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A Beer and Beverage Boutique

## The Wine Stop Newsletter

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### Calendar of Events

**Complimentary Wine Tasting Every Saturday from 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.**

**May 27** – Australian Wines

**June 3** – Indian Pale Ales

**June 10** – Red & White Refreshing Summer Wines

**June 17** – Sake: Hot vs. Cold

**June 24** – Spicy Wines/Great with Spicy Foods

***Parking is available:** on our lawn and driveway; the driveway behind our store after 5PM; and next door at International Jewelry after he closes, usually after 4PM.*

### SUNDAY SEMINARS

**May 28th Napa Series I: Exploring the History of the Valley: 3-4:30PM**

We start the series exploring past and present Napa. Some of the featured wineries are Shafer Vineyards, Cliff Lede, Stags Leap Wine Cellars and Chateau Montelena.

**\$35- Club Discounts Apply**

**June 25th Napa Series II: Exploring the Appellations of Napa Valley 3-4:30PM** Some of the featured wineries are Swanson, Cliff Lede, Frog's Leap, Nickel & Nickel, the Frank Family and more.

**\$40- Club Discounts Apply**

**July 16th Napa Series III: Mountain Fruit vs. Valley Floor Fruit. 3-4:30pm**

Some of the featured wineries include Ramey, Cain, Berringer and more.

**\$50- Club Discounts**

*Reservations are required for all seminars. Payment is required to reserve your spot.*

### Best Buy of the Month

**Justin Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 \$23** Justin Cabernet is back! But only for a limited time. Aromas of black cherry, leather and a touch of spice box jump out of the glass. A lush ripe round mouth feel filled with boysenberry, blackberry, hints of spice, with a soft, velvet texture on the

finish.



## ***Wine News***

The Hawaiian summer is just about here, finally. Good news for beach goers and water sports fanatics. Not so good news for wine lovers with exceptional vintage wines. Such wines require constant temperature and humidity control to age gracefully. Without a wine cellar, it is impossible to store these wines properly in Hawaii. To help people store their treasured wines properly, we offer private wine storage. Our cellar is temperature-controlled at 55 degrees and humidity controlled between 58- 65%. Protect your investment for as low as \$10 per month.

- Easy access Pick-up and Drop-off at The Wine Stop
- No charge for pick-up with at least 24 hour notice.
- No charge to have your wines shipped to us and received by us.
- 10%-20% Discount for Wine Club Members.
- For more details call us at 946-3707.

On June 16th Hopps and Grinds will be featuring beers brewed by Locally Owned Breweries and all you can eat pupus at The Willows. You can get your advance tickets here \$25, cash only please. \$30 at the door.



## ***Liane's Corkey Trivia***

The sea battle of Trafalgar 200 years ago was a pivotal point in world history. It prevented Napoleon from winning a decisive victory over England and confirmed British naval supremacy for the next 150 years.

In those days, the Emperor Napoleon was trying to conquer as much of the civilized world as possible either for the greater glory of France or to keep the French masses too busy with war to think about chopping off his head. (They had already chopped off the head of their previous King.) I suppose it's just a matter of perspective.

It was clear to some in the British chain of command that the days of civilized restraint in war were gone. They felt that the French were murderous fanatics who overthrew civil society, abolished religion, massacred prisoners and threw away their own men's lives in senseless slaughter. It was felt, at the time, that the French had to be defeated.

On land, Napoleon appeared unbeatable; however, he was not a seaman. To conquer England, he had to sail his army across the English Channel. Napoleon had 2000 ships poised to invade England and avenge 600 years of British occupation in France. However, on the English side they had Lord Horatio Nelson backed up by English sailors, the most skilled navy of the day.

On the eve of battle, moral on the British side was high. Each ship's captain had been apprised of the plan by Admiral Nelson himself. Essentially they would cut the French line of ships into segments and force a pitched battle which would be won with superior seamanship and quick cannon fire. The cost would be bloody, but Nelson himself would lead the charge. He had already lost his right arm leading the fray in a prior battle and the sight from one of his eyes in another. The Navy was England's first line of defense. Though outnumbered, they had to win the day to prevent Napoleon from invading England. Nelson signaled to his fleet, "England expects every man will do his duty."

At the end of the day, 18 enemy ships were destroyed while all the British ships survived. The 14,000 French and Spanish sailors lost were ten times more than the British casualties. However, one of the British casualties was Nelson himself, though he lived long enough to know that they had won an enormous victory. As he lay dying, he said, "Thank god I have done my duty." Strong men wept at his passing. And contrary to the naval tradition of burial at sea, his men decided to bring his body home for burial. So they preserved his body in brandy for the voyage home.

News of Nelson's death put the whole country into mourning. Thanks to his sacrifice and the sacrifice of the British navy Napoleon gave up on his plan to invade England.

So this Memorial Day, let's remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country and our way of life. Cheers.

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