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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.**

**August 4-** New Beers

**August 11 -** California Central Coast Wines

**August 18-** Cabernet Sauvignon vs Pinot Noir

**August 25-** Zinfandel vs Shiraz.

### SUNDAY SEMINARS

**August 5th 5:50-7PM: Tasting Methodology 102**

Learn to taste using all your senses. This is a popular beginners class in a non-intimidating format. 102 Picks up where we left off in 101. (It's ok to take them out of sequence.)

**Cost: \$20. Club Discounts Apply. Reservations and Payment Confirmation Required**

**August 26th, 3-4:30pm: Food and Wine Pairing 101**

Learn the secrets of creating great food and wine combinations and then taste the synergy of flavors for yourself

**Cost: \$25 Club discounts apply. Reservation and Payment Confirmation required.**

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

### Wine of the Month

**Razors Edge Shiraz 2005 \$11.99**

Smooth and round with plum and blackberry flavors and hints of black pepper spice. Not a big wine but flavorful and graceful. Wine Spectator 90 points.

### Beer of The Month

~~Samuel Adams Triple Dark 4.00 to 4.50 over 10% alcohol and only available for a very limited time.~~  
Its deep, full flavor explodes with notes of maple, vanilla, oak and toffee. This flavor, along with its heavy, still mouthfeel has drawn comparisons to a vintage port, sherry and cognac. We recommend serving it at room temperature in a snifter a few ounces at a time - one 8.4 oz bottle should easily serve two. Its warming malt character and fruit esters make it an ideal after dinner aperitif.



## ***Wine Events***

### **Sunday, August 12th 6-9 The Honolulu Academy of Art hosts "Showcase"**

a feast of art, delectable food and exquisite wine. Kim and Liane will be there to chat, pour wine, and have fun. The proceeds of Showcase support the Academy's programs for children, among them the hugely successful Art to Go and Ambassador programs. **Tickets are \$85. You can order the tickets on line at [www. Showcase 2007.net](http://www.Showcase2007.net).** See you there!

### **August 23 6-8:30pm The Joy of Sake**

Join visiting brewers from Japan and sake enthusiasts from Hawaii and Japan to sample this year's newly released fall sakes. Over 250 sakes, including gold and silver award winners from this year's U.S. National Sake Appraisal, will be featured. The Joy of Sake is the largest sake tasting held outside of Japan, and a rare opportunity to experience great sakes in peak condition. A splendid array of sake appetizers will be prepared by 13 outstanding restaurants. **Tickets are \$75 at the door. Advance tickets available at The Wine Stop for \$65 and \$60 for club members.**



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

Prior to the discovery of the Rosetta stone, people thought Egyptian hieroglyphs were very pretty pictographs perhaps representing concepts perhaps something else. The knowledge of how to read them had been lost for almost two thousand years. When the Rosetta stone was found, it was immediately recognized as the key to unlocking the long dead language of the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.

The Rosetta stone was found in mid July of 1799 by a young French officer. He was in charge of the demolition of an ancient wall in Rashid, Egypt (known to Europeans as Rosetta) in their effort to extend the French fort. (The French needed protection on land in Egypt because Lord Horatio Nelson had just demolished the French fleet at Aboukir Bay not far from the Alexandrian coast the year before.) As soon as he saw the stone with hieroglyphs carved on the top part, some kind of ancient Arabic in the middle, and ancient Greek carved on the bottom, he immediately realized its importance. He sent it to Cairo to be studied. It arrived in August of 1799, and prints of the stone quickly spread throughout scholarly Europe. The race to translate Egyptian hieroglyphs was on.

It was thought that since the bottom third of the stone was written in ancient Greek and modern scholars had retained the ability to read ancient Greek, it should be easy to translate the hieroglyphs. It proved not so easy after all since a large portion of the hieroglyphs were missing. The top portion had broken off and had disappeared in some bygone age. It would require true genius to translate it. Fortunately, two geniuses rose to the challenge. Of course, one was British and the other was French.

Though the French had found the Rosetta Stone, the British claimed it as a spoil of war after defeating the French in Egypt in 1801. The French were left only with their copies of it. Since the French and the English had always been pretty competitive. It's no surprise that they would be a little competitive about who would ultimately crack the code. For the past 200 years, the Rosetta Stone has proudly resided in the British Museum. Though the French scholar Jean-François Champollion is given credit for the complete translation, the explanation card on the stone credits English physicist, Thomas Young, as the first to make a critical break through in its translation. He discovered some interesting things about the hieroglyphs not the least of which was that the pictures in the cartouches (personal names) were phonetic. Then he lost interest in hieroglyphics, calling his achievements "the amusements of a few leisure hours."

His findings were published in 1819 and read by Champollion, a coptic expert, who realized that in fact all the hieroglyphs were phonetic, not only the personal names. He had learned Coptic, a language that survives only in the Egyptian Coptic church, because he believed that it was the nearest living language to that spoken by the Ancient Egyptians. He was a trained linguist and was able to trace Coptic back to earlier forms of Egyptian writing, and beyond, all the way back to the hieroglyphs.

Pushing the boundaries of knowledge has always been a team effort for the many generations humanity. We advance so much farther and faster when we cooperate with each other. None of us stands alone. We all build on what has come before. Sir Isaac Newton (the inventor of Calculus) once said, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." When we toast to giants, I think it needs to be with a giant bottle of champagne, like maybe a Nebuchadnezzar (15 Liters) What do you think? Cheers!

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