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**Welcome**



The Groton Animal Foundation (GAF) would like to welcome you to its sixth annual "Cause for Pause" Wine and Beer Tasting fundraiser.

GAF's mission is to pay for the medical needs of animals residing at the Groton Animal Control Facility, because healthy animals are more likely to be adopted. GAF's medical emergency fund subsidizes the veterinary bills of pets owned by financially challenged Groton citizens. In addition, GAF advocates on behalf of animals by supporting legislation designed to protect animals from abuse and neglect; educates the public on issues of animal safety; and funds other educational programs in the community.

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ENJOY!**

Sincerely,  
Mary Kelly, President

## Table 1

### Wine & Beer Tasting Basics

Please remember to taste, not drink.

Use one glass throughout the evening.

Water is provided at each table for rinsing glasses.

Taste white wine before red, and dry wine before sweet.

### Tasting Fine Wine

#### Look into your glass

Note the hue and intensity of color.

#### Smell the wine

Swirling releases aroma compounds.

#### Taste the wine

Aerate the wine in your mouth, circulate the wine around your palate. This allows you to taste the sensations more vividly.

#### And spit

It's not only acceptable, it's correct!

If you feel you have had too much to drink, we will call a cab for you.

### New England Wine & Spirits, Inc.

#### Fran

Wente Morning Fog Chardonnay - Aromas and flavors of green apple and tropical fruits balanced by subtle oak, cinnamon and vanilla from barrel aging. This wine delivers a medium-long refreshing finish.

Mimosa Mango - Fresh fruity mangos blended with crisp, dry white wine graced with a light effervescence.

Mimosa Pomegranate - Freshly squeezed pomegranate juices are blended with crisp, dry wine graced with a light effervescence.

Michael David 7 Deadly Zins - Vibrant ruby red in color with lots of rich earth and dark berry aromas. Bright raspberry, cranberry fruit with some warm spice on the lingering finish.



**Table 2**

**Brescome Barton, Inc  
Denny**

Ruffino Moscato D'Asti - From Piedmont, north-western Italy. It is pleasantly sweet and fragrant with distinct notes of peach and orange blossoms. The wine is perfectly tempered by the freshness of its refined bubbles, accompanied by hints of elderberry and wisteria, with a sweet white fruit finish.

Monkey Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2011 - Pale lemon in color, with green tints and brilliant clarity. Lifted aromas of gooseberry, bell pepper, and newly mown grass, with some pineapple and melon notes. A fresh, lively, approachable wine with an excellent balance of fruit sweetness and juicy acidity. Vibrant presence on the palate with an exhilarating finish.

Jacob's Creek Reserve Chardonnay - Adelaide Hills. Supple a bit leesy with very clean pear and guava flavors, finishing savory and silky.

Haymen Hill Chardonnay - This Chardonnay comes from the cool climate of the Russian River Valley. It has a pale golden color. Aromas and flavors of pear and lemon curd with a soft, silky texture, very good depth and a long finish.

Frederick Wildman Lambrusco Cavicchioli Emilia - A lightly sparkling, slightly sweet red wine served well-chilled. The froth is evanescent with a violet color and continuous perlage. Its color is a brilliant ruby red, the perfume is fruity with flowery notes, and the taste is sweet and harmonious.

**Table 2 Continued**

Six Degrees Pinot Noir - Tempting aromas of plum, strawberry, and spicy vanilla. Dark fruit flavors complement while soft tannins linger on the palate.

Estancia Pino Noir - Monterey County. Ruby with purple edges. Ripe black cherry and fresh raspberries accented by floral notes and sweet, spicy oak. Bright cherry and dark fruits coupled by rich and velvety tannins with hints of minerals lead to a lingering finish.

Hayment Hill Meritage - Meritage blend is from Monterey County with aromas of smoked meats, tobacco and cigar box spice. Very smooth with inviting red fruits, creamy vanilla and spice. The finish is juicy and full of plush tannins. Leather and black cherries linger throughout. A great value for such a quality meritage.

Deadbolt Winemaker's Blend California Blend 2011 - An intriguing red wine for people who make their own rules. This is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Petite Syrah and Syrah varietals from California. With a deep ruby, purple color, a distinctive red fruit nose and flavors of black cherry, mocha and brow spice. A blend that's not afraid to go its own way.

Diseno Malbec - This Malbec from Mendoza Argentinad delivers ripe mountain fruit, subtle tannins and complex Malbec character. Deep purple in color with a crimson luster, the bouquet of violets and cherry blossom unfolds to a hint of tobacco. Explosive flavors of earthy blueberry and rich chocolate are robust with well-balanced acidity.

### Table 3

#### Worldwide Wines Bob

White Splash by St. Francis 2012 - A blend of four aromatic, flavorful white grape varieties with bright, fruit-forward flavors and crisp acidity. White Splash is an invigorating wine with alluring aromas of Lychee fruit, jasmine and honeyed citrus with flavors of peach, honey dew, mango and green apple.

Smooking Loon 2012 Steelbird Unoaked Chardonnay - Aged in 100% stainless steel. The wine opens with a lush floral bouquet of Honeydew melon and fresh pear, followed by notes of apple and ruby red grapefruit. Medium-bodied wine bright yet creamy with refreshing flavors of lemon curd and pineapple.

Italia Roscato Rosso Dolce 2010 - Made from three grape varieties from Lombardy. Makes a wonderful aperitif and incredibly food-friendly. It's brilliant ruby red with intense aromas of blackberries and ripe wild berries. A touch of sparkle balances the sweetness.

Mark West Pinot Noir - A delicate, juicy, medium bodied red with raspberry, sweet cherry, and nutmeg spice.

Antigal Uno Malbec - Irresistible red fruit flavors with complex hints of vanilla, chocolate, and dulce de leche.

Santa Rita Reserva Camenere - A brick red Chilean wine, the fragrance is red fruit mingling with subtle spice notes. The taste has soft, savory tannins balanced by lush fruit and spice, well-rounded and lingering wine, delivering a rich, smooth finish.

### Table 4

#### Allan S. Goodman, Inc Chris

14 Hands Moscato - This Columbia Valley Moscato leads with aromas of white rose and honeydew melon with an intriguing orange peel nuance. Juicy flavors of freshly sliced peaches are joined by tangerine and mandarin orange. While lightly sweet at first, ample acid balances the wine and keeps it clean and fresh.

14 Hands Pinot Grigio - This refreshing Pinot Gris presents aromas and flavors of fresh melon, green apple and light notes of honeysuckle. Its light quality makes it an excellent pairing for seafood.

Sterling Vintners Collection Pinot Grigio - Fresh, bright, fruit-forward wines express the true varietal character of California's Central Coast. This crisp Pinot Grigio showcases vibrant fruit aromas of apricots, peaches and honeysuckle balanced with pleasure floral notes and a refreshing, clean finish.

The Beach House Sauvignon Blanc - A playful personality of lemon grass and gooseberries typical to Sauvignon Blanc. Giving way to a characteristic contribution by Semillon of honeysuckle, tangerine and lemon blossom.

14 Hands Hot 2 Trot Red Blend - This easily enjoyable red wine offers generous aromas of berries, cherries and currants. A plush framework of soft tannins supports the red and dark fruit flavors that leisurely give way to subtle notes of baking spice and mocha on the finish.

14 Hands Cabernet Sauvignon - Concentrated aromas of dark stone fruits and toast burst from the glass. Classic Cabernet Sauvignon flavors of black cherries with subtle hints of baking spice, bolstered by fine, round tannins. This medium bodied wine is soft in mouth feel, yet long on fruit character and finish.

**Table 5**

**Ace Distributing  
George**

Geno's Pinot Grigio - 100 % Pinot Grigio. Intense straw color and also an ample lasting fruity bouquet. The palate is dry, soft and well balanced due to its full body.

Mi Amore White - Albana di Romagna - Light straw yellow in color with greenish hues, Mi Amore White is intensely fruity on the nose, like a fruit salad. Soft and Fresh.

Mi Amore Red - Cagnina di Romagna - (Silver medal winner, highly recommended.) Ruby red with intense purple hues, Mi Amore Red causes scents of cherry and raspberry on the nose. Full-bodied and sweet with gentle tannins. Serve slightly chilled.

Terra Malbec - Aged for six months in American and French oak. Deep bright red in color with violet shades and rich in aromas of plums and strawberries. Its complex taste fills the palate without roughness, leaving a pleasant sensation.

**Table 6**

**Hartley and Parker Limited, Inc.  
Jeremy**

Candoni Prosecco - Delicate and fruity with a hint of honey, Candoni Prosecco is crisp and clean in the mouth with a pleasant acidity that leaves behind a delicious and persistent freshness with a dry, well-balanced taste.

RELAX Pinot Grigio - This Pinot Grigio is a light to medium-bodied wine, boasting peach, citrus, pear and green apple flavors with a bright, crisp acidity and fresh, lingering finish.

Root 1: Cabernet - 88 - BEST BUY! Very good priced Cab with fresh herb, black cherry, blackberry and earthy aromas. The palate is healthy and stands up to scrutiny, with the flavors of cassis, berry, chocolate and pepper are correct and more than pleasant. Long and lasting on the finish. The best Root:1 Cab to date.

RumChata - is a cream liqueur that has become very popular since its release in 2009. It is made from a blend of five-time distilled Caribbean rums with Wisconsin dairy cream and flavored with cinnamon, vanilla, and other "secret flavors".

Baileys Hazelnut - The creamy, nutty liqueur ushers in a host of new post-dinner possibilities, from **spiked coffee** and **hot chocolate** to a sophisticated, smooth Baileys **Hazelnut Martini** that would be perfect end to any evening.

## Table 7

### Jonathan Edwards Mark

2011 CT Pinot Gris - Affectionately called "The Grizz" here at the winery, this light white is rich and refreshing at the same time. Notes of pear and chamomile pair perfectly with dried fruits and creamy cheeses.

2011 CT Chardonnay - Enjoy the lively fruit forward citrus bouquet framed with light nuances of smoky vanilla oak from our large French barrels. This silky smooth easy drinking wine pairs perfectly with seafood and fresh cheeses.

Sonoma County Stone Table White - Wonderfully rich and complex wine with bright floral and apple notes highlighted by a delicate creaminess on the palate.

2011 CT Cabernet Franc - Our only Estate-grown red. Cabernet Franc displays perfect cool-climate red wine characteristics. Light bodied with woody cedar aromas and cranberry and nutmeg flavors. A perfect summer red for grilled chicken or salmon.

Lodi Stone Table Red - A mid-weight wine with earthy flavors and undercurrent of cinnamon.

## Table 8

### Latitude Beverage (90+) Matt

Lot 2 New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc - The nose is exuberant citrus fruits with ripe melon and guave with some underlying herbal and classic gooseberry notes. Fresh, sweet fruit and crisp acid gives balance and an elegant structure with a smooth finish, a classic New Zealand sauvignon blanc.

Lot 42 Italian Pinot Grigio - Golden yellow in color with ripe apple, pear, and apricot aromas hovering above notes of wild flowers and honey. Medium bodied with a generous smack of minerality.

Lot 96 Russian River Chardonnay - Fresh aromas of green apple and citrus accompanied by subtle hints of white peach and nectarine. The wine is delightfully crisp but also supple with bright orchard fruit flavors that linger until your next sip.

Lot 23 Argentine Malbec - Deep ruby-purple color. The wine boasts exquisite aromas of blackberries, ripe plum and robust spices. It is well balanced with ample structure and mild tannins. In the finish, more dark fruit flavors and hints of wood smoke emerge to leave an elegant and lasting impression.

Lot 21 French Fusion - Aromas of rich blackberry fruit, cracked black pepper and dark chocolate complement the wine's full-bodied and savory texture. Hints of bittersweet anise and raspberries linger in the finish. This is an intensely flavorful French red that exhibits both power and finesse. Enjoy now or over the next 5-7 years.

Lot 83 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir - Aromas of fresh cherries and strawberries with hints of vanilla and just a touch of earthy goodness. This is a vibrant wine, possessing a hub of succulent berry fruit accompanied by a firm, yet velvety texture.

## Table 9

### Connecticut Distributors, Inc Jen

Ecco Domani Pinot Grigio - This IGT pinot grigio has light citrus and delicate floral aromas with tropical fruit flavors and a crisp, refreshing finish.

Apothic White - A blend of chardonnay, riesling and moscato brings tropical aromas and flavors together with hints of spice, creating an enchanting white blend.

Edna Valley Chardonnay - This chardonnay displays an attractive bouquet of quince, pear, ripe apple, apricot, and light pineapple with underlying brown spice notes of cinnamon and clove.

Barefoot Refresh Summer Red - This lively blend of pinot noir, rose and moscato is refreshingly light bodied high lighting notes of raspberry, orange and fresh picked berries. Enjoy over ice.

Louis Martini Cabernet - This round, full-mouthfeel wine has fresh red plum and blackberry jam aromas and flavors that are supported by caramelized and toasted oak notes.

Alamos Malbec - The nose offers ripe black fruits, black pepper, spice and floral notes. The mouthfeel is full, yet soft and supple with black raspberry and current.

## Beers

### Table 10 F&F Distributors Jason

Leinenkugel Orange Shandy  
Redds Strawberry Ale  
Blue Moon Harvest Pumpkin Ale  
Harpoon Oktoberfest

### Table 11 Levine Distributing Bobby

Shipyards Pumpkin  
Shock Top Pumpkin Wheat  
Shipyards Monkey Fist IPA  
Wild Blue. Blueberry Lager  
Thomas Hooker Watermelon

### Table 12 Hartford Distributors, Inc Mike

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Sierra Nevada Flipside  
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