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The Groton Animal Foundation (GAF) would like to welcome you to its ninth 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 bill subsidy program partially funds 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.

Your continued generous support will help us meet our goals and is greatly appreciated by all, including the animals who can't speak for themselves.

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Sincerely,

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Note: GAF cares about you! If you feel you have had too much to drink, we will call a cab for you.



Wine and 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!

Table 1

Brescome/Barton-Worldwide

Lucien Albrecht Brut Rose

A light salmon color. Strawberries and yeast on the nose. Delicious berries with hints of toast in the mouth.

Aruma Malbec

Deep red in color with hints of violet. The nose has notes of ripe fruit with plums and floral notes. A balanced wine with soft tannins.

Cave de Lugny Les Charme

Bouquet of apple blossom and lime flower. Tangerine and orange zest that lead into some honey notes.

Dashwood Sauvignon Blanc

Tropical aromas. Grapefruit, guava, passion fruit and lemongrass flow to a refreshing, crisp finish.

Dashwood Pinot Noir

Dark cherry, plum and blackberry notes with soft tannins.

Los Vascos Carmenere Reserve

The nose boasts cherries, blackberries and plums. The mouth has hints of black pepper, bitter chocolate, mint and nutmeg with a smooth deep balance of tannins and fruit.

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Dark Horse Pinot Noir

A juicy mouth feel with dark berried and cherries laced with herb and pepper notes.

Dark Horse Chardonnay

Aged 6-8 months after primary fermentation in oak. It has bright aromas of apples and peach layered with creamy, buttery caramel notes.

La Marca Prosecco

Opens with fresh citrus honey and wild flowers. Clean flavors of green apple and ripe lemons with mineral undertones.

Alamos Malbec

Has black pepper fruit with cherry and licorice laden berries.

Table 3

Allan S. Goodman

Motto Zinfandel

Dark and complex. Starts off with soft leathery aromas and finishes with flavors of chocolate-covered raspberries with a hint of spice.

Motto Red Blend

Full of contrast. Rich, yet delicate, fruity, yet structured. Soft floral aromas that give way to flavors of blueberry pie.

Motto Cabernet

Backbone and elegance, with a soft and delicate nose and dark concentrated flavors.

Cupcake Black Forest

Dark and decadent red blend dripping with rich deep flavors of blackberry and dark cherry with hints of spice and mocha.

Brescome/Barton

Chateau La Paws Chardonnay

Bright fruit driven wine with a light creamy roundness. Aromas of crisp fruit.

Chateau La Paws Sauvignon Blanc

Overly fruity and enjoyably well balanced. Opens with bright fruit of pineapple, peach and some grassy notes. Has a broad long and delicate finish.

Chateau La Paws Cabernet

Approachable and friendly style with focus on fruit expression. Soft tannins and bright red fruit notes.

Chateau La Paws Red Blend

Blueberry, raspberry, and black forest cake open the nose, followed by dark berries and sage on the palate.

Chateau La Paws Pinot Noir

Rich and velvety character delivers bing cherry, strawberry and blackberry aromas. Dark fruit leaps off the entry followed by accents of vanilla and caramel on the finish.

Chateau La Paws Sweet Red Blend

Greets you with big raspberry jam, ripe raspberries and hints of chocolate. The palate maintains balance holding its structure and length.

Table 5

Brescome/Barton

Allure Mango Sparkling

Bursting with ripe mango, floral and fruity finished on the palate with a frenzy of bubbles.

Rosatello Red Moscato

A lush sweet red with aromas of honeyed fruit and rose petals.

Rosatello Moscato

Aromas of oranges with a touch of mint. With each taste, revel in flavors of peaches and candied oranges.

Graffigna Elevation Red

Sharp notes of ink and leather on the nose, turn brighter in the mouth with bitter chocolate and soft plum.

Santi Solane Valpolicella

Cherry and spice bouquet, the same on the palate. Medium body, clean dry finish.

Opici

Anakena Sauvignon Blanc

Intense and fresh with aromas of peach, pineapple and citrus. Has a well-structured pleasant finish.

Alverdi Pinot Grigio

Fresh floral notes of Acacia flowers, dry well balanced with dry fruit flowers.

Cannon Ball Cabernet

Ample at its core with flavors of cherry flambé, chocolate and roasted hazelnut.

Cannon Ball Merlot

Silky structure entry with a finish of fresh cherries, rich chocolate and spice cake.

Table 7

Alan S. Goodman

14 Hands Hot To Trot White

Aromas of stone fruits and citrus complemented by light floral notes. Flavors of pear, melon and lemon zest.

14 Hands Cabernet

Bright juicy red featuring aromas of blueberries and currants with subtle hints of dried herbs. Red berry flavors complemented by a touch of oak.

14 Hands Merlot

Round rich flavors of blackberry, plum, cherry and mocha. Blance soft and approachable.

14 Hands Hot To Trot Red

Aromas of cherry, red currant and tea. Flavors of ripe berries and dark stone fruits form a frame of refined tannins giving way to subtle notes of baking spice.

Angelini

Angelini Pinot Grigio

Straw yellow in color. Intense and persistent with a light fragrance of bread crust on the nose. Soft with flavors of tropical fruit and a hint of white peaches.

Angelini Sangiovese

Ruby red in color. Notes of cherries, ripe berries, leather and vanilla with finesse of soft tannins.

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La Battistina Gavi

Fresh and vivacious, this Gavi has a sharp cutting edge offset with a hint of pear-like flavors.

Table 9

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Noble Vines 242 Sauvignon Blanc

Vibrant aromas of peach, green melon and lemon grass. On the palate a light acidity offering flavors of guava.

Noble Vines 446 Chardonnay

Aromas of golden delicious apples, pineapple and apricot. Creamy palate with hints of peach and vanilla spice.

Noble Vines 1 Red Blend

Blackberries and black cherries mingle with hints of spice on the nose, carries through on the palate ending with a touch of pepper.

Noble Vines 181 Merlot

Aromas of cherry, blackberry and sweet herbs. Flavors of black cherry and ripe plum with hint of spice on the finish.

Noble Vines 667 Pinot Noir

Aromas of black cherry, earth and a touch of vanilla. Plush tannins on the palate with flavors of ripe Bing cherries, bittersweet cocoa powder and a delicate hint of sage.

Beers

Table 11 and Table 12

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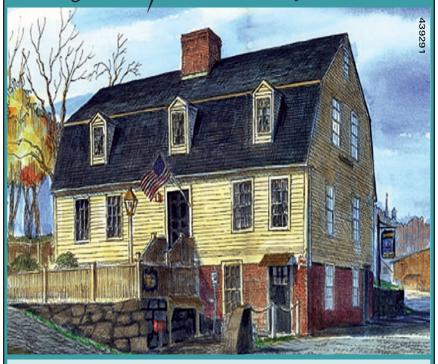
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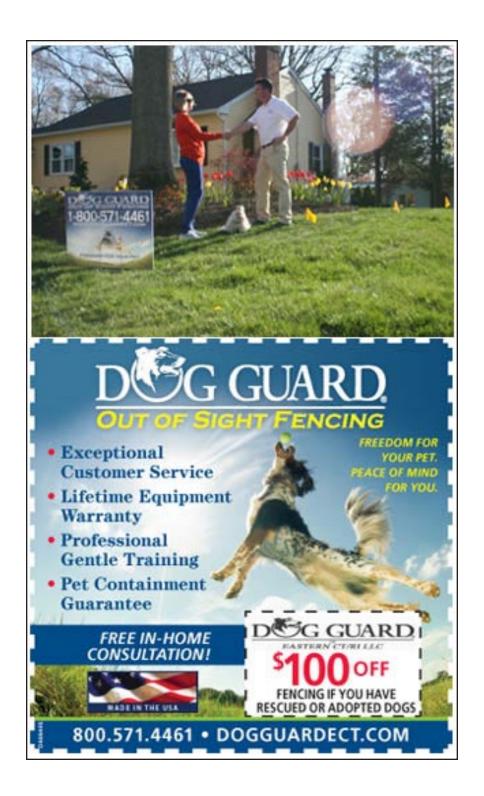
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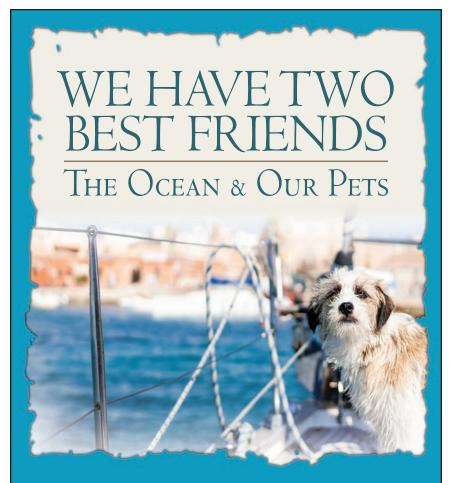
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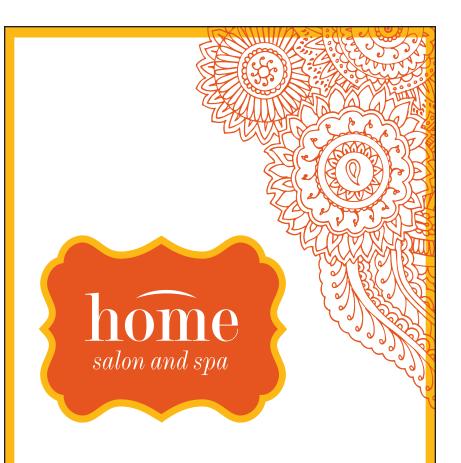
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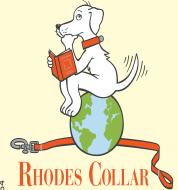
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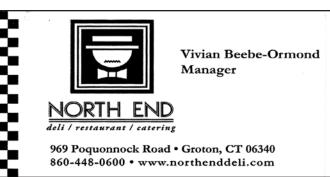
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