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Lehigh Valley Chapter September 2020



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September Lehigh Valley Chapter Tasting



Showcasing Wines of Greece

Sunday September 13, 2020 3:00 PM
Hosts: Tami Cericola, Cheryl Hildebrandt, Jan Thomas
Nostos Restaurant
701 N. 19th Street in Allentown, Pa. 18104
Signup by September 10th

September Lehigh Valley Chapter BYOB



"A Winery You Would Like to Visit"

Friday September 18, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Hosts: Leslie and Peter Staffeld
Register at LVAWS.org to receive the Zoom link

October Lehigh Valley Chapter BYOB



Wine from Africa

Friday October 16, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Hosts: Leslie and Peter Staffeld
Register at LVAWS.org to receive the Zoom link

October Lehigh Valley Chapter Tasting



"Petite Sirah"

Saturday October 24, 2020 5:00 PM
Host: Judi Roggie and Tom Harbin
Register at LVAWS.org to receive the Zoom link

Connections from the Co-Chairs – Peter & Leslie Staffeld

Dear Members,

Happy “almost” Fall to all!

Many thanks go to **Joe Pugliese** for providing a fun and educational tasting about the Nebbiolo grape: Barolo versus Barbaresco for our August meeting. More details and photos are included in this newsletter.



This month, **Tami Cericola**, **Cheryl Hildebrandt**, and **Jan Thomas** are co-hosting “**Wines of Greece**”. This is the LVAWS Chapter’s first in-person tasting since last February! It will be held at Nostros Restaurant in Allentown on September 13. Safety precautions such as limited seating (20 people), masks, tables for 2, and spaced tables will be in place. Details are in this newsletter. There are just a few seats available, so sign up today.

We are pleased to introduce the new **Facebook page** for our Chapter. Thanks go to **Kate Korch** for creating the site and to **Andrew Fetterman** for sharing his photos of Tuscan vineyards. You can join the group by opening Facebook and searching for American Wine Society- Lehigh Valley Chapter.

We invite you to join us for the LVAWS **virtual BYOBs**. When you register on the website you will receive the link to Zoom. Remember, there is no cost and there is a lot of comradery! We hope you’ll join the fun. The theme for September 18 is “**A Winery You Would Like to Visit**”. Then on Friday, October 16 at 5pm we’ll host another virtual BYOB with an “**African wines**” theme. So, mark your calendar and select your wines. It is great fun learning from one another!

Looking ahead to October, **Judi Roggie** and **Tom Harbin** will host a **Petite Sirah** virtual tasting on Saturday, October 24 at 5pm. Details are in this newsletter and members can register on the website.

The Chapter’s work toward adopting **Bylaws and Operating Procedures** continues. All members have had the opportunity to give input. The proposed documents were emailed to the entire membership on September first. They are also available on the website (LVAWS.org) at the top of the home page, on the blue ribbon, under Bylaws tab. The proposed Bylaws and Operating Procedures will be posted for a month and all members will then have the opportunity to vote on October first.

Earlier this month you received an overview of National **AWS’s Small Bottle Program**. The feedback is due on September 10, so we will update you in the October newsletter.

AWS has announced the annual **National Conference** will be held November 4-7, 2020. This year it will be **FREE** (and virtual) for all members. Preliminary information is in this newsletter.

We have a great Chapter because of the extraordinary people in the group! We look forward to seeing you each in person. Until then continue to stay safe and stay healthy.

Cheers!

Peter and Leslie Staffeld

September Lehigh Valley Chapter Tasting



Wines of Greece

Sunday, September 13, 3 PM

Hosts: Tami Cericola, Cheryl Hildebrandt, Jan Thomas
Nostos Restaurant 701 N. 19th Street, Allentown



Please join us for a tasting of wonderful Greek wines. We selected wines that provide a nice cross section of the style, tastes and character of Greece. We will sample ten wines. The wines are from the Peloponnese, West Macedonia, Kefalonia, Santorini and Crete regions.

The **cost for this tasting is \$25.00**. There is a **20-attendee limit for this tasting** so please reserve your attendance early by paying online at the LVAWS.org website by **September 10**. Price includes wine and appetizers. Attendees will choose their dinner selections from the restaurant's menu and pay upon leaving.

In order to facilitate social distancing, Nostos will arrange the room with tables for 2. Please remember to wear a mask and bring a **bottle of wine** to enjoy with your meal.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jan Thomas** at: Janthom51@aol.com

September Lehigh Valley Chapter Virtual BYOB



A Winery You Would Like to Visit

Friday September 18, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Hosts: Leslie and Peter Staffeld

Where would you like to travel to right now? Pick up a wine from that area of the world to share with dozens of fellow LVAWS members, all from the safety of your home. Register on LVAWS.org and receive the link to Zoom.

October Lehigh Valley Chapter Virtual BYOB



Wine from Africa

Friday October 16, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Hosts: Leslie and Peter Staffeld



Select your favorite wine from an African country or try a new vintage. Either way, pick a bottle and share your wine with dozens of fellow LVAWS members, all from the safety of your home.

Register on LVAWS.org and receive the link to Zoom.

Welcome new members **Deb and Cory Lock!** Our membership now stands at 146!

October Lehigh Valley Chapter Tasting

**Virtual
Tasting**

Petite Sirah

Saturday, October 24, 2020 5 PM
Hosts: Judi Roggie and Tom Harbin
Virtual Event on Zoom



Join **Judi Roggie** and **Tom Harbin** on a Zoom session at **5pm Saturday October 24th** to explore one of their favorite grape varieties, **Petite Sirah**.

Petite Sirah is a rich, dark, inky grape that has been grown in California since the 1880's. These purple wines are often described as having flavors of black pepper, blueberries, and spice. The PA state stores carry quite a selection of **Petite Sirah** wines, although many of them are not readily available in the Lehigh Valley. We are going to sample two wines that are in good supply in the Lehigh Valley that Wine Enthusiast recommends and one old favorite that was presented at a Wine & Swine a few years ago and rated very highly against some far more expensive labels. We think that it is helpful to have a wine that can serve as a benchmark when exploring some that you have not tried before. These wines all keep very well for at least a few days, and sometimes even seem to improve overnight.



Store availability is as of September 6th.

Chronic Cellars Suite Petite (PRODUCT CODE: 2210) is selling for \$15.99. Wine Enthusiast rates the 2018 vintage at 91 and describes it as:

Aromas of strawberry and boysenberry meet with smoked beef, violet and tar on the nose of this bottling, which includes 11% Syrah. Char and tar flavors are brushed with more elegant purple- flower and black-plum tones on the balanced palate. **M.K.** Published 7/1/2020

The vintage may vary from 2018.

Lehigh County has it at 10 stores with the most stock at Cedar Crest (21) and Krocks Rd (26).

Northampton County has it at 2 stores, Northampton Crossings (17) and Freemansburg (3)

2017 High Valley Vineyard Petite Sirah (PRODUCT CODE: 79239) is a Chairman's Selection selling for \$13.99. Wine Enthusiast rates the 2017 vintage at 89 and describes it as:

Very dark, very concentrated and very tannic, this massive wine offers grilled meat and pencil-lead aromas, superdark chocolate and black-pepper flavors underlain by blackberries. The tannins are dense, tight and thick in the texture, needing a long time to resolve. Best after 2025. — **J.G.** Published 8/1/2020

You may want to decant this one.

Lehigh County has it at 5 stores with the most stock at Promenade (76), Cedar Crest (67) and Krocks Rd (50).

Northampton County has it at 2 stores, Northampton Crossings (56) and Freemansburg (42).

Spellbound Petite Sirah (PRODUCT CODE: 8576) is selling at \$14.99. It's familiar to many of us and has been consistently good from vintage to vintage and is always approachable and pleasant. 2016 or 2017 is probably on the shelf currently, but if you bought some on sale recently any vintage from 2015 to 2018 is fine.

Lehigh County has it at 9 stores with the most stock at Promenade (16), Allen St (13), and 12 each at Lehigh St, Lehigh Shopping Center, and Fogelsville.

Northampton County has it at 8 stores, with the most at Hellertown (14), 4th Street Bethlehem (13), Stefko Blvd (12), and Freemansburg (12).

NEWS FROM NATIONAL



We congratulate our **new National AWS officers:**

President (vote of confidence) **Mike Wangbickler** (California)

Vice President – **Bill Stefan** (Virginia)

Director of Membership – **Carrie Garczynsky** (Colorado)

Treasurer – **Rich Berezinsky** (South Carolina)

You recently received an email from your co-chairs explaining the **National AWS's Small Bottles Program** and sharing the view of our Chapter's Board. Member feedback is due on September 10, so we will update you in the October newsletter.

Our **National AWS Conference** will be **FREE** this year. It will be open to all members and it will be virtual. It is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 Saturday, November 7. Schedule details will follow. Here is a preview:

Bewitching, Beguiling, Bewildering BRUNELLO!!!

Presenter: **Sharron McCarthy**, former VP of Wine Education at Banfi Vintners

Wines: Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino, Castello Banfi Rosso di Montalcino, and Banfi Centine Rosso. These are available at our local Fine Wines and Spirits Stores

Pioneering Oregon Wine

Presenter: **Jim Bernau**, Founder, Willamette Valley Vineyards

Wines: 2016 Bernau Block Chardonnay, 2018 Vintage 45 Pinot Noir, and 2017 Metis Red Blend
Willamette Valley Vineyards is offering a 50% discount on these wines when ordered directly from the winery. You will either call the winery to order at 800-344-9463 or order online using a discount code

The Fortified Wines of Iberia:

Presenter: **Paul Wagner**, Founder, Balzac Communications & Marketing

Wines: Sherry: Fino and/or Amontillado, Port: Tawny and/or Ruby, and Madeira: Bual and/or Malmsey

No particular producers are suggested so you may have whichever wines of those styles that are available in your local area or, perhaps, already in your cellar. Remember, fortified wines do not have to be consumed quickly so you can enjoy them over several evenings, or several weeks!

Chateau Musar, an icon in the world of wine

Presenter: **Bartholomew Broadbent**, CEO, Broadbent Selections Inc.

Wines: Musar Jeune Rouge, Chateau Musar Hochar Pere et Fils, Chateau Musar Rouge, Chateau Musar Blanc

The first wine is currently a Chairman Selection wine. The other wines may be ordered online from wine.com and other sites. Broadbent Selections has pledged to donate 2% of all Chateau Musar wine sales through December 31 to the victims of the tragic explosion in Beirut.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL - Continued

There is no such thing as Australian Shiraz

Presenter: **Mark Davidson**, Head of Education, Americas, for Wine Australia

Wine 1 (pick one from group):

Torbreck Woodcutters Shiraz 2018, Schild Estate Shiraz 2017, Kaesler Stonehorse Shiraz 2016, Hewitson Ned and Harry's Shiraz 2017, OR Tim Smith Buggalugs Shiraz 2018

Wine 2 (Pick one):

Shaw & Smith Adelaide Hills Shiraz 2016, Ashbook Estate Margaret River Shiraz 2017, Leeuwin Estate Siblings Margaret River Shiraz 2017, Howard Park Flint Rock Great Southern Shiraz 2016, OR Forrest Hill Highbury Fields Great Southern Shiraz 2017

Wine 3 (Pick one):

Tyrrell's Hunter Valley Shiraz 2017, Ben Haines Shiraz Yarra Valley 2017, Punt Road Shiraz Yarra Valley 2017, Giant Steps Yarra Valley Syrah 2017, OR Innocent Bystander Yarra Valley Syrah 2018
Australian wines are available throughout the U.S. but specific wines may not be available locally. Go to your local wine retailer and see which wines on the list are available for purchase selecting one from each group.



Wine Cellar Sale to Benefit AWSEF

Saturday September 26, 2020 8:00 AM - Until
Home of: Donald & Virginia Squair
1043 Beverly Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610-691-8855

Come to see the backyard where **Don Squair** led the first AWS Lehigh Valley Chapter meeting and tasting. The sale itself will focus on cellar material collected over the years and will include: wine press, AWS glassware, wooden cases and ends, books, barrels, decorative wine dispenser, maps, posters and lots of related items. You get the idea! Some household items will also be available. After 1 PM, wine to taste and to encourage sales will be available for a donation.

Reminder: All sales benefit the AWS Education Fund.
Unfortunately, last minute cancellation may be necessary. Sorry.
Questions: please call 610-691-8855

Volunteers needed:

Do you like to **research and write**? We are looking for a newsletter contributor to submit the Education Article related to the tasting each month.
If this job interests you, please contact chair@lvaws.org

LVAWS BYLAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Board of Directors met on Zoom on August 28 to discuss feedback received from members. Eleven members responded; nine with support of the drafts and two members with suggestions. The suggestions were discussed at the Board meeting and revisions were made and votes were cast. Then on September 1st the proposed Bylaws and Operating Procedures were sent to all members for a month-long view. They were also posted on the website (lvaws.org) on the blue ribbon at the top of the home page, click on the Bylaws tab.

On **October 1st** every member will be asked to **vote**. A ballot will be emailed to you at that time.

Barolo Versus Barbaresco August Tasting

Joe Pugliese did a fine job teaching us all about the Nebbiolo grape in the form of two different wines: **Barolo** and **Barbaresco** wines. Thirty-three members participated in this virtual tasting.

Both wines are produced in the foothills of the Alps in **Piedmont**, which is in the Italy's North-West. They are produced from the same small and thick-skinned grape (Nebbiolo is fog in Italian). Nebbiolo grapes tend to produce wines with high tannin and balanced acidity. Both wines were also from the same 2015 vintage, yet they presented very differently. The differences between the wines may be due to the fact that the Nebbiolo is considered to be a "terroir-expressive" variety, in that it picks up more of the earth, soil, and climate characteristics than other grapes.



The first wine, [2015 Bersano Nirvasco Barolo](#) was from Piedmont, Italy. James Suckling scored this wine at 92 points and describes it as "A very perfumed nose with abundant fresh and dried red flowers, as well as herbs and dried red cherries. The palate has a succulent, juicy and quite densely fruited core with plush, smooth and round tannins clasping the finish. Drink from 2022." The Pennsylvania Wine and Spirits store offers this \$50 bottle for just \$26 right now.

This was a lighter color and less complex. While Percy did not think it was a particularly good example of a Barolo and Tom found it a little washed out. Joe suggested we give the Barolo another year, and it might taste better. Some of us agreed to give this a try! This wine spent three years in the barrel and no one argued with the wonderful price (Chairman's Selection \$26). The members rated this wine at 15.3.



The second wine was [2015 Roberto Sarotto Barbaresco Riserva](#) also from Piedmont, Italy. The winemaker describes this wine as "... a complex wine whose nose has a distinctive hint of roses and violets. It has a deep ruby color, a refined smooth taste with a slight aroma of ripe plum, licorice, spices and chocolate. Soft tannins give a particular sensation of sweetness and a long velvet finish. Excellent for serving with red meat courses and cheeses, but also a sipping wine." The Pennsylvania Wine and Spirits store offers this \$35 bottle for just \$18 right now. Participants joked about rushing out to buy a supply. This wine was complex and smooth. Judi and Percy agreed that it was a fantastic wine. It spent 2 years in the barrel and will last for ten+ years. The members rated this wine at 17.6. Joe recommends the 2013 vintage as well.

Chairman's Selection -- Dean Scott

Roberto Sarotto Barbaresco Riverva 2015

VARIETY/STYLE: NEBBIOLO COUNTRY: ITALY REGION: PIEDMONT

PRODUCT CODE: 79207 \$17.99

"This is a complex wine whose nose has a distinctive hint of roses and violets. It has a deep ruby red color, a refined smooth taste with a slight aroma of ripe plum, licorice, spices and chocolate. Soft tannins give a particular sensation of sweetness and a long velvet finish. Excellent for serving with red meat courses and cheeses, but also a sipping wine." — Winemaker notes "The complex nose offers rose petal, dried cherry, strawberry, menthol and spice notes galore. The silky palate offers supple, well-integrated tannin and good depth with balanced acidity on a long finish. A stunning value for Barbaresco Riserva from a great vintage!"

Dean's two cents: This is the hands down the best wine from Joe's Pulgiese, Barolo Versus Barbaresco Virtual Tasting. It is still available at the Cedar Crest, Whitehall, and Quakertown stores.

Rosenblum Cellars Rockpile Road Vineyard Zinfandel 2013

VARIETY/STYLE: ZINFANDEL

PRODUCT CODE: 79074 \$14.99 *quoted at \$50*

"Plump and zesty, with aromas of crushed stone and raspberry leading to ripe but balanced flavors of black cherry, anise and white pepper. Drink now through 2026."

90 points Wine Spectator, Oct 2016

"Supple and rich with loamy wild raspberry and cracked pepper on the nose. The palate is creamy with a rich midpalate showcasing balanced notes of chocolate and spice. An unbelievable opportunity on a single vineyard gem from a historic, top producer of Sonoma zinfandel."

Signae Rossobastardo Umbria Rosso 2016

PRODUCT CODE: 79175 \$9.99 *quoted at \$20*

"Rossobastardo, vinified after a firm drying of autochthonous grape variety (Sagrantino), gives this blend a very intense note of blackberry and black pepper. Wildberry jam, candied orange peel and vegetal notes make the bouquet rich. The formidable softness is supported by an adequate freshness and tanginess; this wine is well-balanced and well-orchestrated." — Winemaker notes "Spiced cherry and plum fruits with details of smoky wild herbs and licorice. The medium-bodied palate shows nice mid-palate richness and great balancing acidity with firm, ripe tannin on the lingering finish. An incredible value from Umbria!" — Josh Hull, wine buyer for the Chairman's Selection® program

Dean's two cents: *This wine is back as a Chairmen Select. I wrote about this wine last year: Sagrantino is an Italian grape variety from the region of Umbria in Central Italy. "autochthonous" refers to grape varieties that are almost exclusively the result of natural cross-breeding or mutation in a particular growing area, and have a long history in that area. After digging into more info on this wine I found out it is a blend of Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet and Sagrantino. So, in my mind it is a Super Tuscan (not from Tuscany) with a unique dried over ripe Sagrantino variety from Umbria in Central Italy. I really like this wine. This is one of my favorite "under \$10" wines. If you like Super Tuscan you will love this wine too.*

Renwood Premeir Old Vine Zinfandel Amador County 2018

VARIETY/STYLE: ZINFANDEL PRODUCT CODE: 79266 \$11.99

The wine expresses itself aromatically with nuances of fresh blackberry and cranberry with ever so subtle hints of savory dried herbs. The tannin structure is finely polished, and its juicy backbone is the major player from front to back in this classic beauty. Well balanced acidity ensures it will age famously over the next several years.

Winemaker's notes: Bold, briary and zesty raspberry and blackberry on the nose, with lots of spice and cracked pepper details. The rich palate offers firm, fine ripe tannin and a long finish of smoke and spicy red fruits. A dynamic young Zinfandel from Renwood and an incredible buy!

Dean's two cents: *You might remember this wine from Percy's Renwood vertical tasting last year. It rated very high and should cellar very well.*

Lehigh Valley Chapter Wine Tastings & Events



| <u>2020</u> | <u>Host</u> | <u>Theme</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Sept 9 | Email Chair@LVAWS with feedback about the Small Bottles Program | |
| Sept 13 | Tami Cericola, Cheryl Hildebrandt, Jan Thomas | Wines of Greece at Nostros Restaurant |
| Sept 18 | Peter & Leslie Staffeld | Virtual BYOB: A Winery You Would Like to Visit |
| Sept 26 | Don & Virginia Squair | Wine Cellar Sale to benefit AWSEF |
| Oct 1 | You will receive an email to vote on the new Bylaws and Operating Procedures | |
| Oct 16 | Peter & Leslie Staffeld | Virtual BYOB: African Wines |
| Oct 24 | Judi Roggie & Tom Harbin | Virtual Wine Tasting: Petite Sirah |
| Nov 4-7 | National AWS | FREE Virtual National Conference |
| Nov 20 | Peter & Leslie Staffeld | Virtual BYOB: Chairman Select Wines |
| Dec 4 | Peter & Leslie Staffeld | Virtual BYOB: Favorite Party Wine |
| Dec 13 | Annette Derkacs, Jan Thomas, Ann Vlot | Holiday Party at Morgan's Restaurant |
| <u>2021</u> | | |
| January | Dean & Bonnie Scott | Theme to be determined |
| February | Would YOU like to host? | Pick your theme... |
| March 14 | Jan Thomas | Illyrian Wines at Nostros (rescheduled) |
| April | Kevin & Michele Campbell | Spanish Wines |
| May | Peter & Leslie Staffeld | Port and Food Pairing (rescheduled) |
| June 13 | Matt Green & Ann Vlot | To Decant or Not Decant (rescheduled) |

National and Lehigh Valley AWS Dues

YOU MUST JOIN BOTH THE NATIONAL AWS & THE LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER

National AWS Membership: To join, you need to register with both the national American Wine Society (AWS) organization and a local AWS chapter. The national organization has a variety of membership plans available, but the most popular are an "individual" membership for \$49/year, and a "household" membership (for two people at the same address) for \$62/year. You can register for one or two local chapters. We recommend that you select the Lehigh Valley chapter as your Primary chapter! You can sign up for national membership online at AmericanWineSociety.org.

Lehigh Valley Chapter AWS Membership: The Lehigh Valley chapter has two membership levels (individual and household), which are both \$10/year. Once you become a Lehigh Valley Chapter member you can register for all of our wine tastings, educational events, and BYOB dinner parties. You can sign up for membership online at LVAWS.org using the "Join us" main menu option, or use the form below.

Name(s) _____ Email Address _____
Address _____ Phone # _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Membership runs from January to December.

You can pay on-line at lvaws.org or mail a check to:

LVAWS Treasurer Kevin Campbell, 6461 Meadowview Terrace South, Zionsville PA 18092

Guest policy: Members are encouraged to bring guests to our events. The national AWS insurance policy restricts guests to a maximum of three events in a lifetime.

Virtual BYOB and Wine Tastings





A Grape You Never Heard of Wines Shared...

| First name | Wine | Vintage | Origin | Grape | Notes |
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| Kevin & Michele Campbell | Illyria Zilavka | 2014 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Zilavka | Dry white table wine that pairs well with white meat dishes, fish, clams and crabs. Made by a female winemaker. |
| Percy Dougherty | Zorah Karasi | 2007 | Armenia | Areni Noir | Red wine of medium body and light tannins. Some oak with sweet vanilla and dried cherry. Short finish. |
| John & Julie Hasson | Kretikos | 2017 | Crete | Vilana | |
| Jody King & Jim Vozar | Mariana Salice Salentino | NV | Puglia Region, Italy | Negroamaro | |
| John Koempel | Carski Emporia Zilavka Mostar | 2019 | Bosnia & Herzegovina | Zilavka | Available at Fine Wine and Spirits for \$15 |
| Suzanne Laverick-Stone & Rod Stone | Dethona Vigneti Massa | 2017 | Monleale, Italia | Timorasso | This grape was revived from near extinction by Walter Massa Often likened to German Riesling |
| Deb & Cory Lock | Picpoul de Pinet | 2018 | Longuedoc Region, France | Picpoul | Picpoul means "stings the lip," referring to the grape's naturally sky-high acidity |

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| Charlie Mackenzie & Jan Thomas | Karaman | 2017 | Dubrovnik, Croatia | Malvasija | |
| Judi Roggie & Tom Harbin | Montalbera Lacceto Ruche di Castagnole | 2012 | Piedmonte, Italy | Ruche | |
| Bonnie Scott | Antxiola, Gerariako Txakolina | 2018 | Aia, Spain | Hondarrbi Zuri | This dry, acidic white wine has citrus fruit, ripe fruit, herb, floral, black pepper, green pepper, pomegranate, blackberry and raspberry. |
| Dean Scott | Heart of the Lake, Weis Vineyard | 2019 | Finger Lakes | NY81.0315.17 | This is a grape that was developed by Cornell University in 1999 it is hybrid Cayuga white x Riesling. It is the only Cornell grape that is widely planted that has no name. They said they were going to do a naming contest but I never heard anything else. |
| Peter & Leslie Staffeld | Segura Viudas Brut | NV | Penedes, Spain | Macabeo and Parellada | This estate grown cava is complex. It is made in the traditional method. The opening aroma is bread-like, followed by hints of honey, fruit and flowers. It tastes of dried fruits with a smoky minerality and fresh apple. Wine & Spirits rated it at 92 points. |
| Liz & Dave Toler | Pennsylvania Scheurebe | NV | Unami Ridge Winery Quakertown PA | Scheurebe | The Scheurebe grape is a German grape & the grape is grown in Germany, Austria, California, Oregon, Western Australia & Nova Scotia. It produces a very aromatic, floral and sometimes spicy like muscat wine. This grape is popular in AWS wine competitions. |
| Shannon & David Thompkins | Moschofilero | 2019 | Peloponnese, Greece | Moschofilero | |