tasting.

We have some great beers on special for the holiday weekend. Abita Amber & Mendocino's Eye of the Hawk Ale are both \$5.99 a 6 pack through Monday July 5th. Get 'em while they last.

Sometime ago, we mentioned an event called "Beer & Buds" at the George Washington Hotel. Due to unforeseen circumstances, it was out on hold, but it seems that it once again is in the planning stages! As of right now, it's scheduled for July 21st from 6p until 8p and we will be featuring Abita Beers from Louisiana. They are coming out with a beer called S.O.S (Save Our Shores) and .75 cents from every bottle goes to cleaning up the BP oil spill mess. It will operate much the same as the GW's successful "Working Woman's Wednesday" and while it may seem targeted towards the guys, it's open to all. Call the GW for more details at

Our good friends Tom & Joy at the Chop Stick Cafe have made it through the construction at the intersection where their restaurant is located (Piccadilly & Kent Street) and they are holding a grand re-opening on Friday July 9th. If you haven't visited them yet, this is the perfect opportunity, they'll have food specials, music, and the general welcoming atmosphere that makes them one of a kind. Check them out on Facebook

for details or call them at 540-450-8691. Our neighborhood needs this restaurant and they need your support!

Our next tasting will be on July 24th with the lovely Maggie from Associated Distributors. It'll run from 1p-4p. Wines are to be determined. Our tastings are always free and open to the public and you always get 10% off the wines samples during the tasting.

We are going back to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley on July 30th for Movie Night where they'll be showing Jailhouse Rock!!!!!! Magic Lantern Theatre is presenting the movie and we are pouring the vino!. The galleries open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the 1957 movie "Jailhouse Rock" starring Elvis Presley will be shown outside the Museum at 8:30 p.m. It's been selected to complement the special exhibition *Elvis at 21: Photographs by Alfred Wertheimer*—on view in the MSV from July 10 through October 10. *Jailhouse Rock* is a cool black-and-white film classic. Wine, popcorn, and food will be available for purchase. Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. In the event of rain, the movie showing will move inside to the MSV Reception Hall. \$5 MSV Members and Magic Lantern Theater Members; all others: \$10 (includes movie and gallery admission). Additional costs apply for food and wine purchases. You may bring your own picnic, but no outside alcohol, please. We'll see you there!

J.P. has been busting his tail working on and updating our web site. Take a look if you haven't seen it lately at www.murphybeverage.com

Wine Tip of the month: Drink outside of the box! Life's too short to just drink merlot (not that there's anything wrong with that!) Have you ever tried an Albarino from Spain? How about an Alsatian Pinot Grigio or a Bonarda from Argentina? Expand your palate, live on the edge and try something new for the love of God!

Quote of the Month: "*Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence.*" Robert Fripp

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