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Calendar of Events

COMPLIMENTARY WINE TASTING EVERY SATURDAY from 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

July 1 – Red, White & Blue Chimay Beers

July 8 – Summer Value Wines

July 15 – High vs. Low Alcohol Wine

July 22 – Spain vs. California

July 29 – Napa vs. Sonoma

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

SUNDAY SEMINARS

July 16th Napa Series Part III 3-4:30PM

Lakoya Cabernet Sauvignon featured among others.

Cost \$50

July 23rd Tasting Methodology 101 3-4:30PM

Learn to taste using all your senses. A popular beginners class in a non-intimidating format.

Cost \$20 Club Discounts apply

July 30th Blind Tasting 101 3-4:30PM

Learn to taste like an expert in 5 simple steps. A deductive process that is exciting and fun.

Cost \$25 Club Discounts apply

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

Best Buy of the Month

SIZZLING WINE CLUB SPECIALS:

- Purchase 3 months of Wine Club and get 2 free seminars. Valued up to \$50

- **Purchase 12 months of Wine Club and get the 13th month free and 4 free seminars. Valued up to \$165**

- **Offer valid for both new and continuing members.**



Wine News

July 1st & 2nd The Halekulani is hosting “**The Joy of Riesling**”.

What better way to spend a lovely summer day than to sip and contemplate some cool German Rieslings.

- **July 1 at 2PM: German Wine Styles Seminar**

This will be a classroom style format covering: varied styles of wine making, wine regions, and the effects of age. After the seminar mingle with the panelists and munch on exquisite hors d'oeuvres.

Cost \$155

- **July 2 at 12PM: German Wine and Food Tasting, Seminar and Lunch**

Pick up some general concepts and rules of thumb on pairing then visit three delectable food stations and practice your pairing skills with twelve top German Rieslings.

Cost \$175

- **July 2 at 6PM: Treasures from the Cellar Dinner**

A seven course dinner at La Mer with a wine maker at your table. Need we say more.

Cost \$360

For reservations call the Halekulani 923-2311 and ask for food and beverage or reserve on their website www.halekulani.com. See you there!

Got Wine? We've got cool storage space available.

Call us for more information or check out our website.

Planning a party, wedding or special event? Let us take care of your bar.

We can provide servers, equipment, and delivery. We can help you determine exactly what you'll need for any size event or occasion. Free consultation available. Ask for Kim.

Hops and Grinds is doing “Animal Beers” on July 21st 5:30-8:30 at The Willows. The grinds are plentiful and yummy, the beers might even release your budding inner animal.

Advance tickets at the store for \$25, \$30 at the door. Cash only please



Liane's Corkey Trivia

On the 4th of July in 1776, the Second Continental Congress declared American independence from Great Britain. Their slogan for independence was, “No taxation without representation!” Because of the Boston Tea Party, some might think it was the tax on tea which started that independence ball rolling for the American colonists. However, it was actually the tax on French Molasses which flared that taxation resentment and jump started our snowball towards independence.

Why tax Molasses? Because American distillers used cheap French Molasses to make Rum. Rum was the drink of the American masses and the most profitable item manufactured in New England. In those days, it was felt that drinking water was a hazard to one's health, so they drank alcoholic beverages (which were free of disease carrying organisms because alcohol helps to kill germs).

Rum was cheap, less than 2 shillings a gallon. Everyone in America drank it. The poor usually drank it straight while the better off drank it mixed in a rum punch. This rum punch was a forerunner of our modern cocktail.

When running for local office in Virginia, George Washington's campaign handed out 28 gallons of rum, 50 gallons of rum punch, 34 gallons of wine (hooray!) 46 gallons of beer, and two gallons of cider. All this in a county with only 391 voters. That's almost half a gallon of alcohol per voter. That's one way to ensure folks come out to vote. George won the election, by the way. (Perhaps alcoholic beverages were the American version of the Roman "Bread and Circuses".[see our April2006 Vol#28])

When Paul Revere made his famous ride to warn the revolutionaries that the "Red Coats" were coming, he stopped off at a tavern in Medford to have a rum toddy before dashing off to pass the warning to John Hancock and Samuel Adams. (Nothing like a hot sweet rum drink to fuel those secessionist revolutionary fires.)

Ironically, just a short time after we won the revolutionary war which was essentially a war fought against taxation. The new American government, presided over by George Washington, decided to impose a tax on whiskey in order to pay off some of the national debt incurred during the Revolutionary War. Thus the Whiskey Rebellion was sparked. Unfortunately, this time we couldn't use the slogan, "No taxation without representation" because George was duly elected by our very own representatives. By the time the federal troops reached the whiskey rebels, they needed more whiskey. So the troops bought whiskey from the rebels who then had enough money to pay their taxes, and the rebellion was over. And ever since then we've been paying taxes to our duly elected government. Man, kinda makes you want to have a drink, doesn't it. Cheers!

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