

Comparative Wine Tastings – Summer 2010 Schedule

Instead of doing a traditional walk through the grape varietals (sparkling-white-rosé-red, lighter flavors first & ending with the big fruit bombs) ... we're going to mix it up! We've come up with a twice a week schedule (every Tuesday & Thursday in June, July, August & free of charge) that seems whimsical yet the bases are covered. If you make it to the majority of these, you'll have a great comparative foundation for what's out there in the world of wine: all of the major varietals from a majority of the wine producing regions around the world!

Tue, Jun 1 ~ The affordable bubbles: Cava (SP), Prosecco (IT), Crément (FR)

Thu, Jun 3 ~ Sauvignon Blanc - Round 1: France vs NZ

Tue, Jun 8 ~ Sauvignon Blanc - Round 2: France vs the Americas

Thu, Jun 10 ~ Rose - across the board

Tue, Jun 15 ~ Chardonnay - France vs CA

Thu, Jun 17 ~ Zinfandel

Tue, Jun 22 ~ Pinot Noir - Oregon vs NZ vs Burgundy

Thu, Jun 24 ~ Chenin Blanc - France vs South Africa

Tue, Jun 29 ~ Merlot - Beating the bad rap

Thu, Jul 1 ~ Lesser-known whites of Italy

Tue, Jul 6 ~ Reds of Northern Italy - Barbera vs Nebbiolo

Thu, Jul 8 ~ Lesser-known whites of Spain/Portugal

Tue, Jul 13 ~ Pinot Blanc - Alsace vs Oregon

Thu, Jul 15 ~ Pinot Gris - Alsace vs Italy vs Oregon

Tue, Jul 20 ~ Pinot Blanc vs Pinot Gris

Thu, Jul 22 ~ Rhone blends - France vs WA

Tue, Jul 27 ~ Sangiovese - Classic grape of Central Italy

Thu, Jul 29 ~ Sangiovese - Italy vs WA

Tue, Aug 3 ~ Tempranillo - Classic grape of Northern Spain

Thu, Aug 5 ~ Tempranillo - Spain vs CA

Tue, Aug 10 ~ Viognier - France vs WA

Thu, Aug 12 ~ Varietals of South Africa - Pinotage, Cab, Shiraz

Tue, Aug 17 ~ Cab Franc - WA vs France (no longer just for blending)

Thu, Aug 19 ~ Riesling - Dry vs Off-dry

Tue, Aug 24 ~ Riesling - Germany vs WA

Thu, Aug 26 ~ Cab Sauv - Round 1: CA vs France

Tue, Aug 31 ~ Cab Sauv - Round 2: CA vs WA

Thu, Sep 2 ~ Malbec - Argentina vs Cahors vs WA



This tasting series will run in conjunction with the **Tuesdays in Ballard** shop local campaign set for July & August.

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