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A Beer and Beverage Boutique

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### *Calendar of Events*

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

**November 4** – Brown Ales Perfect for Thanksgiving

**November 11** – Dolcetto vs. Barbera

**November 18**– Thanksgiving Wines

**November 25** – Perfect Gift Wines

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

### *Best Buys of the Month*

**Valkckenberg, Gewurztraminer, 2006 Cost: \$ 12.99** A wonderful Gewurztraminer with fresh lychee on the nose and fresh lychee meat on the palate. It has a pleasing degree of German acidity and is tasty and sweet without being syrupy sweet. A classic pairing with Chinese food.

**Crios, Rose, Argentina, 2006 Cost: \$ 9.99** A dry rose with hints of strawberry and raspberry on the nose and palate with a crisp acidity and a smooth finish. Great by itself and with a wide range of lighter fare.

**Castle Rock, Pinot Noir, Monterey County, 2005, Cost: \$ 12.99**

An elegant and light to medium-bodied wine offering aromas of cherry, tea and herbal spice. On the palate, the wine gives flavors of black cherry, plum and spice. It's smooth with a silky texture and soft tannins.

**Manoir Du Carra, Beaujolais-Villages, 2004. Cost: \$ 14.99**

Beautiful purple-rimmed, dark cherry juice color. Explosive nose of intense Gamay fruit, a rich flavorful taste and a clean finish. The wine is chewy and juicy on the palate, with a great feeling of freshness and liveliness.

### *Wine News*

Holidays are right around the corner, and The Wine Stop gift baskets make impressive gifts. This year, basket orders of 8 or more at \$50 and up, can receive 50% off delivery charges in our Honolulu area. To get an idea of their contents, and what they look like, check out our website at [www.thewinestophawaii.com](http://www.thewinestophawaii.com) or visit our store where we have a couple ready to go. (We can also custom make your baskets, at no additional charge.)

For you Sake lovers out there, mark your calendars for our last Sake tasting of the year Saturday December 16 from 1-5pm. We'll be featuring magnificent large format bottles. A gigantic and unique opportunity.

Planning a party? We can assist you with food and wine pairing expertise, quantities, and bartenders or servers. Consultation is by appointment and free with a purchase of at least \$50 Ask for Kim.

**November 8th 5-7 PM** The Women's Fund of Hawaii will be hosting "Women of Taste" at the Pegge Hopper Gallery, 1164 Nu'uuanu Ave. Tickets are \$125 You can pick up tickets at The Wine Stop or download an order form from their website [www.womensfundhawaii.org](http://www.womensfundhawaii.org). All forms of payment are accepted.



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

We might not even be celebrating Thanksgiving if not for a shortage of beer. The Pilgrims would have all starved to death without help from the Indians. It was beer that brought the Pilgrims and the Indians together in peace and cooperation.

The people on the Mayflower looking for a new life in the New World had been given the rights to establish a plantation in Virginia. The 3,000 mile voyage took 66 days. During that time, the immigrants ate bread, biscuits, pudding, cheese, crackers, dried meats and fruits, and best of all drank beer.

The beer most probably served during their cruise to America was not like the beer on a modern Cruise Line, it was called, "ship's beer". This beer was not very alcoholic. It was along the lines of the even weaker "small beer" which is what the kids drank. A typical ration was easily more than a quart per day. The English believed that alcoholic beverages were much healthier than water which, they felt, carried all sorts of disease. In those days, the water in England really was bad, so they drank beer or wine instead. (They had not yet figured out that boiling killed germs and made the water safe to drink.)

After more than two months, rather than arriving in Virginia they arrived in Cape Cod. Since the agreement was that they would settle in Virginia, they ordered the ship's captain to head for Virginia. The captain tried to sail them there, but the winds were against them and time was running out. It was already November, and the immigrants had not yet had a chance to plant any food crops in the New World. While on the ship, they were eating and drinking the supplies they had brought with them to start their new life. Finally, they realized they had to land and settle as soon as possible. "We could not now take time for further search or consideration, our victuals being much spent, especially our beer, and it being now the 19th of December." So they ended up at Plymouth Rock after all.

Cold, starving, disease ridden, and thirsty they built a settlement. By spring, half of them had died, and the rest of them might have soon followed. Fortunately for them, a thirsty Indian walked unabashedly into their settlement and said, in English, "Welcome, English. I am Samoset. Do you have beer?" The amazed pilgrims quickly gave him a beer. Thereupon, he took his beer and walked into the woods. The following day he brought his friend Squanto, who spoke English fluently, to meet the pilgrims. Squanto helped and lived with the pilgrims until his death two years later.

It was Squanto who taught them to plant corn and fish and live off the land. Ten years earlier Squanto had been kidnapped by a corrupt Englishman, saved from slavery by Spanish monks, and ultimately ended up in England where he trained to be a guide for the English in the New World. As luck would have it, he had only a few months earlier escaped and made it back to his homeland near Plymouth Rock before the pilgrims arrived.

With the help of Squanto and Samoset, the Indians and the pilgrims coexisted in peace. During the harvest of that year, the first pilgrim feast of thanksgiving was held, party goers included Indians and pilgrims.

If not for the shortage of beer, the pilgrims would not have landed at Plymouth Rock. If not for a thirsty Indian wanting a beer, the pilgrims might not have had Squanto teach them how to survive in America.

So this Thanksgiving, as you sip on your ice cold beer, remember that beer is what brought the Old and the New Worlds together, and out of a communal beer mug was born a new nation. Cheers!

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