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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.**

**October 7**– Oktoberfest Beers and German Snacks. Liane's Cooking!

**October 14** – Life is a Cabernet, so let's party with it!

**October 21**– Pinot Noir vs. Merlot

**October 28** – Animal Wines

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

### SUNDAY SEMINARS

#### October 22nd Nickel & Nickel Winery 3-4:30PM

This event will feature their newest vintages of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Chardonnay. All the wines tasted are very limited and you'll not only be the first to try the wines, you'll also have the first chance to purchase the wines. You'll also receive a \$30 wine credit towards the purchase of the showcase wines.

**Cost \$75**

**Club Members \$65 limited to one guest per member.**

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

#### October 29th Halloween Wines, Beers and Spirits 3-7 pm.

Come join us for a Halloween party. Take your Halloween costume out for a spin and sip some spirited beverages and munch on some spooky snacks. Costumes that tickle our fancy and win us over will be rewarded.

**Cost \$ Free, No Reservations Required, Costumes Optional.**

### Best Buys of the Month

**Kuentz-Bas, Alsace Blanc, 2004 Cost: \$ 11.99** An Alsatian white: a blend of Sylvaner, Pinot Blanc, Chasselas, and the aromatic Muscat d' Alsace, a fresh and tasty white wine with flavors of peach, pear and a little sweet flower, nice acidity and minerality that allows for thirst quenching sized swallows. Try this with prosciutto and melon.

**Lyeth Meritage, Sonoma County, 2003 Cost: \$ 14.99** A medium-full body Bordeaux blend (cabernet, merlot, cabernet franc, petite verdot ) with lively ripe fruit aromas of plum and cherry and notes of cedar and orange zest, finishing with smooth tannins.



## ***Wine News***

**October 26th 5:30-8PM** celebrates Downtown Decadence, the YWCA's Fall fundraiser: food by Indigo, Mini-manicures, Makovers, Massage, Martini & Wine Bars sponsored by The Wine Stop, and much more. \$60 per person. Tickets are available at The Wine Stop, cash only please, or online at [www.ywcaoahu.org](http://www.ywcaoahu.org)

**November 4th 6:30-11PM** Mark your calendars for The Iona Pear Benefit Event often called, "The Hottest Party of the Year." This year's revelry is titled, "Where the Wild Things Are" Your "Wild Things" experience will include: Jungle Boys to mingle, massage, and entertain, The Human Petting Zoo as well as Miss Kitty and her wild animals. Custom themed tables for corporate and VIP sponsors include: Barbarellas Boudoir, Tarzan's Tenderloin, and Zookeeper's Secret for starters. The Wine Stop will be selecting and serving your sultry wines. We'll also be sponsoring the Jungle Juice cocktail hour. For reservations call 262-0110 or e-mail [info@iona360.com](mailto:info@iona360.com).

**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. Featuring an elegant tasting of wines made by women winemakers from around the World. We will be serving an abundance of wonderful wines including La Sirena, by Heidi Barrett, best know for making Screaming Eagle, Helen Turley's wines, Argentinean winemaker Susana Balbo, and Spain's highly acclaimed Concha Vencino from Bodega Nekeas. Kim along with a few of our favorite distributors will be pouring for you. A cocktail format with scrumptious appetizers from Matters of Taste makes raising scholarship funds tasty and fun. The silent auction will include a Pegge Hopper original. 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***

After the emperor of the Western Roman Empire abdicated in 476 CE (a.k.a. AD) governance by the Roman Empire quickly wilted away until it ceased to exist in western Europe. Its vassal states, which by then had basically been on their own for a while, saw the opportunity to expand their holdings. In 486, while still a pagan, Clovis I (Dec 04, vol. 13), the founder of the Merovingian dynasty, conquered the last Roman governor in Gaul. Subsequently, the Merovingians became the first French royal house. When Clovis died, France was divided amongst his four sons.

This French tribal custom of dividing the kingdom amongst all your sons not only made regional mapmaking pretty challenging, it also led to quite a bit of the killing of ones relatives after dad died, either through murder or inter-regional war. Intra- family murder and war can only serve to weaken families and, in time, the Merovingians were succeeded by Charlemagne's, Carolingian Dynasty (Charles the Great, Sept 06 vol. 32).

As the Carolingian dynasty grew weaker, their kingly nicknames became more memorable, to say the least. Among Charlemagne's sons and successors were Pippin the "Hunchback" Charles the Bald, Charles the Fat, Louis the Stammerer, and Charles the Simple.

This French custom of dividing the estate amongst all your children is recalled today in the Napoleonic Code which requires, by law, the equal division of property among all inheritors. You can really see the results of this in Burgundy where one family might only own two or three rows of grapes in one vineyard. Such a small yield makes producing and bottling your own wine cost prohibitive. So it would make sense that someone would come along and buy the grapes from these small parcel owners to make, bottle and sell their wine. In France, these agents are called

negociants. Some well respected negociants are: Louis Jadot, Bouchard Pere & Fils and Joseph Drouhin.

Bordeaux for the most part managed to escape the inheritance chopping block because the Chateaus were run more as a business rather than family property. You could say they are incorporated. And as corporate entities, they never die, they just produce financial statements. Speaking of financial statements, Kim-Too-Tall-for-Nothing and Liane-the- Librarian-Wanna-Be have been pouring over those statements and have figured out that what they really need is to be pouring some burgundy into a GLASS instead of digesting little pieces of paper with numbers printed on them. Cheers!

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