



October 2021 Newsletter

Summer is officially over and Fall 2021 is here. The weather has been slowly changing and harvest is underway around the world. While we still need to be cautious and keep safe, with vaccinations, life is starting to return to a level of normality.

While I have traveled locally over the last year, September marked the first international trip in two years. I traveled to Piedmont, Italy, to see friends and visit wineries. It felt so freeing and natural to travel again, although precautions were taken. The majority of meals and events were outside and masks were worn inside. Per Italy's rules, you can only eat indoors if vaccinated or with a negative test. If you are thinking of traveling internationally, it is possible. Just plan ahead to make sure you have filled out the necessary paperwork, get tested when necessary, wear your masks, and have fun.

Live events have started to happen as well. I just finished two in-person trade lunches for the Dao region in Portugal, as well as a week of hybrid seminars in Chicago and New York for Milano Wine Week. All of these events were indoors for small groups of people and vaccination proof was required. It was wonderful to see people in person under these safety guidelines.

Even with travel and live events starting up, virtual events are continuing (see below) and I think, and hope, they are here to stay.

Looking forward, as the Fall season continues and we head into the Winter months, I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. And I hope your days are filled with wonderful wines!

Two FREE Virtual Events About the Abruzzo region in Italy!

Register and attend either webinar for a chance to win one WSET Level 2 online class complete with tasting kit courtesy of Deborah Parker Wong, or the equivalent value applied to a WSET Level 3 class.

There is no winegrowing region in Europe like Abruzzo where 65% of the region is mountainous and more than 30% of the land is protected by parks, nature reserves and protected areas.

Discover the wines and terroirs of this unique region in two free virtual events led by wine educator Deborah Parker Wong, DipWSET.

Thursday, October 21, 6:00pm – 7:30pm PDT

Deborah Parker Wong, DipWSET, guides a journey through Abruzzo's terroirs and wines from the Apennines to the Adriatic coast.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR OCT 21](#)

Thursday, October 28, 9:00am – 10:30am PDT

Journey through Abruzzo's terroirs and wines from the Apennines to the Adriatic coast with Davide Acerra from the Consorzio Vini d'Abruzzo and moderated by Deborah Parker Wong, DipWSET

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



Check out Wine Soundtrack's new [website](#) and take a listen to podcast interviews with producers around the world!

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.

Recent USA podcasts are available with:

- [Delia Viader - Viader](#)
- [Matt Parish Wines - Matt Parish](#)
- [Acorn Wine - Bill Nachbaur](#)
- [Lang & Reed - John Skupny](#)
- [Silver Trident Winery - Kari Auringer](#)

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: Capensis Silene 2017 Chardonnay, Stellenbosch, South Africa](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Principi di Butera 2019 Diamanti Grillo Sicilia DOC, Italia](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Elvio Cogno 2020 Montegrilli Langhe Nebbiolo](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: La Raia 2018 Gavi Riserva DOCG Vigna Madonnina, Piemonte, Italy](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Markus Wine Co 2020 Nativo, Lodi](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Pfendler Vineyards 2019 Chardonnay, Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Paso Verde 2020 White Wine, Paso Robles](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Bosman Family Vineyards 2019 Pinot Noir, Upper Hemel en Aarde Valley, South Africa](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Anarchist Wine Co 2020 Piquette](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Inman Family 2020 Endless Crush® Rosé, OGV Estate, Russian River Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Fiddlehead Cellars 2014 Seven Twenty Eight Pinot Noir, Fiddlestix Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Champagne Billecart-Salmon Cuvee Elisabeth Salmon Brut Rosé 2008](#)

[Please The Palate Wine of the Week: Tolenas Winery 2020 Eclipse White Pinot Noir, Suisun Valley](#)

PLEASE THE PALATE PICKS OF THE WEEK

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Battuta di Fassona, a typical appetizer in Piemonte, Italy made from Fassona beef](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: International Cheese Festival by Slow Food In Bra, Piemonte, Italy](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Dining with Italian Winemakers](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: A Belated Birthday Celebration, Italian Style](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Pairing Wine with Potato Chips](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Visiting Piazza Family Wines' Bella Vista Vineyard in Ballard Canyon in the Santa Ynez Valley](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Hotel Ynez in Santa Ynez](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Aperol Spritzes with the Limited-Edition Aperol Spritz kit from Cocktail Courier](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: The Barn at The Hilt Estate](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Ginifest Armenian Wine Festival](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Taste The Estate Food and Wine Pairing Experience at Trefethen](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: The Art of Sparkling Wine Pairing of Mexican Bites with Bubbles at Domaine Carneros](#)

[Please The Palate Pick of the Week: Wine and Chocolate Pairing with Jackson Family Wines, Jackson Family WellVine™ Chardonnay Marc, and Vine to Bar Chocolates](#)

WINE

[Creative Wine Pairing Experiences in Yountville](#)

[7 Can't Miss Wineries to Add to Your Anderson Valley Itinerary](#)

[The Wine Foundry: 'Bite-sized' winemaking at a dual purpose Napa winery](#)

[Alsace Checks All The Boxes](#)

[Remi Cohen - CEO of Domaine Carneros](#)

[From Bosnia and Brewing to California: Meet Inspiring Winemaker Samra Morris](#)

[Sibling Synergy: Claire and Alan Ramey continue their father's legacy](#)

[Piemonte Italy's Hidden Gem – Roero](#)

SPIRITS

[Women to Watch: Jill Kuehler, Founder & Distiller, Freeland Spirits, Portland, Oregon](#)

[The Drought Is Over: Welcome NEFT Vodka](#)



CRUSH ON THIS VIDEOS

[Taste Languedoc Wine: Crush On This Episode 64](#)

[Burger Friendly Wines - Crush On This Episode 63](#)

[The World of Grenache - Crush On This Episode 62](#)

[Island Wines: Sardinia with Sella & Mosca Wines - Crush On This Episode 61](#)

[Life is a Cabernet: Crush On This Episode 60](#)

[Cheap and Cheerful Red Wine: Crush On This Episode 59](#)

[The Diversity of Pinot Noir: Crush On This Episode 58](#)

[Island Wines: Sicily - Crush On This Episode 57](#)

[Cheap and Cheerful White Wines - Crush On This Episode 56](#)

[Wine Closures Wine Tips - Crush On This Episode 55](#)

[Crush On This Celebrates Our 1 Year Anniversary with Rose Champagne](#)

[Wine Faults: Volatile Acidity - Crush On This Episode 53](#)



WINE WEIRDOS VIDEOS

[2018 Badenhorst Secateurs Cinsault Blend Swartland D.O., South Africa](#)

[Pikasi Rebula Vipava Valley Slovenia White Wine](#)

[2019 Weinschlüssel Steinschaden Grüner Veltliner Kamptal Austria White Wine](#)

[2017 Kings Carey Grenache Spear Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills California Red Wine](#)

[2016 Opolo Petite Sirah Paso Robles, California Red Wine](#)

[2019 King's Carey Rose of Grenache Spear Vineyards, California Pink Wine](#)

[2018 Armida Maple Vineyards Zinfandel Sonoma County California Red Wine](#)

[2016 Tyrrell's Wines Rufus Stone Shiraz Victoria, Australia Red Wine](#)

[2018 Liquid Farm SBC Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills California Red Wine](#)

[2018 Tres Sabores Headline Red Wine Sonoma County California](#)

[2017 Yacoubian Hobbs Sarpina Areni Vayots Dzor Armenian Red Wine](#)

