

# please the palate



## January 2020 Newsletter

Happy New Year!!! Welcome to 2020! We have officially started a new decade. It really is hard to believe that another year has passed.

As I look back on 2019, I am thankful for such a full year! 2019 marked the 8th anniversary of Please The Palate. I spent 91 days traveling to Austin, Houston, Dallas, Boston, Sonoma, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Paso Robles, Pebble Beach, New York, New Jersey, and Oregon and also spent three weeks in Italy, traveling through Campania, as well as to Rome, Milan, Vercelli and Asti. I organized and promoted more than 27 events around the country for a variety of clients including Dao Wines, the Brotherhood of Port, Wines of Setubal, Catalan Wines, Albeisa Association, Seven % Solution, Effervescence and more. I interviewed 60 winemakers and winery owners for the Wine Soundtrack podcast. I wrote 187 articles which appeared in the Napa Valley Register, California Winery Advisor, BIN Magazine, Daily Ovation and the Please The Palate blog. And, I returned as a wine judge at the Central Coast Wine Competition.

In addition to interviewing winemakers for Wine Podcast, I was honored to be invited to be a guest on two podcasts: [Hit The Bottle Podcast](#) in which I spoke about event planning tips and [Money Matters Top Tips Podcast](#) in which I shared the story of my journey.

Phew! 2019 was an exhausting year but I am ready for 2020 and hope that it is even better. On deck for 2020 so far is more travel, more events, more writing, and more podcasts. And, I will be a wine judge at two more wine competitions! The McMinnville Food & Wine Classic Wine Competition, part of the 27th annual charity fundraiser for St James Elementary School, will take place in McMinnville, Oregon in January. The San Diego International Wine Competition will take place in San Diego in April.

Wishing everyone a wonderful, healthy, happy and successful 2020! May this be the start of an amazing decade!

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

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

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[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Kelman Family Vineyard 2017 Encruzado,  
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[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Seabold Cellars 2018 Rodnick Farm Old  
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[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Pedra Cancela Seleccao do Enologo  
Tinto 2016, Dão, Portugal](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Feudi di San Gregorio Taurasi 2014  
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[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Pedroncelli 2017 Mother Clone Zinfandel,  
Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Flor de Nelas Emiliano Campos  
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[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Mettler Wines 2017 Lodi Epicenter Old  
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## PLEASE THE PALATE PICKS OF THE WEEK

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[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: NewAir 24" Built-in 46 Bottle Dual Zone Compressor Wine Fridge in Black Stainless Steel](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Office Holiday Party Pop Up at Severance Wine Bar](#)

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[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Jordan Vineyard and Winery Halloween Party](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Drinking Wine in Houston, Texas at Three Wine Bars – Light Years, Montrose Cheese & Wine and A'Bouzy](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Bavel DTLA](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: A Family Tradition at Antonio's Mexican Restaurant on Melrose Avenue](#)

## WINE

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[With Chopin Vodka, Vodka Is Not Just Vodka](#)

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## **FOOD**

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[Warrior Los Angeles Opens on the Sunset Strip](#)

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[Fresh Oysters, Lobsters Rolls and more at Shuck House in the Westfield Century](#)

[From Morning to Night, From Coffee to Wine – Head to Bar Avalon in Echo Park](#)

[Delicious Nikkei Cuisine at Yapa in Downtown LA](#)

[New Menu at Napa Valley Grille Also Offers Unique Wine Pairings](#)

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## **WINE WEIRDOS VIDEOS**

[2018 Breaking Bread Grenache Redwood Valley, Mendocino County California Red](#)

[Wine](#)

[Berryessa Gap Tempranillo Yolo County California Red Wine](#)

[2018 Massican Gemina Napa Valley, California](#)

[2014 Cantina Kurtatsch Pinot Grigio Sudtiroi Alto Adige, Italy](#)

[Finca Decero The Owl & The Dust Devil Remolinos Vineyard, Argentina](#)

[2018 Eighty Four Albariño Los Carneros, Napa Valley](#)

