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Fall in the vineyard is my favorite time of year. The crisp air and changing leaves set a perfect scene for visitors to experience Maryland in a peaceful setting. With the summer heat settled down for the new fall season, grab a light jacket and head up to your local winery for a warm red wine.

Our Passport Experience in February was a huge success, bringing visitors to wineries across the state. Many wineries offered preview tastings of reds from barrels, while others offered fun, artful experiences to warm visitors in mid-winter.

Our events keep diversifying to showcase all that Maryland wine has to offer. The sixth annual Winter Wine will be held at the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore during January 2017.

This edition of *Maryland Wine Press* focuses on our newest and our oldest, highlighting the future of Maryland wine and how we got here from our humble beginnings. Find out why we love Maryland wine and all it truly has to offer.

Over 65 of our wineries are open for tastings and tours, and many offer special events throughout the year. Check out our winery and event listings on www.Marylandwine.com for hours, directions and more.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the *Wine Press*.

Cheers,

Kevin Atticks
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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BY BRIANNA MACKIE

Looking for a dry white wine that is light and crisp, with hints of almond, apple and citrus flavors? An Albariño is going to be a great choice. As a relatively new wine being grown and made here in Maryland, its high quality and flavor are making it a popular choice. With flavors of grassiness resembling a Sauvignon Blanc, and hints of almond similar to a Pinot Blanc, Albariño is a unique and flavorful wine.

From its name, you could probably guess that it originated in Spain, more specifically in Northwestern Spain. Many consider Albariño to be Spain's best quality and most popular white wine. Weather conditions in Northwestern Spain are cool, windy and rainy, making the Albariño vines very strong; the grapes themselves develop a thick skin to weather the rough conditions.

Albariño—much like most dry white wines—does not age well. The vibrant aromas of this crisp wine begin to fade noticeably within just months of bottling; thus, it should be enjoyed while it is still young.

Albariño's bracing acidity makes it perfect to have with seafood. See recipe on page 28 for a great Spanish tapas dish to pair with a bottle of Maryland Albariño. If you are looking to pair a glass of Albariño with cheese, stay with more tangy cheeses to match the dry crispness of the white wine. Cherry Glen's Monocacy Crottin is a tangy goat cheese with a nutty finish, a great complement to Albariño's crisp acidity.

With its growing popularity, more and more vineyards are growing or making Albariño right here in Maryland! Royal



Rabbit Vineyards in Baltimore County both grows and produces an Albariño. Theirs is crisp with flavors of almond, vanilla and light citrus. Another Maryland winery that produces an Albariño is Bodegas Gonzalez Ruggiero in Cecil County. Notes of apricot and sweet grapefruit, floral hints, and its pale gold color make their Albariño great for an everyday wine. Serpent Ridge Vineyard in Carroll County produces Albariño that stays true to its Spanish roots with its apricot, peach, green apple and pear notes.

Port of Leonardtown Winery's Albariño has light tropical fruit aromas with notes of freshly cut grass, balanced with the delicate mineral tones. Their Albariño is a great match for mussels or a roasted chicken. Old Westminster has a highly-respected Albariño (and a special petulant natural version); however it is only available to club members.

Boordy Vineyards in Baltimore County has produced its first Albariño, with aromas of peach and flowers. Mazzaroth Vineyards in Frederick County has grown and produced an Albariño, although not quite ready for sale. Visit marylandwine.com for more information on your local Maryland wineries and Albariño! **MWP**



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Maryland Wines



Maryland wines: What do you really know? Your local Maryland wineries are not what you might think. Thanks to improved technologies, and more years of knowledge of the growing and winemaking process in our state, the quality of Maryland wines continues to drastically improve, winning awards in multiple competitions. Winemakers are constantly pushing for higher quality, while also offering a wider variety of wines to appeal to a larger consumer base. The range of offerings varies from sweet to dry, red to white, and still to sparkling. Let's take a look into the history and future of Maryland vines and wines.

BOORDY VINEYARDS (*est. 1945*)

Discovering the quality of local wines in neighboring states sparked a new project for Boordy Vineyards.

Boordy Vineyards—Maryland's oldest winery—opened in 1945 by Philip Wagner and his wife, Jocelyn. The vineyard was first opened as an experiment stemming from his recently published book, *American Wines and How to Make Them*. Wagner started out simply, with just a few classic table wines (a red, a white, and a rosé), produced from French-American hybrid grapes. His goal was to make affordable wine for people who drank it regularly with meals. Boordy's first large-scale order and customer was Haussner's Restaurant, in which Boordy was the house wine.

In 1980, Boordy was purchased by the R. B. Deford family—who had been grape growers for the winery since 1965—and was relocated to their historic 240-acre farm in the Long Green Valley of northeastern Baltimore County. Beyond being the oldest in the business, Boordy has recently undergone some major improvements. In 2013,

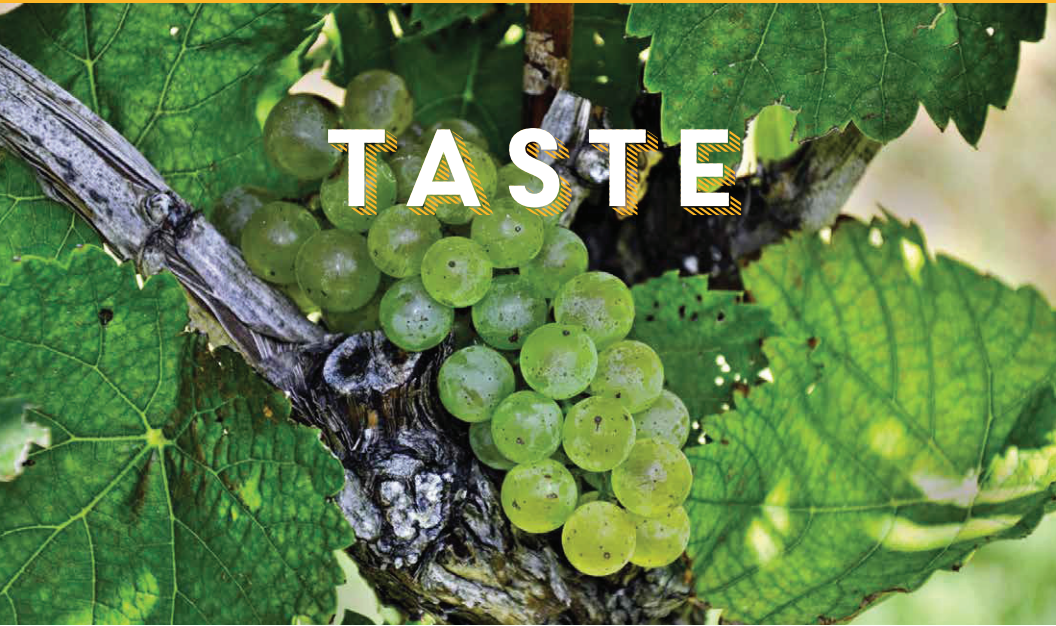
Boordy invested nearly \$3 million to revamp their facilities and plant new vines (45 acres worth). The goal of this overhaul was not only to allow for an increase in production, but also to improve the quality of their wine. New technology has allowed Boordy to control temperatures throughout the year. Phineas Deford, Director of Operations at Boordy, credits technology for helping the winery blast through the quality ceiling they were stuck under before 2013, when they didn't have the technology needed to improve control over the fermentation process. While Boordy is the oldest winery in Maryland, new technology has ensured that it will not be out of date any time soon.

Boordy parallels other Maryland



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wineries in its recent growth and improvement, but despite this increase in quality, still only 3 out of 100 bottles of wine sold in Maryland are local. Just as experiencing local cuisine is an important part of visiting an area, local wine makes a contribution to the culture and flavor of a region. Boordy, specifically, only had about 8 different types of wine before the early 2000s, and now has more than doubled in size. You can find Boordy wines in over 800 liquor stores across the state. With Boordy's own sales professionals in the different liquor stores every day providing tastings, educating owners, and developing new market plans, this is only the tip of the iceberg for Boordy.

LINGANORE WINECELLARS

(est. 1976)

Linganore Winecellars, also one of the most experienced in the state, was opened in 1976 by Jack and Lucille Aellen. They started with 6 acres of vineyards and produced 6 tons of grapes in their first year of business. The couple initially produced a few lighter style wines, making a honey and pure fruit wine, as well as a semi sweet grape wine. Linganore even held Maryland's first wine festival in 1977 to reach more consumers and spread knowledge of Maryland wines. They have since expanded to hold 5 major festivals and more than 20 smaller events annually.

To keep up with customer demands and increase quality, over the subsequent decades Linganore increased their acreage, warehouse and bottling facility to over 6,000 square feet, and increased capacity to just under 150,000 gallons. With the investment of new, state-of-the-art equipment, Linganore can now bottle



60 bottles per minute and has reduced the time from grape harvest to processing to about 30 minutes. With the new technology and large variety of wines, Linganore is sure to appeal to your taste buds.

ELK RUN VINEYARDS & WINERY

(est. 1983)

Elk Run, home to 10 Gold medals and 4 Gold Best of Class in the Mid-Atlantic Seaboard, has also stamped its name in the wine-making game. Started in 1983 by Fred and Carol Wilson and Neill Bassford in the hills of Frederick County, Elk Run has also recently shifted its focus to new technology and research to help improve and maintain their high quality wine. Elk Run proudly grows all of the grape varieties from which they make their wines, and practices sustainable agriculture to help control the characteristics of their wines.

But what is the difference between starting a winery now and back in the late 1970s and 1980s? The answer: the mindset of the producers. In the mid 20th Century, many wineries were opened as a hobby or experiment, not as a real business operation. Boordy Vineyard's Phin Deford states, "Now these winery owners have done their research, and are in it to make high-quality wine (as well as having more capital to start off with). Wineries aren't a hobby anymore."

NEW MARKET PLAINS VINEYARDS

(est. 2014)

One of the younger vineyards, located on a 16th-century farm, New Market Plains Vineyards has been in the owner's family since the 1760s but has been recently



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reinstated (2014). New Market Plains Vineyards is owned by Susan and Howard Wilson; Susan is a direct descendant of the original owners, and the 10th generation on the farm. They replanted their vines in 2012 and had their first vintage in 2014. Current wines include Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Muscat Blanc, Petit Verdot, and Syrah.

Because of several visits to France, the couple has grown their palate and their business acumen. Learning about what grows best in their soil was an important step for them. The local support of the industry has also been key to everyone improving grape quality.

MAZZAROTH VINEYARD *(est. 2016)*

Mazzaroth Vineyard is so focused on quality that they are not concerned with the quantity their vineyard produces. A picturesque scene, standing on top of a hill looking over the countryside in Middletown, Mazzaroth is a great spot to relax and taste some fantastic wines. The owners love that Maryland wineries are all “business partners by extension.” After doing tons of research and asking lots of questions, Mazzaroth has just about perfected their growing process because “growing grapes is 10 times harder than making wine.”

Their vineyard management goals are to be as responsible in nature as possible and to grow the best-balanced grapes.

Because their reds for 2016 are sold out, and they are currently selling out of 2017 reds as well (which you will not be able to get until 2019), Mazzaroth plans to expand to another half-acre of grape production. Watch out for this up and coming vineyard; they have an eye for quality control and for what the consumer desires. Current varieties include: Albariño, Vidal Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Tannat.



THE VINEYARDS AT DOGWOOD

(est. 2016)

Over the Bay Bridge and on the Eastern Shore is where you can find this next new vineyard. The Vineyards at Dogwood, located in Chestertown, is a quaint 1.5 acres of gorgeous vines. With cows grazing and the Chester River in their front yard, it is a beautiful place to visit for a tasting. Although their vines have been planted since 2004, they didn't sell their first vintage until recently. Taking their time to shape their craft by reading books and traveling to small vineyards in Napa Valley, they have their trimming and processing down to a science.

The Vineyards at Dogwood love the community spirit of the Maryland wine industry; “everyone is in it together” to create great quality wine. The current grapes they are growing are Cayuga White, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Chambourcin and Tempranillo.

One of the struggles they faced was that growing grapes on the Eastern Shore is much different from in the rest of Maryland, such as the way the grapes grow, when they peak and how best to trim them. One of the things that this vineyard is focused on is quality; they will choose to produce less great quality wine than more mediocre wine. Stated Dawn Willey, “There is a difference between harvest size and great wine. It takes a minute to wrap your head around getting rid of half your crop so you can get great quality.” That is something that we have >>>

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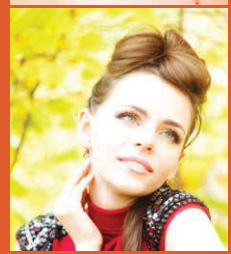
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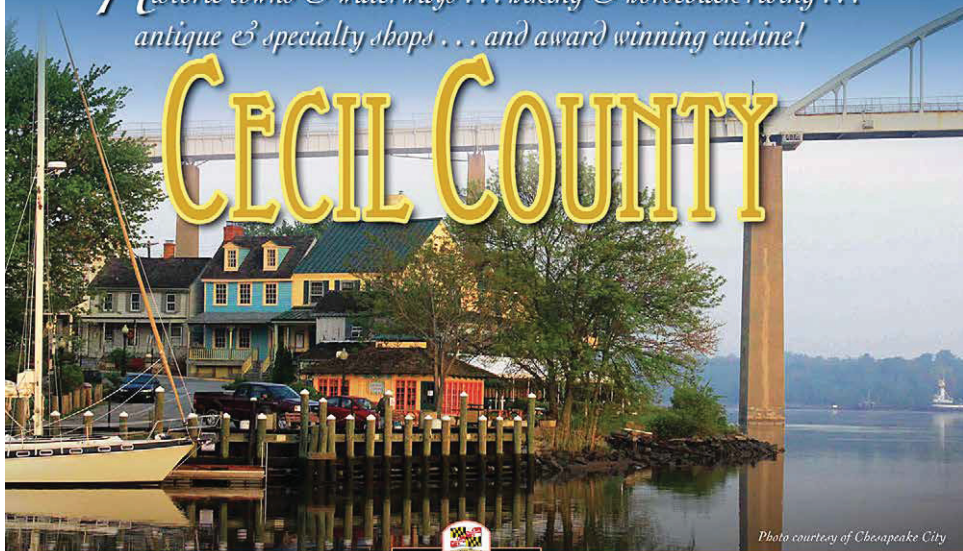


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heard from all the wineries interviewed, which just shows how quality focused they are.

To buy this wine you have to come for a tasting on their wonderful property, and purchase on site. You can also find some of their wines at some local festivals. If you are looking for the Vineyards at Dogwood in a local liquor store, you won't find them. However, their wines are meant to age, so be careful not to open a bottle and drink it too soon. Said Dawn Willey, "You have to let our wines breathe to get the full flavor."

Whether old or new, there is a common trend among all of these wine producers: Maryland wines are not what you might think, and have moved well beyond simple table wines. They are award-winning, home-grown, sweet-to-dry, high-quality wines made from high-quality grapes. There is one thing that they do want you to know... Maryland grows great grapes, and from great grapes comes great wine. Each winery has revamped its vines and patiently waited to harvest and bottle their wines. Look beyond the preconceived idea that sweet wines are bad because, in fact, if grown and processed well, sweet wines are absolutely delicious.

On behalf of all the wineries in Maryland, take a leap of faith, get your palate ready and try a Maryland wine. You will be rewarded. MWP

While interviewing the different wineries for this article, one of the questions asked was about the biggest struggles in the Maryland wine industry. The answer for this question was similar from all parties interviewed. It is for this reason that we chose to highlight it in Wine Press.

Local government regulations are often around to help businesses and protect the customers. While this is helpful, it can sometimes hinder a business's ability to flourish to its full potential. The Maryland Wine industry has been struggling with this.

Virginia and Maryland's wine industry started around the same time (1980s) with roughly the same amount of vineyards (10-12). Now, Virginia has upwards of 300 vineyards, and Maryland is sitting at about 80. The difference isn't solely the acreage or interest, but in the state governments' reaction. Virginia's government saw potential for tourism, jobs, and economic growth. So, they put a lot of money into helping the industry flourish. Maryland vineyards did not get the same support and help to grow to their full potential. Local and state government support and regulation have been a frustration to the Maryland vineyards and wineries.

Despite these perceived challenges, Maryland wines continue to be of great quality. Support your local wineries to taste the difference and help them to grow.



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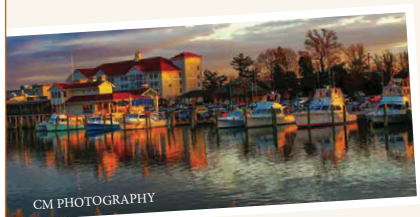


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Ch To the East of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay lies Maryland's Eastern Shore. Whether you are on your way to the beach or just taking a drive to admire the beautiful Bay, the **Chesapeake Wine Trail** will lead you through one of the most scenic and charming parts of the state.



F With the **Frederick Wine Trail**, you are invited to discover some of Frederick County's best agricultural bounty: its beautiful vineyards and outstanding wines. On the Frederick Wine Trail you will find a wide selection of fine wines, warm hospitality and a glimpse of the ancient art of wine making.



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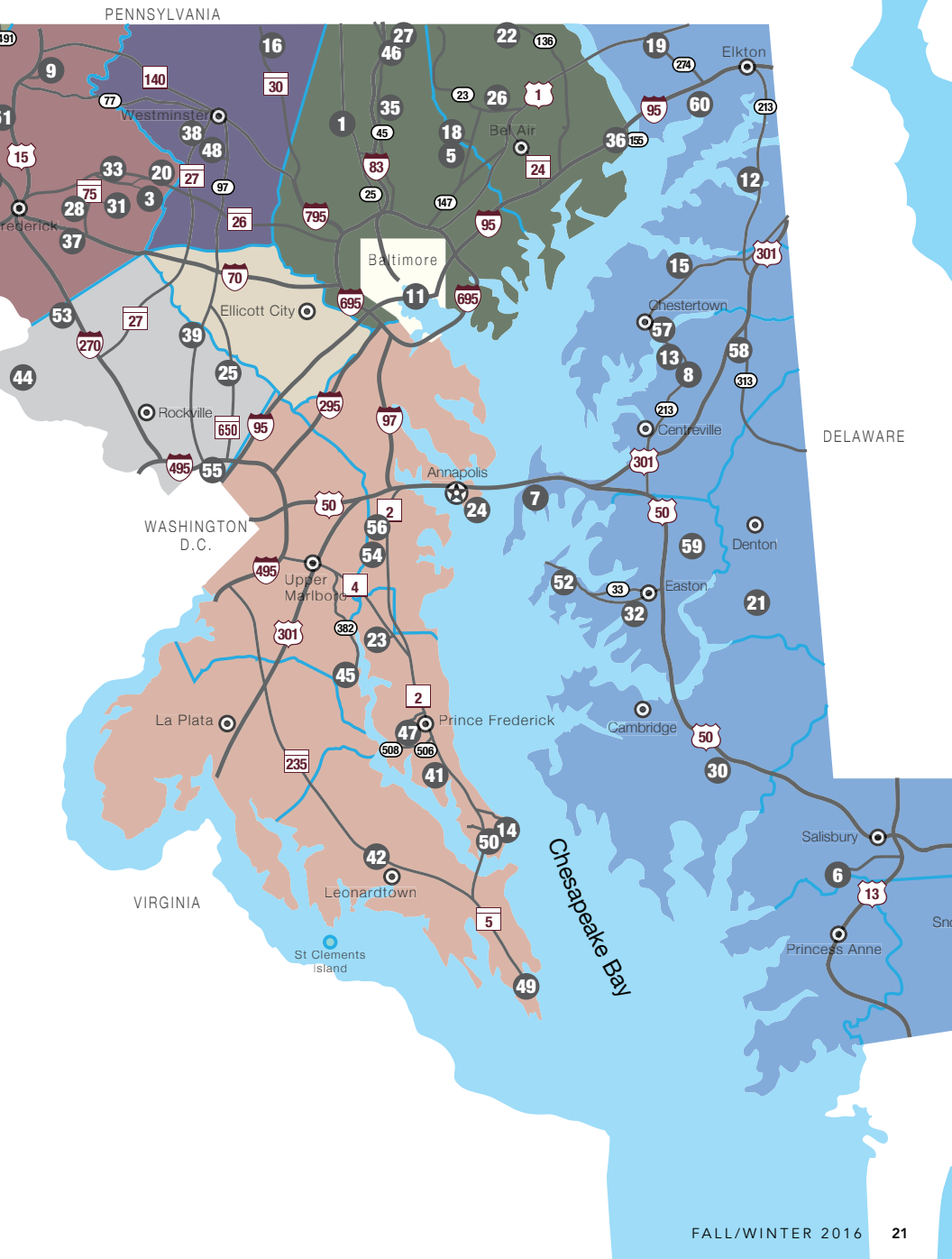


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BY BRIANNA MACKIE

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- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 1/4 lb small clams, in the shell
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Not only do they offer a vast selection from local wineries in Maryland, they also host many events such as live music every

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Their wine menu features a wide variety of local wines including: sparkling, dry whites, off dry and sweet whites, dry reds and reserve wines. All are reasonably priced by category (not type) which makes it easy to try as many as you would like.

While sitting among friends, strangers, or family, sipping some splendid local wines, you might find yourself starting to grow hungry. The Maryland Wine Bar has great seasonal small plates that accompany their wine selection. And if you find yourself saying, "What if I fall in love with a wine?!? Can I buy it?" the answer is yes! Maryland Wine Bar sells the wines on their menu by the bottle for you to take home and enjoy. 

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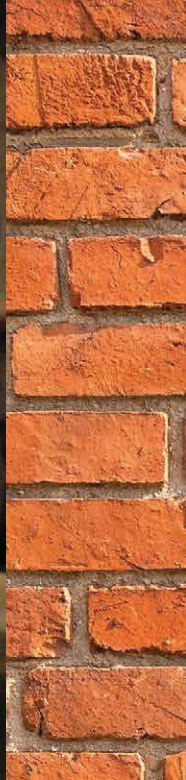
Woodberry Kitchen

BY BRIANNA MACKIE

If you are in Baltimore looking for a place to dine on food made with local ingredients and wine, stop into Woodberry Kitchen! Woodberry Kitchen prides itself on having “longstanding relationships with the growers of the Chesapeake,” and by dining here you are also helping support local agriculture. They really work on keeping the money in Maryland by buying local.

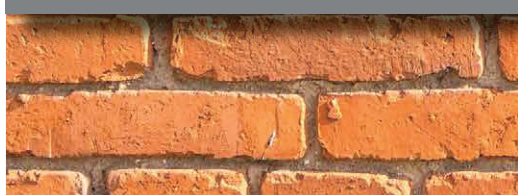
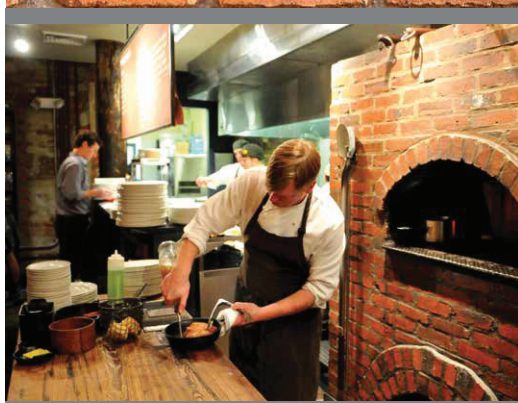
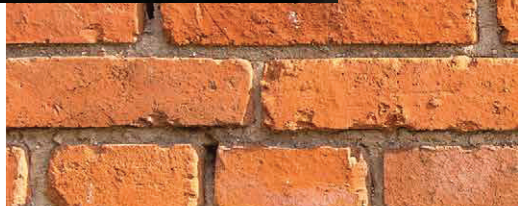
With its industrial decor, you feel like you are a part of the kitchen; and with a private dining space available, you can bring all your family and friends. Located in Baltimore, right off of Route 83 on Clipper Park Road in an old warehouse, their rustic, industrial feel fits right in. With outdoor seating, covered in beautiful lights and umbrellas, it provides a nice intimate setting for you to enjoy.

Reviewed by the Washington Post with 3 stars, and labeled as “a mingling of the familiar and fabulous” by the Baltimore Sun with 4 ½ stars, you can trust that their food is fresh, local



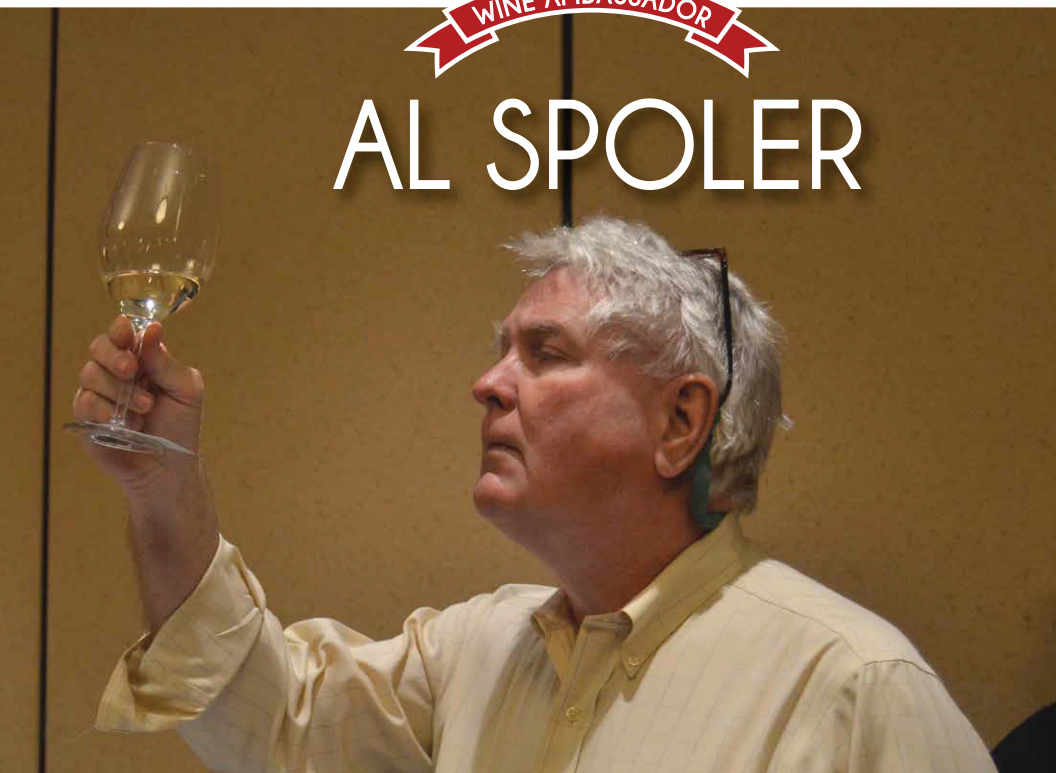
and tasty. Their menu has something for everyone, from farmstead cheese and cracker plates to meatless Monday and gluten-free options, as well as a Saturday and Sunday Brunch, they really have something for everyone. However, beyond a great variety of farm fresh foods they have a great wine list. Organized into local, new, vintage, sparkling and even local hard ciders, it is easy to find exactly what you are in the mood for. With 9 featured local wines, you can try something new and find something you like.

Whether you are having a private party, coming in with kids, or just feel like trying some great food made with local ingredients and served with local wines, stop into Woodberry Kitchen. MWP





AL SPOLER



If you have had the opportunity to listen to WYPR, Baltimore's local NPR station, you may have had the pleasure of hearing Al Spoler's analytic and engaging critiques of local wines. As a wine and food enthusiast, Spoler gained expertise by working with chefs as a television director at MPT and by joining the Cork and Fork Society of Baltimore.

Spoler grew up in Timonium, Maryland. Ironically, his childhood consisted of little to no exposure to alcohol. What eventually drew him to wine was food. Learning to cook in the 70's led Spoler to talk to local winemakers, study winemaking, and take

notes on the wine he encountered. As he learned more and more about local wine-making, he became more excited about it.

In 1981, Spoler partnered with Hugh Sisson, a restaurant owner, and organized local wine-tasting events. The partnership led the two men to the radio show "Cellar Notes," which has been a popular segment on WYPR since 1992.

Spoler's knowledge and passion for the Maryland wine industry make him a perfect local wine ambassador. We approached him with several questions about Maryland wine; his unique, genuine responses are located below. **MWP**

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What progressions have you seen in Maryland Wine since you first started in the industry?

SPOLER: Progress in the Maryland wine industry was at first halting at best. For the longest time we only had 9 or 10 wineries. Quality was sketchy, and overall experience levels were low. But by 1990 I started to see quality improving. Each winery was making at least one rather good wine; some were doing even better than that.

A lot of experimentation occurred. We had to settle on which grapes, which clones, which root stock, how to run the vineyards, and especially, where to plant. In a sense all of those questions are still being answered.

In the early 2000's the corn began to pop. With the opening of Black Ankle a new era was launched. We developed new approaches to vineyard planning, and a stronger vision of how good our wines could be.

Today in 2016 it is astonishing to realize that we have well over 60 wineries and even more independent vineyards. We are more and more convinced that certain varietals can work very well here, including surprising grapes like Viognier, Albariño, and Petit Verdot.

The first era of winemaking in Maryland is over, and the second era is underway. Its hallmarks are quality, innovation, and a commitment to a very bright future.



What makes Maryland wine unique?

SPOLER: As we struggle to perfect our winemaking in Maryland, there are several facts that are emerging

that help to define our wine. First, quality Bordeaux varietals such as cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc, when produced in a strong year, have the rare ability to not only age well, but they actually change and improve over time. We think that when a good Maryland red hits ten years of age it is a very different and much better wine than when it started out.

White wines can do very well in Maryland. Chardonnay seems to be happiest when made in a style that resembles France's Macon, a little lean, a little mineral, with fine-tuned fruit flavors. Albariño and Viognier are doing very well now, and exhibit quality flavors and structure.

The region around South Mountain and Antietam is emerging as the sweet spot for Maryland vineyards, but we will need considerably more time to see how this quality "terroir" is reflected in the wine.



What are some of the biggest challenges and struggles you have seen for local wineries?

SPOLER: Maryland's wine industry started from scratch and had precious little help getting going. Indifference, even hostility, from lawmakers marked the early years. But thanks to the efforts of people like Kevin Atticks a new, friendlier atmosphere now exists.

Consumer skepticism is another challenge. Too often people take a dim view of our wines, largely because of distant experiences of our early, substandard efforts. We need publicity, restaurant support, consumer education and a non-stop campaign to get the word out that Maryland can and does produce some very good wine.



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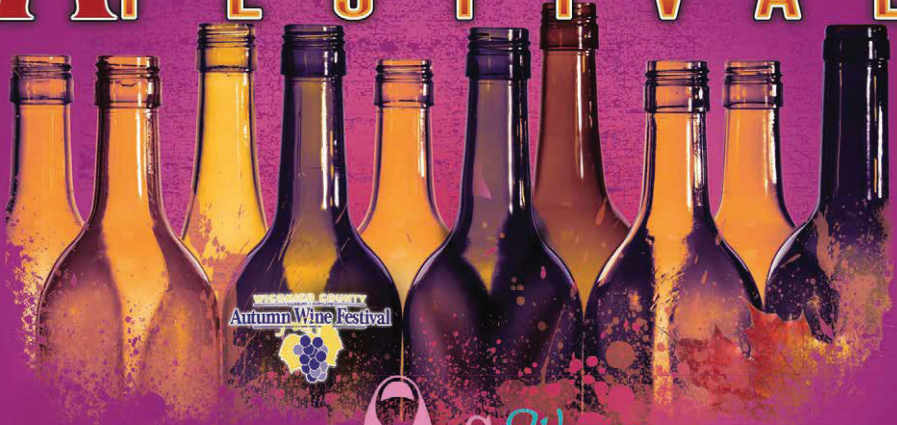


What are you most excited to see in the future of Maryland wine?

SPOLER: The future for Maryland wine is very bright. New wineries like Old Westminster, Knob Hall, and Big Cork are demonstrating that we can make great wine right off the bat. Communication between winemakers has been very strong, and success has reinforced success. We are finally zeroing in on prime viticultural districts and learning which grapes will do best there. Most significantly, young people are getting into the business and are making a difference. Investing in a Maryland winery is no longer a long-shot crap shoot. It is a very sensible, if challenging, thing to do given the knowledge that we have gained. Every year shows signs of improvement and every year shows signs of growth. This is a trend line that is pointing in the right direction, and it will be a great pleasure to see the good things that emerge.

What does the future hold? Well, in my case, there are dozens of bottles of great Maryland wine in my cellar that I am looking forward to tasting down the road. And as I pull the cork on one of them, I'll be looking for two more to buy. **MWVP**

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