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Calendar of Events

Complementary Wine Tasting Every Saturday 1-5pm

November 3 - New Beer & Tailgating wines

November 10 - Pinot Noir Festival

November 17 - Thanksgiving Day Wines

November 24 - Sparkling Wines from Around the World.

Wine Events

Saturday, November 10 from 5-7PM upon the conclusion of the complementary Pinot Noir festival we will be holding a special Reserve Tasting/Seminar of Pinot Noir. Food Complements will be served. **RSVP is required Cost is: \$25.00** Friday,

November 16th 6-9PM: Allocation Club Members Exclusive Tasting Event: Another Allocation cellar BYOB event. Call for more details and to RSVP 946-3707 or e-mail kim@thewinestophawaii.com and let us know what wine(s) you will be bringing. Food will be served. RSVP is required.

Saturday, December 8th from 1-5PM mark your calendars for a sake tasting during our complementary Saturday tasting. The purveyors from World Sake Imports will be pouring some outstanding sakes, some of them will also be available in large party size formats. This is our last sake tasting for 2007. So this is your last complementary chance to taste some great sakes before the end of 2007.

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Complementary
Tasting
Sat. Nov. 10th 1-5pm
Reserve Pinot Tasting
5-7pm \$25

Allocation Club Members Exclusive



Tasting Event
Fri. Nov. 16th 6-9PM

- RSVP
- BYOB Cellar Wine
- Food Served

Wine of the Month: Pinot Noir



A perfect red wine for Thanksgiving is Pinot Noir. Pinot Noir is a light bodied wine with soft tannins, delicate flavors of bright red fruit, floral tones and a touch of spice. Since light bodied red wines go well with lighter flavored meats like turkey and ham, your classic Thanksgiving fare, Pinot Noir is a splendid match.

Pinot Noir is a thin skinned grape which grows best in cooler climates. Pinot Noir is the red grape of the Burgundy region of France. Hence red Burgundies are Pinot Noirs. The flavor profile of young red Burgundies often includes faint strawberry, raspberry, cherry and floral tones with extraordinary acidity. As it ages, it takes on gamier qualities as well as elements of drying undergrowth, tobacco and earthiness.

Pinot Noir is grown all over the world and expresses itself quite differently outside of Burgundy. Pinot Noir is a wine that whispers its flavors, so it does require your attention to be understood. This month we will feature Pinot Noirs from around the world ranging from \$13.99 and up. Whether you're a collector, just enjoy good value Pinot Noir, or know nothing about Pinot Noir, we have a Pinot Noir for you. The Wine Stop features a huge collection of high quality, allocated Pinot Noirs as well as great valued Pinot Noirs. Discover the world of Pinot Noir November 10th from 1-5PM (see calendar) and from 5pm-7pm we will also have a special Reserve Pinot Noir Tasting/Seminar. Your RSVP is required to attend the Reserve Tasting event.

Liane's Corkey Trivia

Thanksgiving is unique among American holidays. Unlike any other holiday, it weaves together our whole nation on that special day with a tradition of giving thanks for blessings we might otherwise overlook. Thanksgiving brings us together to be a part of a group. Somehow we know that, on that day, no American should be alone. At the very least, despite our many differences, Americans from all walks of life

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share a common Thanksgiving tradition of turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and a prayer of thanks. Though it is true that the first American Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims and American Indians near Plymouth Rock, it was really Abraham Lincoln who made it a national holiday.

Prior to Lincoln, Thanksgiving was celebrated only very sporadically and primarily in the Northeastern part of the country, its date declared by individual governors. Nationally it depended on the whim of the President who had the authority to proclaim a national day of Thanksgiving.

Lincoln led our country in a time of great turmoil. It was he who said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." He led us through a civil war in order to keep "the house" of American democracy standing. It claimed 620,000 lives, more than all our other wars combined. The battle of Gettysburg was the bloodiest battle of them all claiming 46,000 American lives. The South would never again launch an offensive against the North. It was a crucial victory, but it came at an extraordinarily high price.



On November 19, 1863 Lincoln was scheduled to say a few appropriate remarks at the dedication of the Gettysburg military cemetery (almost a year after he had freed the slaves). The speaker before him had spoken for two hours, and Lincoln spoke, but for a few minutes.

But in those few minutes, he redefined a nation, ". . . that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Thanks to Lincoln non-whites were finally included as "the people."

Lincoln also proclaimed the following Thursday, exactly a week, after his Gettysburg address a national day of Thanksgiving. All over the northern states a huge effort was put forth to ensure that soldiers on the battle field had a Thanksgiving feast of turkey, pies, bread, butter, and cider.

(Given the lack of refrigeration it was probably hard cider)

"In Baltimore, the Union Ladies Committee distributed meals to Union soldiers and rebel prisoners alike. At Camp Parole, in Annapolis, roast turkey had been the primary topic of conversation for days. That morning, 'every face wore a joyous aspect, in anticipation of the good things in preparation for *the dinner*'. Orderlies set long tables of turkey, pies, bread, butter, tea and cider. Fourteen hundred men sat down, Federal soldiers and paroled Confederates, men from every state in the union, probably the first such all-American Thanksgiving meal ever."^[1]

That civil war Thanksgiving proclamation was the first in an unbroken string of presidential "Thanksgiving" proclamations. I think Lincoln would be happy to know that the Union survives today despite our differences. And that is indeed something to be thankful for. Cheers!

^[1] Robbins, James. "Giving Thanks in Wartime." [National Review Online](#) Nov 24, 2004. 29 Oct 2007

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