



WYK Winos Report No. 50

Date: *September 18, 2015 Friday*
Time: *Happy Hour at 6:30 p.m.*
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Place: *君臨天下 Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine*
9019 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1Y3
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Menu:

蜜燒野菌千絲素鵝	梅子芋頭大鴨
脆皮牛腩腩	蒜香惹味骨
時令靚湯	青蔥叉燒炒飯
原條骨香龍利球	鮑汁炆伊麵
天府蝦球窩巴	滋潤甜品
上湯蒜子菜芯苗	美點雙輝

Happy Hour

Erdinger Dunkel Weissbier

—LCBO#: 201723 | 500 mL bottle

Style - Medium & Malty

\$3.25

500 mL bottle

Alcohol/Vol 5.6%

Made in: Germany

By: Erdinger Weissbrau

Style: Medium & Malty



Description

Deep black/brown colour with thick head; aromas of coffee, toasted malt, caramel, spice and banana; medium-bodied and well carbonated, with a velvety texture; toasted malt, dried fruit and spicy notes on the finish.

ERDINGER Dunkel - a wheat beer from the good old days

Erdinger Dunkel is a rich and smooth wheat beer specialty from Erdinger Weissbräu. It owes its full-bodied flavor to the fine hops and dark malt used in its production.

The dark beer specialty is brewed according to an age-old recipe. Its spicy flavor also results from the increased proportion (about 13%) of original wort. Nonetheless, at 5.3%, it doesn't contain much more alcohol than Erdinger Weissbier 'with fine yeast'.

Like all Erdinger wheat beers, this dark variety also acquires its typical flavor from maturing in the bottle. Years of brewing experience coupled with state-of-the-art technology guarantee its excellent quality.

A real specialty for connoisseurs.



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1st Bottle - 蜜燒野菌千絲素鵝 and 脆皮牛腩腩

Tawse Spark Limestone Ridge Riesling Sparkling 2013 Sparkling - Dry

—VINTAGES#: 370361 | 750 mL bottle

Style - Medium-bodied & Flavourful

\$19.95

Wine Align Rating: 89

Award: [NWAC15 Silver Medal Winner](#)

Release Date: June 13, 2015

750 mL bottle

Alcohol/Vol 12.0%

Made in: Ontario, Canada

By: Tawse Winery

Sugar Content: 14 g/L

Sweetness Descriptor: D - Dry

Style: Medium-bodied & Flavourful

Varietal: Sparkling - Dry

This is a VQA wine



Description

Pale straw colour with lemon and limestone aromas. Crisp and tart with a lovely texture and a zesty personality. Soft mousse, bright and lively acidity and a long lip-smacking finish. A great value from a great producer. (VINTAGES panel, Sept. 2014)

[David Lawrason](#)

This is a classic Niagara Bench style of bubbly - very crisp, lean dry and mineral driven with fairly subtle green apple, wet stone and lime. It's light bodied, very firm and quite intense on the palate. Some bitterness on the finish. Excellent length. Well-priced for the verve and depth it shows. Also available at WinerytoHome.com. Tasted February 2015.

[Treve Ring](#)

The second vintage of the Limestone Ridge Vineyard Riesling Spark impresses instantly with its limey, green apple and light petrol whiff. The dry, crisp palate dances with focus and drive - all high toned and riesling-marked, with pure lime, lemon zest and abundant minerality. Lively and refreshing, positively demands pairing with oysters or salty snacks.

[John Szabo, MS](#)

A crisp, off-dry, apple-scented bubbly, indeed very much like riesling with bubbles, which this of course is. Length and depth are correct, and a touch of wet limestone adds an extra dimension; this works well. Tasted May 2015. Value Rating: **1/2

[Michael Godel](#)

Only a year and in conjunction with an improved Sparkling wine vintage for Riesling, short work has elevated the young Spark's game. A repeat lees performance initiates the conversation, of cheese melted otopop composite laminate, with yeast burgeoning about. In 2013 the concrete crispness is cemented deeper, etched into stone and thus completing the sub-\$20 legacy. That winemaker Paul Pender can coax Riesling character, striking Sparkling wine resolve and yet hover in the air of litheness, well, this is the kneading. Silty, salty earth and soft transitions to citrus acidity are a requiem for success as per the Twenty Mile Bench/Limestone ridges vouchsafe common. Can even imagine a bit of time turning this into sparks and honey. Drink 2015-2019. Tasted May 2015.



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2nd Bottle - 原條骨香龍利球

Dog Point Sauvignon Blanc 2014 *Sauvignon Blanc*

—VINTAGES#: 677450 | 750 mL bottle

Style - Aromatic & Flavourful

\$24.95

Wine Align Rating: 90

Release Date: July 11, 2015

750 mL bottle

Alcohol/Vol 13.5%

Made in: Marlborough, New Zealand

By: Dog Point Vineyard

Sugar Content: 5 g/L

Sweetness Descriptor: *XD - Extra Dry*

Style: Aromatic & Flavourful

Varietal: Sauvignon Blanc



Description

The house style of Dog Point shines through immediately in the latest release, a comfortably flinty, grapefruit-driven reductive style that's clearly more ripe and concentrated, and less grassy, than the average from the region. The palate shows exceptional depth and density, and terrific length. This is excellent wine from one of the region's best producers year after year. Score - 91. (John Szabo, M.S., winealign.com, March 21, 2015)

[David Lawrason](#)

This is an intense, juicy and powerful style of sauvignon with intentional reductive/flinty character, loads of fresh green herbs and unripe green pear character. Grapefruit as well. It's slim, very lively, nervy and intense but holds its ballast well. Excellent length. Some flint/SO2 on the finish. Last tasted July 2015

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[Michael Godel](#)

What James Healy calls "the generic Marlborough style," with flint and ever present though much faded reduction, grapefruit and lime. The vintage (2014) was not cold at all so it lacks the verdure. There is subtle, gentle clementine and palate viscosity. The acidity is all about bringing balance. So fresh, spritely, lime-juicy and always essential.



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3rd Bottle - 天府蝦球窩巴

Max Ferd. Richter Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett 2013 Riesling

—VINTAGES#: 998120 | 750 mL bottle

Style - Off-dry & Fruity

\$21.95

Wine Align Rating: 92

Release Date: June 13, 2015

750 mL bottle

Alcohol/Vol 8.5%

Made in: Mosel, Germany

By: Dr. Dirk M. Richter

Sugar Content: 54 g/L

Sweetness Descriptor: [MS - Medium Sweet](#)

Style: Off-dry & Fruity

Varietal: Riesling



Description

The precipitously steep Wehlener Sonnenuhr vineyard is not for the faint of heart, but it produces what are considered to be among the most elegant of the world's great white wines. Much of the wines' sophisticated allure is due to the blue slate that dominates the vineyard. It imparts a lively mineral component to the wines and promotes great complexity and concentration of fruit flavour. This Riesling Kabinett from Max Ferd. Richter will be intense and rich and suggest honeyed fruits and mango.

[John Szabo, MS](#)

A stellar wine, and stellar value; a pure essence of peach and honey-slathered slate with a generous squeeze of lime. Marvelous purity, length and drive. Top notch riesling from this superb vineyard. Tasted May 2015. Value Rating: ***

[Sara d'Amato](#)

A tremendous value from a premier vineyard site in the Mosel. Complex notes of beeswax, white pepper, a little toffee, lemon peel, orange zest, honeysuckle, peach, pear and apple make up the aromatic profile. Beautifully balanced with just the right amount of sweetness to create tension and verve on the palate. Very good length. Tasted May 2015.

[Michael Godel](#)

When a Mosel Riesling sings in a high tenor voice the impression is wheedling and the stoic, stony flint echoes from and for So2 is par for the commanding Wehlener Sonnenuhr course. The poured elemental strike causes wheezing and coughing when the wine is this young, also due to aridity and stones infiltrating every atomic pore. Yet the tropical, seemingly mature palate with blanketing creamy mango is a reminder of the impossibly, beautifully dichotomous relationship that, when gathered and surrounded by popping acidity, can only mean one thing. Classic Mosel Kabinett. This rocks and rips it up in every way, Riesling purported to "walk on out unto the sky." Gains a little richer aspect with each pass. Never relents, taking neither breath nor break. Awesomeness from a great vineyard, with texture, a long and bitter finish. Drink 2017-2025. Tasted June 2015.



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4th Bottle - 梅子芋頭大鴨

Auntsfield Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2012

Pinot Noir

—VINTAGES#: 361246 | 750 mL bottle

Style - Medium-bodied & Fruity

\$29.95

Wine Align Rating: 91

Release Date: May 30, 2015

750 mL bottle

Alcohol/Vol 14.5%

Made in: Marlborough, New Zealand

By: Auntsfield Estate Ltd.

Sugar Content: 6 g/L

Sweetness Descriptor: *XD - Extra Dry*

Style: Medium-bodied & Fruity

Varietal: Pinot Noir



Description

Good bright, dark red. Aromas of dark cherry, smoke, licorice and spicy oak, complemented by a flinty mineral quality. Sweet, chewy and deep, offering sappy, dry, sharply focused flavors of red and dark berries, cherry and spices. Shows good breadth without any heaviness. A firm spine of tannins calls for a couple years of patience. Serious juice, and a very strong performance for this vintage in Marlborough. Score - 90+. (Stephen Tanzer, vinousmedia.com, Sept. 2014)

[David Lawrason](#)

The Southern Valleys is a large sub-district of Marlborough where pinots are growing on heavy gravel/clay soils. This is lovely, very expressive pinot from a cooler year, although still showing considerable ripeness. Expect a blast of raspberry fruit with considerable oak smoke, vanillin and fresh herbs. And that sweet fruit breezes through the palate as well. It's texturally polished, fleshy; toying with sweetness but contained by acidity and youthful tannin. Excellent length. Best now to 2019. Tasted May 2015

[Julian Hitner](#)

First-rate bottling from this admirable producer, the 2012 Single Vineyard Pinot Noir (sourced from the Southern Valleys) really has much to recommend itself. Medium ruby in colour, it offers invitingly concentrated aromas of strawberry preserves, plums, violets, rhubarb, and a hint of minerals and spice. Complex, with delicious, full-bodied fruit, fine tannins, balanced acidity, and an outstanding hint of violet-tinged strawberry preserves on the finish. Quite rich for its type, nonetheless considerably enticing, balanced, and polished. Screwcap closure. Now-2020+. (Tasted May 2014)

[John Szabo, MS](#)

Well-balanced, juicy-succulent, fruity, honest and appealing wine here from Auntsfield, one of the leaders in the region. Tannins are firm but light, and the concentration and depth are impressive. Not for the long term, but for pure, immediate pleasure. Tasted May 2015. Value Rating: ***

[Sara d'Amato](#)

A fresh, pure and vibrant pinot noir with a keen, careful, slow build of flavour intensity on the palate. Better balance would have been achieved with a touch less alcohol. Notes of black cherry, thyme and red velvet cake linger on the finish of excellent length. A polished pinot with with a great deal of character. Tasted May 2015.



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5th Bottle - 蒜香惹味骨

Seghesio Zinfandel 2013

Zinfandel

—VINTAGES#: 942151 | 750 mL bottle

Style - Full-bodied & Smooth

\$31.95

Wine Align Rating: 90

Release Date: April 4, 2015

750 mL bottle

Alcohol/Vol 14.8%

Made in: California, USA

By: Seghesio Wineries

Sugar Content: 7 g/L

Sweetness Descriptor: **D - Dry**

Style: Full-bodied & Smooth

Varietal: Zinfandel



Description

A lively, zesty red that offers bright cherry and tarragon aromas and sleekly layered flavors of briary raspberry, nutmeg and fresh-cracked black pepper. Drink now through 2021. Score - 92. (Tim Fish, winespectator.com, web only, 2015)

[John Szabo, MS](#)

Generous, ripe, balanced, intensely fruity and lively, this has terrific length and depth. Alcohol is high to be sure, but this has the stuffing to carry it. Tasted March 2015. Value Rating: ***

[Michael Godel](#)

The Seghesio collects and combines from the best of all Zinfandel worlds. First and foremost dark black fruit melds and integrates into the acidity-tannin continuum. That piqued, brambly fruit settles comfortably and in good time. High yet vintage to vintage consistent alcohol (14.8 per cent) is fashionably subdued by the synoptic structure. Spices lean more to the employ of the pastry chef than to the garde manger. Sweetness that is tempered by that spice falls into the savoury line. Classy, if magnanimous Zinfandel with general verve. Tasted March 2015.

[Sara d'Amato](#)

Seghesio produces yet another appealing, smash hit of a zinfandel. Spicy, peppery and appealing with blue fruit jelly, cracked black pepper, violets and exotic spice. Commercial, maybe even a guilty pleasure but you can appease yourself by noting the wine's complexity, copious amounts of fruit and well integrated wood. Pleasure is pleasure, guilty or not so drink up! Tasted March 2015.

Pairing Dishes

蜜燒野菌千絲素鵝



脆皮牛腩腩



原條骨香龍利球



天府蝦球窩巴



梅子芋頭大鴨



蒜香惹味骨

