

SIR Wine Tasting Guidelines

Members:

- SIR members and spouses
- Maximum 10 people per host house
 - Can limit to the first 10 signed up to ensure 10 people at each tasting.
 - Can have more than one host in a month if sign-ups warrant.

Logistics:

- Coordinator is the SIR chair for this activity (Jay Muzio)
 - Collect sign-ups.
 - Collect hosts for each month and coordinate with hosts on themes for the year.
 - Oversee the selection of themes so there are not duplicates during the year.
 - Send announcement of upcoming tasting to newsletter each month along with the theme, such as:
 - Varietal
 - Growing region
 - Vintage
 - Value
 - Blend
 - Assign meal contributions to attendees. (This is to balance out the contributions, so no one is constantly bringing one contribution.)
 - Appetizer
 - Entrée
 - Vegetable/salad and bread
 - Side—pasta, rice, potatoes
 - Dessert
 - Collect RSVPs and communicate those to host.
- Host is the person at whose home the tasting will be held.
 - Decide on theme, collaborating with coordinator
 - Provide dishes and silverware for dinner
 - Provide plastic glasses for spitting (one per attendee)
 - Provide brief description of the type of wines being tasted
 - Provide palate cleansers such as crackers or bread
 - Provide a sheet for attendees to document their tasting
 - Provide a glass of water for each attendee
 - Collect \$5/person tasting
 - Provide 10 poker chips/attendee or other markers for voting
 - Manage the voting by asking attendees to put any number of their chips in front of the bottles according to their preferences.

- Calculate a first and second winner and award cash prize of \$30 for first and \$20 for second.
 - Send list of wines tasted and their rankings to coordinator after the event.
- Each couple (or single if no spouse) brings one bottle of wine.
 - One bottle of wine
 - Price of bottle written on label
 - Bottle wrapped in paper bag or other to hide label
 - Bottle at proper serving temperature
 - Required number of wine glasses
 - A food contribution as assigned by host