



MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH EXPANDS ITS WEEKLY WINE SEMINARS

Summer Wine Series Held on Sunday Afternoons at The Loft Bistro

- WHO:** All wine lovers welcome.
- WHAT:** *THE ARTISTRY OF WINE* is an exciting new wine education series that features tastings of different varietals and vintages from wine regions around the world. Seminars and tastings led by Montage sommeliers and prominent winemakers focus on wines from “Dry Rosé: The Perfect Summer Wine” to “Artisan Saké” and “New World Blends”. Also includes a session showcasing “Beer – Handcrafted Artisan Masterpieces”.
A program calendar is attached.
- WHEN:** Sundays, May 6, 2007 through September 30, 2007 (except holidays)
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** The Loft Bistro at Montage
30801 South Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, CA
- WHY:** Montage Wine Director Christopher Coon and his team of sommeliers want to share their enthusiasm for wine knowledge and tasting with locals and hotel guests in a relaxed comfortable environment during leisurely Sunday afternoons.
- HOW:** To reserve a seat, please call 949-715-6420. Price per person, \$25. Space is limited.

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MAY 6

Hidden Treasures of the United States. There's more to U.S. wine than just California

Wine is made in all 50 states; find out why finely crafted American wine is not all about California, Oregon and Washington.

MAY 13

Mother's Day Weekend (No Tasting)

MAY 20

Southern France

The wines of Southern France are often overlooked. Many amazing rosés, dessert wines and spicy reds come from the South of France. Join us for a look at these sunny wines which pair perfectly with our Mediterranean climate.

MAY 27

Memorial Day Weekend (No Tasting)

JUNE 3

Spumante and Frizzanti: The Sparkling Wines of Italy

A whole universe exists outside of the strict confines of champagne; and Italy has a long history of some of the most diverse and food-friendly sparkling wines. Explore with us some of the most exciting wines in the world of bubbles.

JUNE 10

Wines of Latin America

A rich history of wine and winemaking exists in Latin America. Explore some of the finest examples of wine from Argentina, Chile and Mexico.

JUNE 17

Father's Day Weekend (No Tasting)

JUNE 24

Southern Italy: Italy's New Frontier

Southern Italy is attracting the attention of the world as a re-emerging wine region. Wines have been produced there since 1,000 A.D. but modern, quality wines are a relatively new phenomenon. Come try some incredible selections from this timeless land.

JULY 1

Zinfandel: An American Immigrant

Zinfandel is a unique American grape with roots as deep as the vines themselves. Allow us to showcase some of the finest examples crafted in the hills of California and compare them against Primitivo, their European forefather.

JULY 8

Artisan Saké

Saké is said to have originated in China in 4800 B.C. Today there are roughly 1,800 saké breweries making over 40,000 types of saké. Taste why there is almost 7,000 years of tradition behind this incredible artisanal drink.

JULY 15

Tasmania

This southern hemisphere region is one of the coolest wine producing areas in Australia and is making quality wines in a style quite unique from the rest of the country. Try some uncommon wines from the land “Down Under.”

JULY 22

Wines of Alsace: Rich and Aromatic Whites

Chardonnay isn't the only grape variety with incredible complexity. Taste a lineup of some of France's most noble white grapes. You may never crave Chardonnay again.

JULY 29

Dry Rosé: The Perfect Summer Wine

All the flavors of your favorite “serious” red wines, yet delicate and very drinkable. Who wants a heavy Syrah when lying by the pool? Sample how the rest of the world enjoys wine during the summer.

AUGUST 5

South Africa

South Africa is home to a truly unique grape variety, Pinotage, but its wine heritage goes much deeper. Try some incredible wines from this very respected wine producing country.

AUGUST 12

Pinot Grigio: More Than Just Italy

Come taste some of the finest examples of Pinot Grigio from around the world. No matter if it's called Pinot Grigio, Pinot Gris or Grauerburgunder, this is a grape that can rival Chardonnay in complexity and elegance.

AUGUST 19

California Pinot Noir: New Upcoming Hotspots

Pinot Noir is all the rage and it couldn't have happened to a nicer grape. Try some regions from California that are truly bringing out the best this grape has to offer. The best is yet to come.

AUGUST 26

Riesling: The Most Noble Grape Variety

To many, Riesling is the epitome of white wine. From bone dry to sticky sweet, Riesling comes in a myriad of styles reflecting where it was grown more so than any other grape variety. See why so many are passionate about this wine.

SEPTEMBER 2

Australian Shiraz: All The Fruit And Spice You Can Handle

Most of a wine region's best wines are the ones you rarely see. Try these lesser-known gems that redefine "full bodied."

SEPTEMBER 9

Reds of the Loire Valley

The white wines of France's Loire Valley are world renowned, but the red wines it produces are equally amazing and diverse. Take a look as we shine a spotlight on these often overlooked gems and discover a whole new side of the Loire.

SEPTEMBER 16

Beer: Handcrafted, Artisanal Masterpieces

When crafting their beverage of choice, there are some brew masters who rival winemakers when it comes to quality and dedication. Take a break from wine and sample some of the finest artisanal brews that the beer world has to offer.

SEPTEMBER 23

New World Blends

Most of the finest wines in the Old World are made of carefully constructed blends. Each grape lends an essential element to the finished masterpiece. Come discover a New World approach to Old World style.

SEPTEMBER 30

Spanish Reds: New Wines From Old Vines

Modern techniques, new winemaking talent and seriously old vines combine to make Spain the country to watch over the next several years.

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