



THURSTON WOLFE WINEMAKER DINNER

SUNDAY MAY 19, 2024
3:30 PM

\$150 PER PERSON

CARLOS CORTEZ
HEAD CHEF

CARA MCDONALD
GENERAL MANAGER

WADE WOLFE
WINERY OWNER/WINE MAKER

☞ RIVERSIDE RECEPTION ☞

Caramelized Brie Croccantini

With rosemary honey.

Oyster Bar

Anthony's Select

Quinty Point, WA

Kumamoto

Humboldt Bay, CA

WINE: 2022 Albarino, Yakima Valley - Crawford Vineyard

☞ SECOND COURSE ☞

Northwest Salad

seasonal greens, Middleton Farms rhubarb strawberry relish,
blue cheese, toasted hazelnuts, ginger rhubarb poppy seed dressing

WINE: 2023 Lemberger Rose, Yakima Valley - Crawford Vineyard

☞ THIRD COURSE ☞

Fresh Wild Alaska Halibut with Rhubarb Coulis

citrus hazelnut butter, grilled sweet potatoes, tamari thyme glaze,
local microgreens, sweet yellow peppers, spring chives

WINE: 2023 PGV (Pinot Gris - Viognier) White Table Wine - Columbia Valley

☞ FOURTH COURSE ☞

Filet Wellington

Double R Ranch tenderloin filet, prosciutto, mushroom duxelle,
beef jus, watercress cream

WINE: 2020 Conglomerate Cabernet Sauvignon, Snipes Mountain - Upland Vineyards

☞ FIFTH COURSE ☞

Wild Mountain Huckleberry Slump

vanilla ice cream

WINE: 2020 Touriga Nacional Port, Yakima Valley - Lonesome Spring Vineyard

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TASTING NOTES | MAY 19, 2024

2023 PGV (PINOT GRIS-VIOGNIER) WHITE TABLE WINE - COLUMBIA VALLEY

The 2023 PGV is Thurston Wolfe's unique blend of 55% Pinot Gris and 45% Viognier. Viognier is known for its peach and tropical fruit aromas and high viscosity when fully ripe. It perfectly complements Pinot Gris' delicate perfume, moderate body, minerality and higher acidity. The appellation sources for the grapes are the Yakima Valley (Crawford Vineyard and Hogue Ranches – cool sites) for Pinot Gris and the Horse Heaven Hills (Zephyr Ridge, Coyote Canyon Vineyard and Mercer Ranches – warm sites) for Viognier. Both varieties were picked in mid-September, blended and co-fermented in stainless steel. The wine was finished with 12.5% alcohol, 6 grams/liter residual sugar, titratable acidity of 7.6 grams/liter and pH of 3.35. It has aromas of tropical fruit, white peach, jasmine and citrus; it is full-bodied and finished with crisp acidity on the palate. 5750 cases produced and released March 2024.

2022 ALBARINO YAKIMA VALLEY - CRAWFORD VINEYARD

Albarino is a white wine variety indigenous to Spain and Portugal and ideally suited to eastern Washington. The 2022 ALBARINO is our tenth vintage for this variety and was sourced from the Crawford Vineyard near Prosser in the Yakima Valley. Harvested in mid October at 24.4 Brix, the fruit was crushed and pressed immediately and allowed to settle overnight. The juice was racked off lees and cool fermented in stainless steel for five weeks. After cold stabilization and without fining, the wine was filtered and bottled in February 2023. The resulting wine has the classical aromas of Albarino including pineapple, mango, apricot and especially pear with a light gold color. Alcohol 13%, residual sugar 8 g/L, pH 3.39 and titratable acidity of 8.3 g/L. 400 cases produced and released March 2023.

GOLD MEDAL, SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

2023 LEMBERGER ROSE' YAKIMA VALLEY – CRAWFORD VINEYARD

2023 LEMBERGER ROSE' is a dry rose' wine produced from 100% Crawford Vineyard Lemberger grapes grown near Prosser. Introduced into Washington under its German name, it is best known in Europe by its Austrian name, Blaufrankisch. Grapes were harvested early in the morning on September 30th, crushed immediately and cold soaked overnight for 20 hours before pressing. It was cool fermented in a stainless tank for 30 days to dryness and bottled in March 2024. Aromas of pomegranate, rhubarb, cranberry and yellow grapefruit, light coral color and crisp acidity make this rose' a perfect companion to quiche, picnic fare and hors d'oeuvres or as an aperitif on warm summer afternoons. Only 98 cases produced, released in May 2024 and sold exclusively in the tasting room. Alcohol 12% v/v and residual sugar only 0.2%.

2020 CONGLOMERATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON SNIPES MOUNTAIN – UPLAND VINEYARD

The signature wine for our Geologist Bordeaux blend has always been Cabernet Sauvignon from the Upland Vineyard planted in 1989. The ancient Columbia River conglomerate deposits underlie this vineyard, imparting a unique aroma and flavor profile to the wine. Our 2020 Conglomerate Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% from this block. Harvested in early October at 24 Brix, grapes were fermented in a small open top fermenter for 10 days before pressing. The wine was aged in French oak for 27 months before bottling. Only 100 cases produced and sold exclusively at the winery and select retail accounts. Alcohol 14.5% and released April 2023.

DOUBLE GOLD, SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

2020 TOURIGA NACIONAL PORT YAKIMA VALLEY - LONESOME SPRING VINEYARD

TOURIGA NACIONAL is considered the 'king' of the traditional port varieties. Thurston Wolfe has used Touriga in our ports since 2000. Colin Morrell, owner of Lonesome Spring, planted Touriga at our request. This is our tenth vintage of 100% Touriga Nacional port from the vineyard near Red Mountain in the Yakima Valley. Harvested in early October at 24 Brix, the grapes were fermented in a small open-top fermenter. Midway through fermentation, high proof (190) grape brandy was added to stop fermentation and the wine was allowed to macerate on skins seven days before pressing to maximize color and flavor extraction. After barrel aging 37 months, the wine was bottled in November 2023. 18% alcohol, 9% residual sugar. Only 141 cases of 375ml bottles produced and sold exclusively at the winery and select retail accounts.