



April 2023 Newsletter

We are already three months into 2023. Time just keeps flying by! The year started out with a bit of travel. I first traveled with girlfriends to Valle de Guadalupe in Baja Mexico. Then I went to Arizona with my dad to attend the Super Bowl. And I have traveled to Paso Robles, Santa Barbara, and Sonoma. Looking ahead, I will be returning to Sonoma, as well as Santa Ynez and Paso Robles. There are also a couple of trips to Italy on the horizon. And I will be judging two wine competitions in June. I thought the year started out slowly but sometimes you have to be careful what you wish for.

I had the pleasure to contribute to the 2023 Slow Wine Guide USA. This was the 6th edition of the guide and my first time contributing. The Slow Wine Guide USA is part of a worldwide movement that began in 1986 when Carlo Petrini founded Slow Food in response to the incursion of industrial fast-food chains in Italy, and operates under the same motto "Good, Clean, Fair." The Slow Wine Guide USA features wineries that do NOT use synthetic herbicides. The 2023 Guide has several hundred entries, and I wrote 28 of them. And now I am starting to work on the 2024 Guide for next year and am aiming for 60+ entries.

The Slow Wine Guide USA 2023 gives you a year in the life of the vineyards and wines with winery profiles and wine-tasting notes. The 2023 Guide costs \$25 and I am happy to offer you a 10% discount.

To purchase a Guide, [CLICK HERE](#) and use the Coupon Code: **winemember10**

Upcoming monthly virtual wine events:

Attention Rhone wine lovers!

On **Thursday, April 27th at 4 pm PST**, I will be moderating a **virtual panel discussion** for the Rhone Rangers about "Santa Barbara County". The Rhone Rangers is America's leading non-profit organization dedicated to promoting American Rhone varietal wines. The organization is made up of wineries in which 75% of their production is made up of one or more of the 22 traditional Rhone grape varieties. For this upcoming virtual event, we will feature 4 winemakers

from Santa Barbara County who will share why Rhone grapes thrive there, what they love about the grapes and more.

There is NO cost to participate. The virtual tasting is open to everyone. If you want to taste along, you can order wines directly from each winery.

Featured Winemakers/Wines:

Bob Lindquist, [Lindquist Family Wines](#) (Lindquist 2021 Marsanne, Ibarra-Young Vineyard, Los Olivos District)
Sam Schmitt, [Folded Hill Winery](#) (Folded Hills Winery 2020 Estate Grenache)
Dusty Nabor, [Dusty Nabor Wines](#) (2020 Kimsey Syrah from Ballard Canyon)
Doug Margerum, [Margerum Wine Co.](#) (Wine TBD)

To join the webinar on April 27th, use the link below:

[Join Webinar](#)

If the button above does not work, paste this into your browser:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84620132770?tk=mW1Ly2urzM-ymzda1IZbDacEZ-8bUipor3nsuggJfFE.DQMAAAATs8DBohZPeUFIZzdkWVFWT18yZjdiZmdSM0J3AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA&pwd=VTILWHREemJXQXVBUkRyNkEvTS9oZz09>

Forgotten Grapes Monthly Virtual Tastings with Winemakers

There are more than 3500 wineries in California. That is a lot of wineries. Many of these wineries are small, family-owned businesses making anywhere from 500-5000 cases. At Please The Palate, owner Allison Levine loves to seek out these small producers and introduce them to friends through stories and events. Each month, in partnership with Chris Kern of Forgotten Grapes, we will offer 4 wines for \$109 from one of these incredible producers. You will also be invited to our **virtual tasting** with the owner or winemaker on the **second Thursday of each month**.

Upcoming Dates:

May offering:

Detente Wines (Paso Robles)
1 white wines + 1 rosé wine + 2 red wines
\$109 + tax (\$130 value)

June offering:

McKahn Family Vineyards (Sonoma)
1 white wines + 1 rosé wine + 2 red wines
\$109 + tax (\$140 value)

July offering:

Deux Punx (Napa Valley)
5 wines
\$109 + tax

August offering:

La Mesa (Amador County)
1 white wines + 1 rosé wine + 2 red wines
\$109 + tax (\$136 value)

If you are interested, please email me at info@pleasethepalate.com to let me know you would love to receive one of the \$109 bundles (plus shipping if out of the Los Angeles area).

Forgotten Grapes is not a club and there is no commitment. Each month, a bundle of wines will be offered for a special price. If you are interested, you can order them. I'll take your credit card and delivery information and will charge your card. **If you live in Southern California, delivery is FREE and will be personally delivered to you (contactless). If you live beyond Southern California, wines can be shipped - \$25 in California and \$30 outside of California to Western States (AZ, NV, OR, ID). Additional states, please contact us.**

For a complete list of upcoming events, visit the Events Calendar on www.pleasethepalate.com



Get to know the winemakers and winery owners behind the brands in 30 questions. Listen to the Wine Soundtrack podcast and get to know them through serious, thoughtful, personal, funny and sometimes challenging questions.

Recent USA podcasts:

[Jon McPherson, South Coast Winery](#)

[Nick & Cindy Palumbo, Palumbo Family Vineyards and Winery](#)

[Max Marshak, Gleason Family Vineyards](#)

[Gus Vizgirda, Wilson Creek Winery](#)

[Jessica Gasca, Story of Soil Wine](#)

[Damian Doffo, Doffo Winery](#)

[BJ Fazeli, Fazeli Cellars](#)

[Justin Knight, Danza del Sol Winery and Masia de la Vinya](#)

Wine Soundtrack is available on WineSoundtrack.com, [Soundcloud](#), [Spreaker](#), [iTunes](#), [YouTube](#), [Spotify](#), [iHeart](#) and on the Wine Soundtrack App. More podcast interviews are coming!

RECENT ARTICLES

PLEASE THE PALATE WINES OF THE WEEK

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Joseph Jewell 2020 Pinot Noir, Panther Ridge, Petaluma Gap](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Solminer 2021 Dry Riesling Coquelicot Vineyard, Santa Ynez Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Bulgariana 2020 Gamza, Danube Plains, Bulgaria](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Casale del Giglio Matidia 2020 Cesanese, Lazio, Italy](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: André Brunel 2020 Vin de Pays de Méditerranée Grenache, Rhône Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Martha Stoumen 2021 Honeymoon White Wine, Mendocino County](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Clementine Carter 2020 Grenache West End, Santa Barbara County](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Smith-Madrone 2018 Riesling, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Bodegas Henri Lurton 2020 Chenin Centenario, Valle de San Vicente, Valle de Guadalupe, Baja California, Mexico](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Sojourn Cellars 2021 Pinot Noir, Sangiacomo Vineyard, Sonoma Coast](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Etnyre Wines 2018 Syrah, Quin's Vineyard, San Luis Obispo County](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Unti Vineyards 2021 Vermentino, Dry Creek Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Champagne Billecart-Salmon Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru and an eco-friendly Champagne bucket](#)

PLEASE THE PALATE PICKS OF THE WEEK

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Women in Wine Celebrations at Three Sticks Winery](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Taste of Pigs & Pinot in Healdsburg](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Masters of Taste – Returning to the Rosebowl April 2, 2023 and you can save \\$10 with code: PALATE](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: World of Pinot Noir 2023](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Smoked meats and more at Smoke City Char Bar in Downtown LA](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Food and Wine Pairing Dinner at Tesse Restaurant with Montecariano Wines](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Father-Daughter Weekend at Super Bowl 57 in Phoenix, Arizona](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Meteora LA](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Bloodlust Wine Bar in Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: La Cima del Valle in Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Wine and Tapas with Bodega Colomé Winemaker Thibaut Delmotte at the Cara Cara Rooftop at the Proper Hotel Downtown LA](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: The Menu on HBO Max](#)

WINE

[Tuscany's Tiny Gem: VINO Nobile di Montepulciano](#)

[Clone Tasting with Winemaker Chris Kajani of Bouchaine Vineyards](#)

[Breaking with the norm in Friuli, Italy – Josko Gavner finding his own way ‘to get the best wine’](#)

[Discovering Sicily – The Time Is Now](#)

[Dreaming of Spring in Provence](#)

[An Unexpected Windfall at Rowen Wine Co.](#)

[The Versatile World of Champagne Pairings](#)

[Passion for Italian Grapes in California](#)

[Five Expressions of 2013 Cru Barolo](#)

[A day for Cab Franc \(and Cardinal Richelieu\)](#)

[Discovering Italy’s Marche region with Il Conte Villa Prandone](#)

[Drinking with Intention with Ace of Cups Wine and Crystal Ritual Experience](#)



CRUSH ON THIS VIDEOS

[Discover Dão, Portugal – Crush On This Episode 124](#)

[Five Fun Wine Facts About Cabernet Franc – Crush On This Episode 123](#)

[What Are Orange Wines? – Crush On This Episode 122](#)

[Five Fun Wine Facts About Riesling – Crush On This Episode 121](#)

[What is the Perfect Glass for Champagne? – Crush On This Episode 120](#)

[Five Fun Wine Facts About Pinot Noir – Crush On This Episode 119](#)

[Wines with Low Alcohol – Crush On This Episode 118](#)

