

Greeting Salutations and Slainte!

First Friday is upon us again and our tasting will be with Evan from Bravo Cellars. The wines will run the gamut from affordable to wines for special occasions. First, we'll have a **California sauvignon blanc from Sylvester for \$8.99** from Paso Robles. Think summertime and pineapples. Next we have **Lieti Conversari from Pratello**, a favorite of Evan's. It's a hybrid grape of riesling and pinot bianco for \$16.59. Then we'll pour a **Montepulciano D'Abruzzo for \$10.59**, a dry, ruby red, full bodied Italian wine. *Finally a sparkler with a Salvador Dali connection!* It's a **cava rose from Castillo Prelada**. The packaging alone is worth the price of \$21.99, it's a great one for a special occasion...like Sunday morning, maybe. The tasting will run from 6p-9p and it's FREE!!

For sometime now one of our FAQ's is "why don't you do a beer tasting", well we're going to give you one in spades! You are familiar with our rather large wine tastings where we'll feature up to 15 wines, on June 19th, we are going to do the same thing with beer!!!! Our line up so far includes **Southern Tier's** Raspberry Wheat and Big Red Ale plus **Fuller's Vintage Ale** from the Griffin Brewery (London's oldest). All from Debbie Hottinger of Virginia Imports. Tim from Specialty out of Richmond will offer **Original Sin** cider, **Steam Engine's** Amber Lager, a joint venture between **Schneider Weissbier and Brooklyn Brewery** called Hopfen Weisse and from Belgium, **Chouffe's Houblon Dobbelen IPA Tripel**. Finally, we'll have brewery reps from **Hook & Ladder** here from Springfield Maryland pouring their beers. The thing I like about them, is that a portion of the proceeds go to helping burn victims. It'll run from 6p-9p and it's free!!!

On First Friday July 3rd, we'll introduce you to a new distributor, J.W. Sieg. Chip Sawyer will be pouring the wines from his company and they also represent the wines of Monsieur Touton. It'll run from 6p-9p and it too, is free.

We have lots of stuff on special, on sale and FYI, did you know we sell kegs? Give us a couple days notice and will get you whatever's available!

That's it for now and come out in the rain for the tasting tonight!

Charlie