



Fall 2020 Newsletter

2020 continues to be a challenging year. We are now more than half way through a year that has brought us a pandemic (and everything affiliated with that) and fires that have destroyed property and challenged the 2020 vintage. I hope as I write this that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy.

Despite all of the challenges, the summer of 2020 was a productive one for Please The Palate. In June, we had to cancel the annual Vintage Hollywood food and wine event of which I sit on the board. In lieu of the event, I hosted three virtual wine tastings to raise money for GO Campaign. The first one featured [Kathy Joseph of Fiddlehead Cellars in Sta. Rita Hills and Pam Starr of Crocker & Starr Winery in Napa](#), the second one featured [William Allen of Two Shepherds in Sonoma and Scott Flora of Native Flora in the Willamette Valley, Oregon](#), and the third one featured [Rebecca and Peter Work of Ampelos Cellars in Santa Ynez Valley and Kara and Wayne Fingerman of Hard Six Cellars in Napa](#).

In July, I was a guest on the podcast One Bourbon, One Chard, Or One Beer where I competed against hosts Chris Kern and Jason Stubblefield to pick a wine, a spirit or a beer to pair with each song! Take a listen to [“Please Please Me” With Allison Levine](#) and [The Not-So-Secret Life Of The American Teenager With Allison Levine](#)

At the end of July, two of my wine writer friends and I launched a weekly video series called Crush On This. I am based in Los Angeles and my friends are Cindy Rynning, based in Chicago and Christine Campbell, based in Vancouver. Each week we pick a different wine topic and wine selections and have a fun chat. Check it out and follow us on [YouTube](#).

In early September I was surprised to receive an email from Corking Wines, a leading online wine merchant and retailer based in the city of York, UK, who selected my blog as one of the [Top 101 Wine Writers Of 2020 Award](#). Celebrating the finest writers on the web, founders David Beswick and Yvonne Holmes said "We're thrilled to award Allison with our Top 101 Wine Writers of 2020 award, in recognition of the original and beautifully presented

content she produces for the Please The Palate blog. Allison has deservedly built up a strong readership for her blog by creating hundreds of engaging posts, that reflect her passion for wine, food and all the people she shares this with." It was a definite honor to be recognized!

Upcoming Events:

Rethinking European Wines! Join Please The Palate, Wine Weirdos and Riviera Wine Group for three virtual tastings. Each hour-long wine tasting and educational conversation includes two bottles of wine, tasting notes, a history of each variety, stories about the winemakers, and food pairings.

[Rethinking European Wines Part 1 – Italy](#)

Friday, October 23, 6pm PST

\$49 (1 bottle of Italian White Wine and 1 bottle of Italian Red Wine)

In order to receive this bundle in time to enjoy during the class, you must place your order by October 5th.

[Rethinking European Wines Part 2 – Portugal](#)

Friday, November 6, 6pm PST

\$49 (1 bottle of Portuguese White Wine and 1 bottle of Portuguese Red Wine)

In order to receive this bundle in time to enjoy during the class, you must place your order by October 19th.

[Rethinking European Wines Part 3 – Austria](#)

Friday, November 20, 6pm PST

\$49 (1 bottle of Austrian White Wine and 1 bottle of Austrian Red Wine)

In order to receive this bundle in time to enjoy during the class, you must place your order by November 2nd.

[Purchase the entire bundle for \\$135](#) (6 bottles of wine).

In order to receive this bundle in time to enjoy during the classes, you must place your order by October 5th.

Special Offers:

Ready to invest in a [Coravin](#), **save 10% discount with the code: CCRXRBUD3Y**

If you are interested in starting your own hydroponic garden with [Lettuce Grow](#), **save \$50 with the code: FRIEND-X6BU**



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.

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- [JP Valot, Silvan Ridge](#)
- [Steve Beckmen, Beckmen Vineyards](#)
- [Jason Haas, Tablas Creek](#)
- [Joel Aiken, Scattered Peaks](#)

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- [Stefano Chiarlo, Michele Chiarlo, Piemonte, Italy](#)
- [Luigi Coppo, Coppo, Piemonte, Italy](#)
- [Federico Ceretto, Ceretto, Piemonte, Italy](#)
- [Anselmo Guerrieri Gonzaga, Tenuta San Leonardo, Trentino, Italy](#)
- [Antonio Capaldo, Feudi Di San Gregorio](#)
- [Jerome Legras, Champagne Legras Et Haas, France](#)

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: Sosie's 2018 Sparkling White Wine, "First Things First," Vivio Vineyard, Bennett Valley, Sonoma County](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Halleck Vineyard 2016 Find Your Light Pinot Noir, Sonoma](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Acquiesce 2016 Sparkling Grenache Blanc](#)

[Please The Palate Wine Of The Week: Deux Punx Teroldego 2018, Clarksburg AVA](#)

[Please The Palate Wine Of The Week: Priest Ranch 2018 Grenache Blanc, Napa Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine Of The Week: Notre Vue 2019 Rosé Of Gsm, Chalk Hill](#)
[Please The Palate Wine Of The Week: Colosi Salina Bianco, Sicily, Italy](#)

[Please The Palate Wine Of The Week: Tres Sabores 2016 Petite Sirah Napa Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine Of The Week: Weingut Weinreich Silvaner 2015, Rheinhessen, Germany](#)

[Please The Palate Wine Of The Week: Two Shepherds 2019 'Bucking Luna' Sparkling Cinsault – Sparkling Wine In A Can](#)

[Please The Palate Wine Of The Week: Gérard Bertrand Château L'hospitalet](#)

[Grand Vin Rouge 2017](#)

[Please The Palate Wine Of The Week: Lieu Dit Gamay 2016, Santa Maria](#)

[Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine Of The Week: Smith-Madrone 2016 Chardonnay,](#)

[Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley](#)

PLEASE THE PALATE PICKS OF THE WEEK

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: 2020 Wine Country Fire Relief Fundraiser](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Bertani Valpolicella 2017](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: The Princess Bride Virtual Reunion](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Francs n' Franks with Buttonwood Winery](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: EATALY USA Celebrates 10 Years with La](#)

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[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Grand Reserve™ World Mastercard®](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Virtual Vino Vinyasa with Ernest Vineyards](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Arena Cinelounge's Signature Gourmet](#)

[Popcorn](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Harveys Bristol Cream and S'Mores](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Joe Roberts' Wine Taster's Guid: Drink and](#)

[Learn with 30 Wine Tastings](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Lettuce Grow Farmstand](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Sipsong Indira Tea](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: CBD Living Sparkling Water and CBD](#)

[Living Gummies](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Pure Crump Simply Sweet Snacks](#)

WINE

[Meet Ali Smith-Story and Eric Story of Smith Story Wine Cellars](#)

[Graham Beck and the quest for the perfect bubble](#)

[Meet Larry Schaffer, Owner and Winemaker at Tercero Wines](#)

[Rethinking Petite Sirah](#)

[Richard Sanford and the Sta. Rita Hills AVA](#)

[Meet Kathy Joseph, Owner and Winemaker at Fiddlehead Cellars](#)

[A Sense of Place with Gary Farrell Pinot Noirs](#)

[Is Clean Wine the New Hydroxychloroquine?](#)

[Grill and Zin It](#)

[Defining the Terroir of Burgenland, Austria](#)

[Meet Bill Nachbaur, Vigneron at Acorn Winery](#)

[GO, GO, GO, Gamay!](#)

[Winemaker Interview: Kathleen Inman](#)

[The Trend-Setting Gerard Bertrand, "King of Langedoc"](#)

[Put Some Sparkle in Your Day with a World of Sparkling Wines](#)

[Changing the Image of Bordeaux](#)

SPIRITS

[KAH Tequila Rises Again](#)

[SPA GIRL Cocktails – The Founder, The CEO and The Rainmaker - How Three](#)

[Women Are Shaking Up the Liquor Business](#)

LIFESTYLE

[Five Items Getting Me Through Home Life](#)



CRUSH ON THIS VIDEOS

[Crush On This Episode 11: Portuguese Red Wine](#)

[Crush On This Episode 10: New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc](#)

[Crush On This Episode 9: Grenache](#)

[Crush On This Episode 8: Backyard Wine Regions](#)

[Crush On This Episode 7: Domestic Sparkling Wine](#)

[Crush On This Episode 6: California Red Wines](#)

[Crush On This Episode 5: Pinot Noir](#)

[Crush On This Episode 4: Summer Sippers](#)

[Crush On This Episode 3: Rosé Wines From South Of France](#)

[Crush On This Episode 2: Wine And Grilling](#)

[Crush On This Episode 1: First Wine Crush](#)



WINE WEIRDOS VIDEOS

[2017 Bannister Pinot Noir – Green Valley of Russian River Valley, Sonoma County, California Red Wine](#)

[2018 Acquiesce Clairette Blanche – Mokelumne River Lodi California White Wine](#)

[2018 Acquiesce Bourboulenc – Mokelumne River Lodi California White Wine](#)

[2018 Bannister Riesling - Cole Ranch Mendocino California White Wine](#)

[Biltmore Estate Blanc de Noir Methode Champenoise](#)

[2018 Gerard Bertrand Chateau L'Hospitalet Grand Vin AOP La Clape French Red Wine](#)

[2015 Orsi Family Nebbiolo Sonoma County California Red Wine](#)