

Dear Wine Enthusiast:

The next Victoria Wine Society tasting is our second thirty wines for thirty bucks event of the year "Best of BC" based on Wine Access magazines' Canadian Wine Awards and the fall Okanagan Winefest. We go back to Brasserie L'ecole for this tasting and tickets are limited...see you there!

Speaker:        None  
Location:        Brasserie L'ecole, 1715 Government Street  
Date:            Monday, January 30th  
Time:            The tasting commences at 7PM  
Cost:            \$30.00 Members, \$35 Member Guests and \$40 Non Members

Recap: for the second year in a row, this tasting sold out 2 weeks in advance and those attending were not disappointed with the quality of wines. It is a little overwhelming to taste 34 wines in one go but that is part of the fun or challenge intended for this tasting format. I'm not going to run through all the wines but will say the popular vote did go to Kettle Valley's Old Main Red, a Meritage blend that showed great complexity in the nose and loads of fruit. Might have had something to do with that firm grip many 2003 reds are displaying but there is lots of fruit concentration to back them up...just hold a little longer than 2002. Great cheeses again, thanks to the folks at Ottavio!

Arrowleaf Cellars '04 Pinot Gris  
Arrowleaf Cellars '04 Gewurztraminer  
Burrowing Owl '03 Cabernet Franc  
Burrowing Owl '02 Meritage  
Cedar Creek '03 Estate Merlot  
Cedar Creek '03 Estate Syrah  
Cedar Creek '02 Platinum Meritage  
Crow's Nest Barcello Canyon '03 Pinot Noir  
Gehringer '04 Classic Riesling  
Golden Mile Cellars '04 Chardonnay  
Golden Mile Cellars '04 Road 13 Red  
Gray Monk '04 Siegerrebe  
Hawthorne '02 Merlot  
Inniskillin '03 Dark Horse Vineyard Meritage  
Jackson Triggs '02 Grand Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon  
Jackson Triggs '04 Grand Reserve White Meritage  
Jackson Triggs '03 Sunrock Vineyard Shiraz  
Kettle Valley '03 Old Main Red  
Mission Hill '04 Pinot Gris Reserve  
Mt. Boucherie '03 Summit Reserve Chardonnay  
Nk' Mip '04 Pinot Blanc  
Mk' Mip '04 Pinot Noir  
Osoyoos LaRose '03 Grand Vin  
Quails Gate '03 Family Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon  
Quails Gate '03 Family Reserve Foch  
Quails Gate '03 Family Reserve Merlot  
Quails Gate '03 Family Reserve Riesling  
Quails Gate '03 Limited Release Foch  
Sandhill '04 Pinot Blanc  
Sandhill '03 Small Lot One Phantom Creek Vineyard  
Sumac Ridge '03 Black Sage Vineyard Cabernet Franc  
Sumac Ridge '01 Pinnacle  
Sumac Ridge '04 White Meritage  
Summerhill Pyramid Winery '02 Merlot