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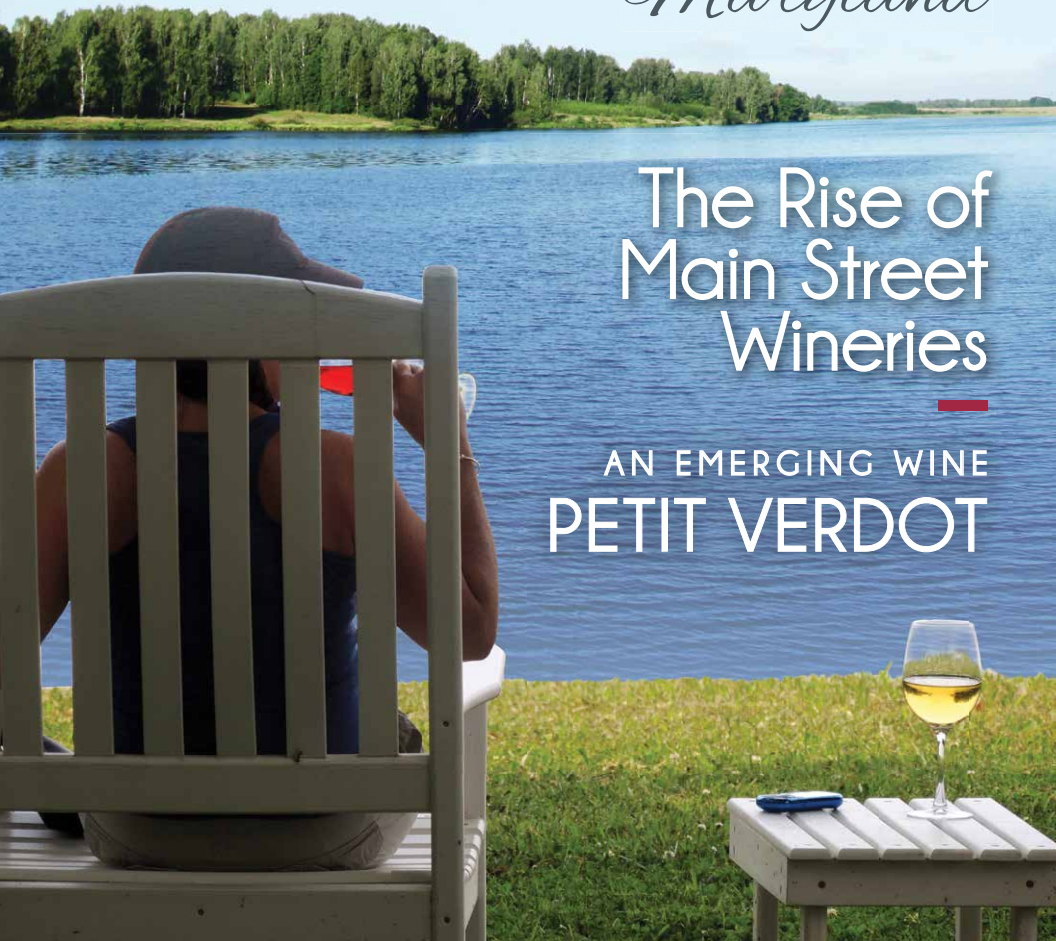
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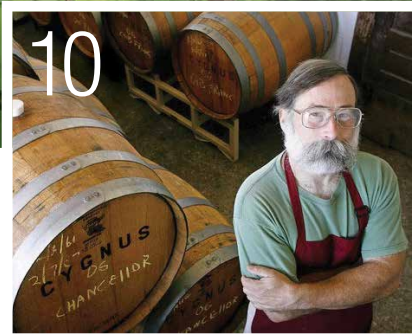
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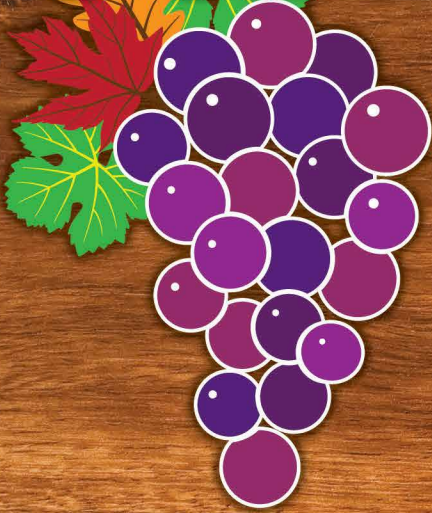
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Dear Readers,

Thanks for picking up a copy of the Spring/Summer 2016 *Maryland Wine Press*.

Spring in the vineyard is my favorite time of year. The landscape of bare vines begins to green one step at a time...first with budbreak, then the growth of leaves, and soon thereafter, fruit set. It's an incredibly peaceful time to visit a vineyard. In the cellar, last year's white wines are nearing bottling, while the reds may be just settling in for aging.

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 fifth annual Winter Wine was held at the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore. Top wines were presented alongside great food... and historic trains: a runaway success!

Decanter: A Festival of Wine & Racing moves to Laurel Park on April 16, and Wine in the Woods returns May 21 & 22 at a newly remodeled and landscaped Symphony Woods in Columbia. See Marylandwine.com for updated event listings for great experiences throughout the spring and summer.

This edition of *Wine Press* focuses on the wineries of the Patuxent Wine Trail, an ambassador from the region, and highlights of a great wine shop and restaurant that supports local wine.

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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IN BALTIMORE COUNTY



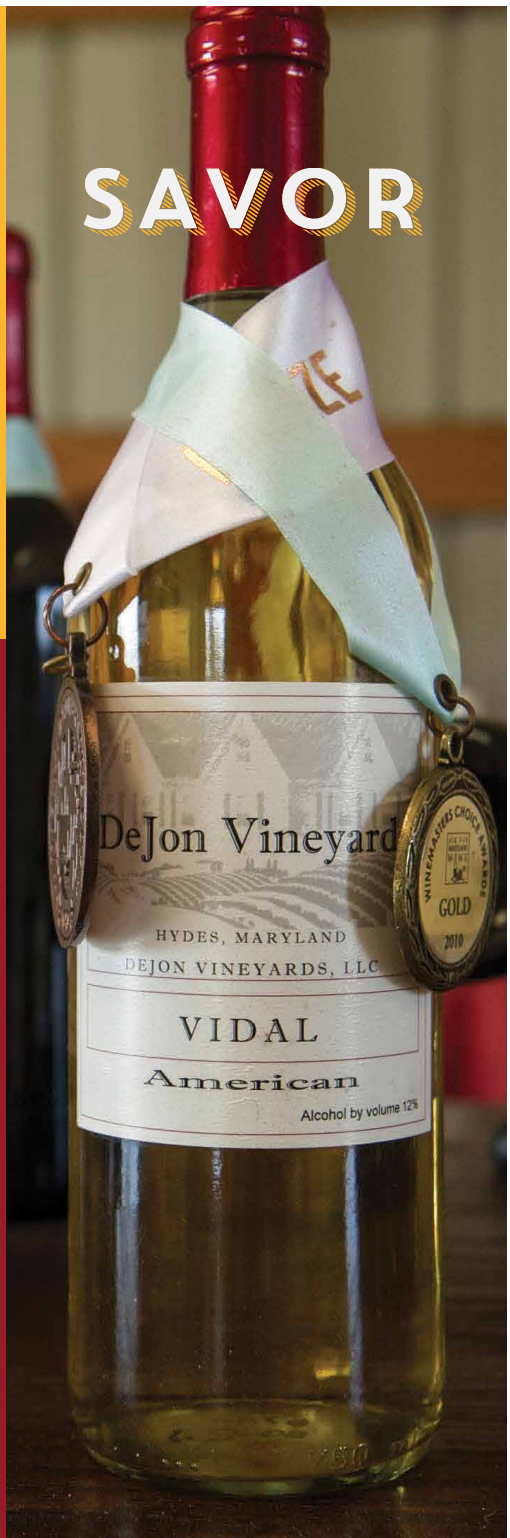
Ernest Hemingway once observed, "Wine is one of the most civilized things in the world." Baltimore County offers wine lovers seven civilized and inviting places to visit.

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Petit Verdot

BY JANNA HOWLEY


How has a grape whose name translates to “little green” become an increasing presence in Maryland winemaking? Petit Verdot, a grape that grows reluctantly in multiple countries across the world, seems to have found its home in our state. As one of the five approved grapes (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot) that can be used in Bordeaux red wines, Petit Verdot – a relative of Cabernet Sauvignon – has typically been used only as a blending grape. Single varietal, or majority blend, bottlings of Petit Verdot have been relatively uncommon, until now.

Petit Verdot produces small berries with thick skins; “little green” refers to its late season ripening. According to the Maryland Grape Growers Association (MGGA), these qualities give it higher acidity than Cabernet Sauvignon, and it adds nice color and complexity in blends. MGGA sees it as “maybe the easiest of the Bordeaux varieties [to grow] in the Mid-Atlantic region.” Vineyard manager Ron Wates, of Boordy Vineyards, likes to describe the growing patterns of the grape as “vigorous with a tendency to be rangy.”

Petit Verdot can produce intense, big

wines with dark berry and fruit flavors and good structure. Because of this, consider pairing Petit Verdot wines with heartier foods like roasted or grilled meats, hearty vegetables and cheeses. The tannins in the wines also give them the ability to age well.

In fact, two Petit Verdots won prestigious awards in 2015: the 2013 Petit Verdot from Big Cork Vineyards won Best in Show at the Maryland Governor’s Cup competition, and Catoctin Breeze’s 2013 Petit Verdot “Adagio” won Best in Class Red at the Maryland Winemaster’s Choice competition.

You can find Petit Verdot around the state on our Wine Trails, including the Bordeleau NV “Lot Number 1” on the Chesapeake Wine Trail; Port of Leonardtown’s 2012 PV Reserve on the Patuxent Wine Trail; Big Cork’s 2013 Petit Verdot on the Antietam Highlands Wine Trail; Catoctin Breeze’s 2013 Adagio on the Frederick Wine Trail; and Royal Rabbit’s “The Viscount” and Boordy’s Landmark Reserve 2012 Blend on the Piedmont Wine Trail. Plan your itineraries now! www.marylandwine.com/wine-trails. 

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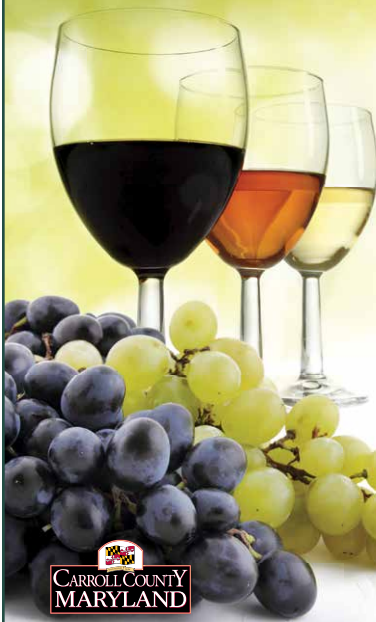
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The Rise of Main Street Wineries

Wineries, long associated with the pastoral tracts of lands on which grapes are grown, are now popping up in more metropolitan areas. And a new crop of millennial wine drinkers have helped to open that door just a little wider for alternative wineries. No one can deny the beauty of a vineyard, but some of Maryland's best wineries are located right in the city. Here are some of our favorites:

Turkey Point Vineyard

116 SOUTH MAIN ST. / NORTH EAST, MD 21901
TurkeyPointWines.com

In 2007, Eric and Doris Behnke began designing their future vineyard, after inheriting part of the family farm. In 2008 they were up and running, with three varieties in the ground: Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Chardonnay. That was on approximately 5 acres. In the spring of 2014, they added a little over 2 acres to the vineyard, which gives them about 7 acres of grapes (5 in production).

North East is located in Cecil County, at the head of the Chesapeake Bay. With a resident population of nearly 2,000 people, the town is host to thousands of visitors during the summer months. The Turkey Point Vineyard Tasting Room, located on North East's vibrant Main Street, opened in May 2014, and was an instant success. Visit their tasting room to try and buy their award-winning wines!

Cygnus Wine Cellars

3130 LONG LN. / MANCHESTER, MD 21102
CygnusWineCellars.com

This cozy winery and tasting room is located in Carroll County's historic downtown of Manchester. The winery, which was established in 1996, took up

residence in an abandoned 1939-vintage slaughterhouse.

Owner and winemaker Ray Brasfield focuses on producing dry table wines and methode champenoise sparkling wines from only locally grown grapes. The focus of the Cygnus Wine Cellars tasting room is wine education. Customers will find intelligent and informative answers to their wine questions, often from the winemaker himself. Events are important at the winery. During the summer, several dinners are featured, where a specially chosen chef will prepare a dinner for twenty guests outdoors. While he prepares the dinner, guests watch the chef and enjoy appetizers. Later they go downstairs where tables with linen tablecloths and crystal stemware are provided for the dinner. When you visit, make sure to ask Ray where the name Cygnus comes from!

St. Michaels Winery

609 S. TALBOT ST. / ST. MICHAELS, MD 21663
St-Michaels-Winery.com

The town of St. Michaels, located in Talbot County, dates back to the mid-1600s when it served as a trading post for area tobacco farmers and trappers. This vintage harbor port, whose origins date from the birth of the colonies, is nestled on the beautiful Miles River, and this is where you will find the charming tasting room at St. Michaels Winery.

This family-owned and -operated winery started in 2005 and is the largest winery on the Eastern Shore, using primarily local grapes. Upon arrival, visitors are given a list of the possible wine flights to taste, >>

along with descriptions. Guests can order a flight, or an individual glass. The winery is located in the Historic Old Mill complex, also home to artists, a floral designer, and other unique shops.

The Urban Winery

949 BONIFANT ST. / SILVER SPRING, MD 20910
TheUrbanWinery.com

Have you ever found yourself in our nation's capital, wondering where the closest winery is? Well look no further than The Urban Winery in Silver Spring. Silver Spring, having recently experienced a significant renaissance, is the fourth most populous place in Maryland. And that reason, perhaps, makes it the perfect place to open a winery!

The Urban Winery just recently opened its doors in June of 2015, in the Fenton Village neighborhood. Years ago, Damon and Georgia Callis would have called wine-making their number one hobby, having made wines out of their Silver Spring home for over 15 years. It didn't take long for that hobby to become a passion, and for that passion to become a business plan. In 2012, Damon and his wife, Georgia, both found themselves disenchanted with their careers, and came up with a plan to open a winery, claiming all they had was passion and a sense of feasibility.

Upon visiting their tasting room, you will not only be able to sample their wines, but wines from all over Maryland. And that's not all – they also feature local beer, cider and mead. One of the goals of The Urban Winery is to increase the awareness of Maryland product overall and to play a part in expanding the public's knowledge and appreciation. So walk, drive, or metro on down to the Urban Winery...you'll be glad you did.

Charis Winery

17 HOWARD ST. / CUMBERLAND, MD 21502
CharisWinery.com


Nestled at the base of the Appalachian Mountains is the historic town of Cumberland. And it's there that you will find Charis Winery, which opened its doors in 2013 as Allegany County's first winery. Owners Chuck and Robin Park moved to Maryland about 10 years ago and began making wine. Really good wine, as it turns out! They are located in downtown Cumberland's Canal Place Shops.

Charis Winery (pronounced Kar-is), offers red and white wines, dry to sweet, including a Catawba blend made with Maryland peaches and a recently added Pinot Noir. The Charis Winery Tasting Room is open several days a week, and also offers private tastings by appointment. Tastings are \$7.00 for a flight of seven wines of your choice. You receive a \$5.00 discount with the purchase of two or more bottles of wine. Charis Wines are sold under the Charis and Charis Reserve brands of wines at the winery and at wine shops throughout Maryland.

Olney Winery

18127 TOWN CENTER DR. / OLNEY, MD 20832
OlneyWinery.com

Originally a Montgomery County winery, Olney Winery boasts a wide array of different wines to appeal to every palate. Hands down, this winery has the most diverse selection of wines from which to choose. What makes Olney Winery unique, unlike many of the other Maryland wineries, is that they source grapes from vineyards all over the world. In doing so, they are able to ferment over 30 different varietals of wine, bringing "the world of wine to Maryland," as they say.

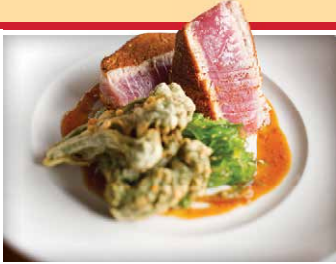
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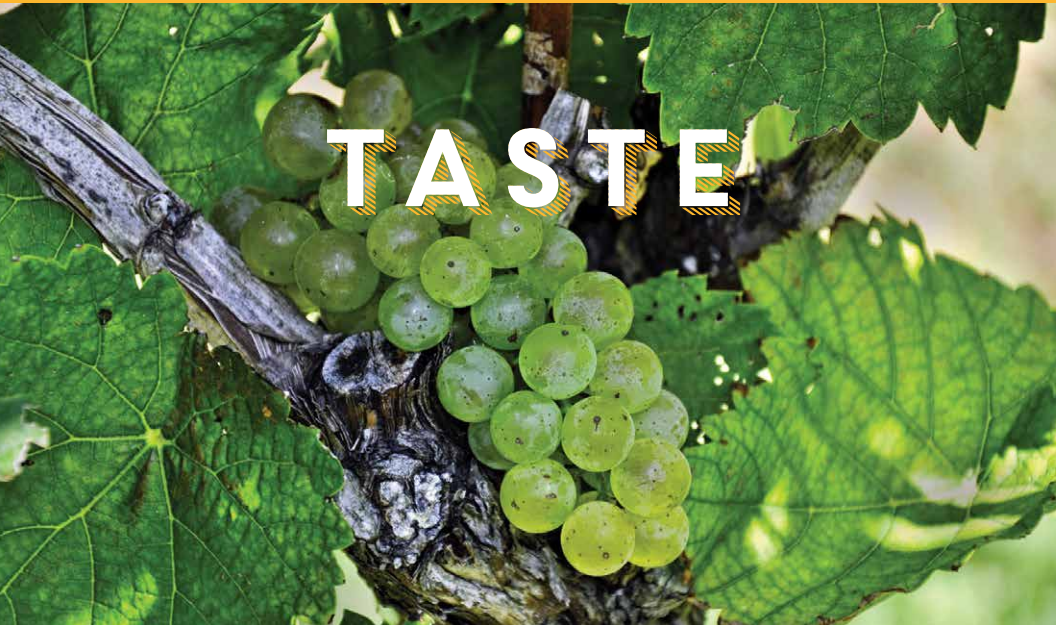


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*Big Cork
Vineyards*

Petit Verdot
2013

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*Sugarloaf Mountain
Vineyard*

**Chardonnay
Reserve 2014**

BEST WHITE BLEND

*Old Westminster
Winery*

Greenstone 2014

BEST ROSÉ

Linganore Winecellars
Pinky's Rosé 2014

BEST RED

Big Cork Vineyards
Petit Verdot 2013

BEST RED BLEND

Black Ankle Vineyards
Feldspar NV

BEST OFF-DRY

Turkey Point Vineyard
Vidal Blanc 2014

BEST CIDER

Great Shoals Winery
Hard Cherry 2015

BEST FRUIT

*Port of Leonardtown
Winery*
McIntosh Run NV

BEST DESSERT

Turkey Point Vineyard
**Late Harvest
Vidal 2014**

BEST IN CLASS



2015 GOVERNOR'S CUP MEDAL WINNERS!

Big Cork Vineyards

- ❖ Barbera 2013
- ❖ Chardonnay 2014
- ❖ Meritage 2013
- ❖ Merlot 2013
- ❖ Petit Verdot 2013
- ❖ Sauvignon Blanc 2014
- ❖ Syrah Rosé 2014
- ❖ Vidal Ice 2014
- ❖ Viognier 2014

Black Ankle Vineyards

- ❖ Crumbling Rock 2012
- ❖ Feldspar NV

Boordy Vineyards

- ❖ Chardonnay Reserve 2014
- ❖ Dry Rosé 2014
- ❖ Merlot Reserve 2012
- ❖ SCV 2014

Bordeleau Vineyards & Winery

- ❖ Pinot Grigio 2013
- ❖ Petit Verdot NV

Crow Vineyards

- ❖ Chardonnay 2013
- ❖ Vidal Blanc 2013

Great Shoals Winery

- ❖ Hard Cherry 2015
- ❖ Peach Draft 2015

Knob Hall Winery

- ❖ Jealous Mistress NV
- ❖ Rosé 2014
- ❖ Vidal Blanc 2013

Layton's Chance Vineyard

- ❖ Reserve Traminette 2013
- ❖ Vidal Blanc 2013

Linganore Winecellars

- ❖ Blackberry Kiss 2014
- ❖ Chardonnay Reserve 2014
- ❖ Pinky's Rosé 2014
- ❖ Retriever Red 2014
- ❖ Vignoles 2014

Loew Vineyards

- ❖ Honey & Grape NV
- ❖ Serendipity 2012

Old Westminster Winery

- ❖ Greenstone 2014
- ❖ Revelry, First Edition NV
- ❖ Sauvignon Blanc 2014
- ❖ Somm Cuvée 2013
- ❖ Tapestry, Second Edition NV
- ❖ Viognier 2014

Port of Leonardtown Winery

- ❖ 5th Anniversary Red NV
- ❖ Chambourcin Reserve 2011
- ❖ McIntosh Run NV
- ❖ Vintner's Select Vidal Blanc 2014

Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard

- ❖ Cabernet Franc Reserve 2012
- ❖ Cabernet Sauvignon 2013
- ❖ Chardonnay Reserve 2014
- ❖ Comus 2012

Turkey Point Vineyard

- ❖ Late Harvest Vidal 2014
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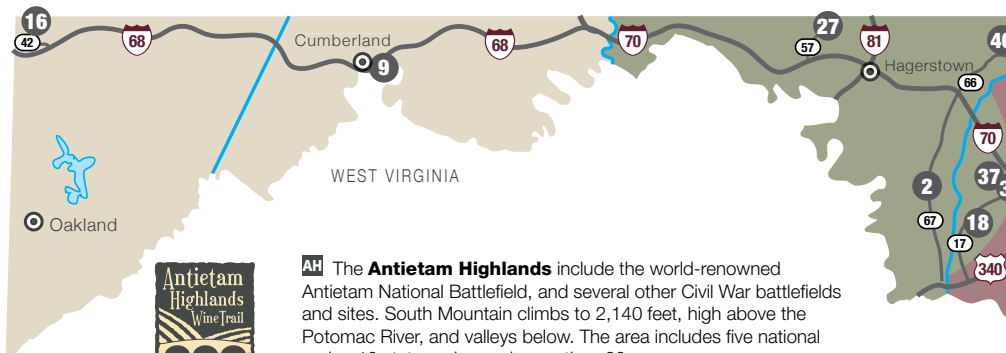
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Mazzarothvineyard.com
- 33 Millstone Cellars** **Pi**
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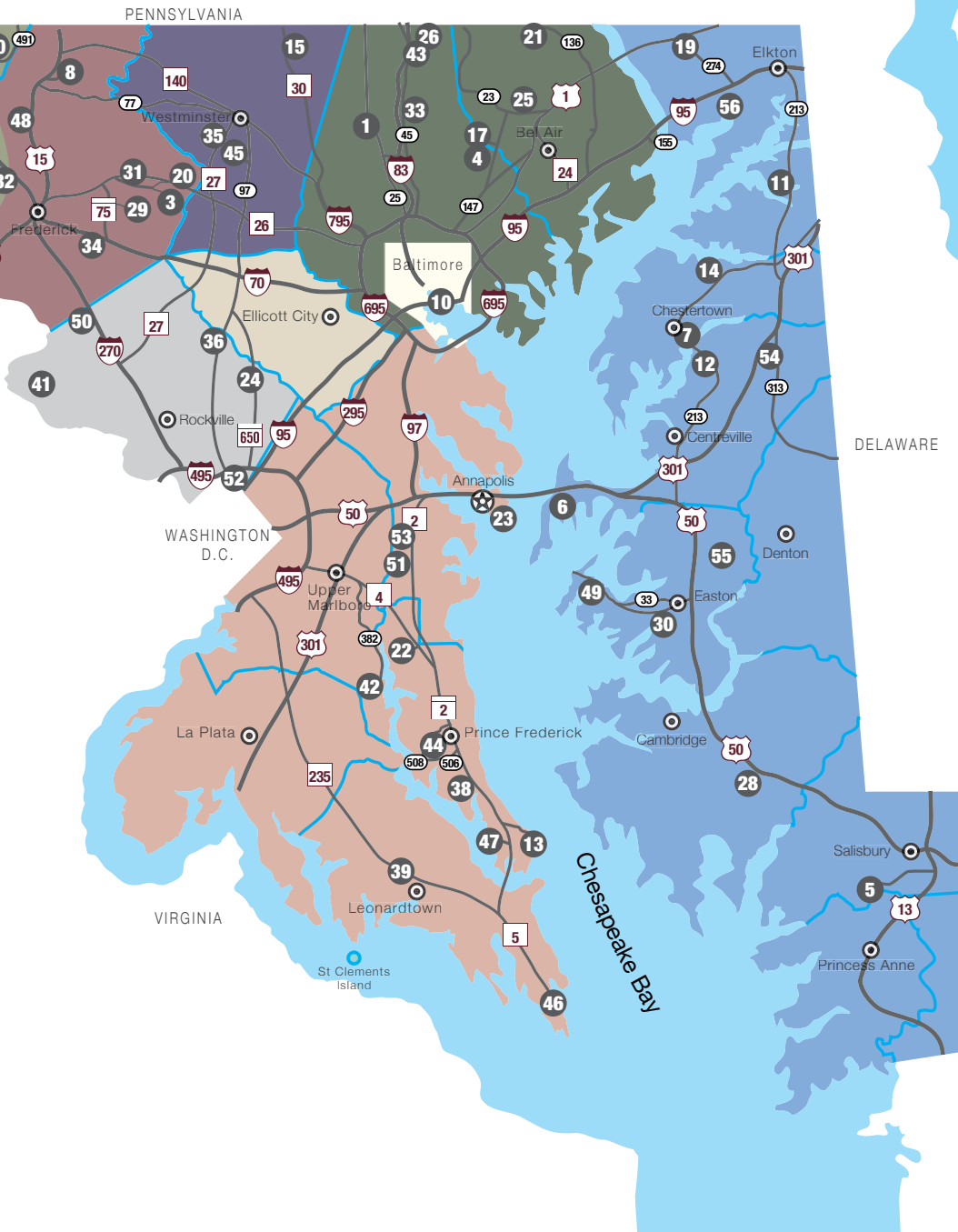


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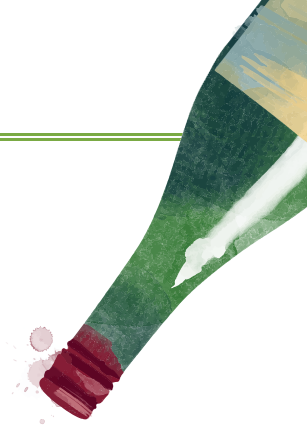
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“

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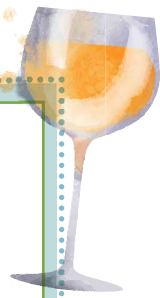
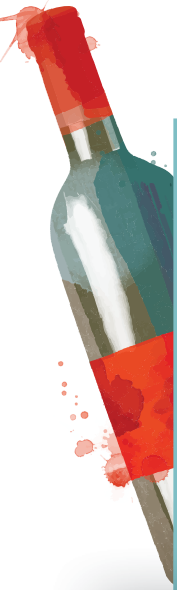
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For a white, I take a 2013
Old Westminster Winery
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Drunk Cheesy Bread

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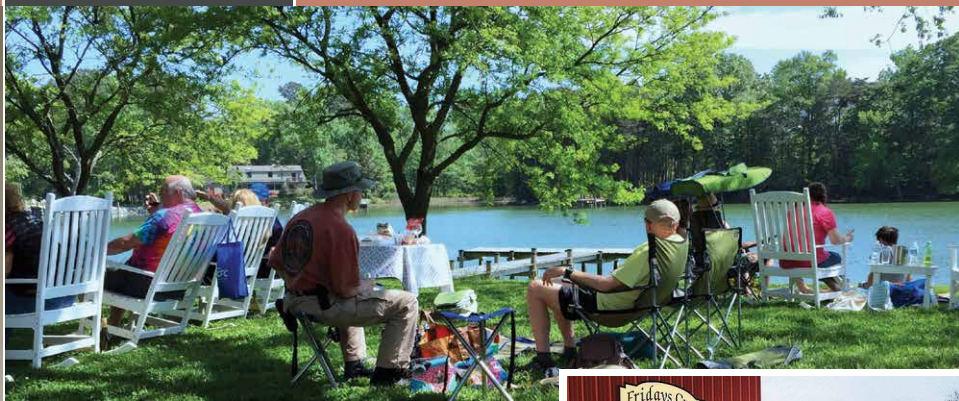
INGREDIENTS

- 1 butter for the pan
- 2 ½ baguette, cut into 2-inch slices
- 3 ½ small yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 4 ⅛ pound thinly sliced cooked ham
- 5 ¾ cup white wine
- 6 ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 7 1½ cups (6 ounces) grated Gruyère



DIRECTIONS


1. Heat oven to 400° F. Place the bread in a buttered ovenproof skillet, a 9-inch square baking dish, or a casserole. Scatter the onion and ham over the bread. Pour the wine over the onion and ham and sprinkle with the pepper and Gruyère.
2. Bake until the cheese has melted and begun to brown at the edges, about 20 minutes. Spoon onto individual plates.



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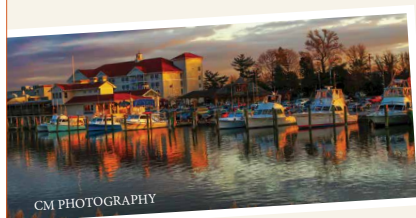
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Wine Manager Alan Murphy has more than 35 years in the business. Their Maryland wine section, occupying several shelves in the store, includes at least ten wineries from across the state. Murphy commented, "Our whole category of local wines has increased over the years. Shoppers are now asking for Maryland wines, period." And as wineries have become more active in promoting their wines and winery-based events, Murphy noted that there is an increase in consumer awareness of the whole industry. He also commended the local wine community for embracing the wide range of varietals that thrive in Maryland, including grapes like Seyval Blanc, Vidal Blanc and Chambourcin.

At Rip's the store staff tastes everything that Murphy tastes, so they have a good understanding of what to recommend to customers. To increase customer awareness of their offerings, Rip's also conducts Friday and Saturday wine, beer and spirits tastings. On Mondays they offer a 20% discount on 750ml bottles of wine, and as a result, have started offering Monday evening wine tastings. One of the best ways to take advantage of both the Wine & Spirits store, and Rip's Country Inn's delicious menu offerings, is through their bottle program. Any 750ml bottle of wine purchased in the shop can be taken into the Inn to enjoy with dinner, with no corkage fee charged. Rip's takes its commitment to local beverages and local community seriously, solidifying its long-time reputation as a local gem. www.ripscountryinn.com **MWP**

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MARYLAND WINE AMBASSADOR

Leslie Frelow is an Owner and Managing Director of Vino 301 Wine Concierge. Since they first opened in 2013, Leslie has immensely expanded her knowledge of Maryland wine. Vino 301 provides all-inclusive wine tours to Maryland's vineyards and wineries. From communication with the Maryland Wineries Association (MWA), to individual vineyards and wineries, to tasting room managers, Leslie has developed an appreciation for the craft of winemaking.

Leslie grew up in Prince George's County and recalls, Southern Maryland's evolution from tobacco fields to a thriving metropolitan area. She is conversant on Southern Maryland's rich history and discusses the changes to wine tours to her tour guests. "Out of towners are surprised by the transformation in such a short span," concluded Leslie. A significant attraction for Southern Maryland is the desire for the community to preserve its natural treasures, such as its countryside and waterways.

"I love all things wine and especially love local vineyards," revealed Leslie. She continued to explain, "I always look for the local wine section when I visit local restaurants or wine stores. I encourage them to try local wines and discuss Maryland's diversity of wines. You have to build a demand for people to take an interest." This motivation and passion is a driving force behind the success of Maryland wine. Many partnerships are forming between local wineries and independent businesses because of local wine advocates such as Leslie. Leslie notes one increasingly successful collaboration in particular between restaurants and wineries, "Farm to Table."

An inspiration behind the dedication Leslie brings to Maryland Wine is from her tour guests. She describes her tour guests as so much fun—not because they have a few drinks. Leslie recalls, "I learn so much about what people do and their interests. We build a bond with our guests and develop relationships long after the tour ends. Our guests have inspired

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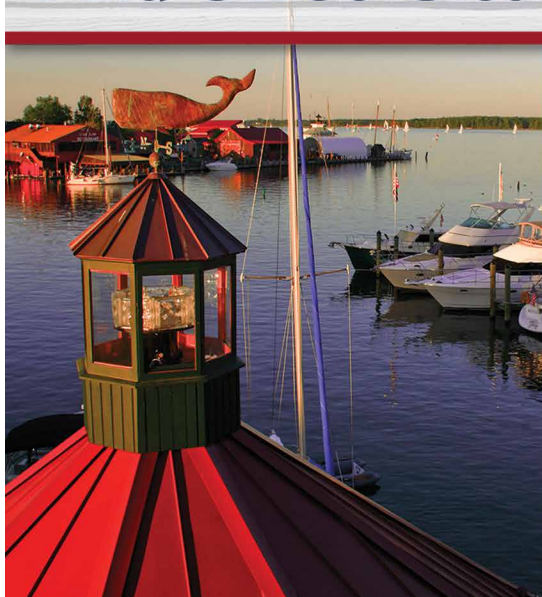


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us to support charitable causes that are close to them.” Vino 301 Wine Concierge participates in International Wine Tourism Day; the event promotes wine tourism, but also donates to a charity or non-profit of their choice. In November, they dedicated a wine tour to the Bowie Food Pantry.

The Patuxent Wine Trail displays every aspect of the region’s charms as it wraps through Calvert, Prince George’s, and St. Mary’s Counties. The Patuxent and Potomac Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay surround the Wine Trail. Many tourists are attracted to the Wine Trail because of the history and historical landmarks. Leslie’s favorite wine in the Patuxent Wine Trail region is the uniquely branded Chambourcin. “Running Hare Vineyard has a port-style Chambourcin that pairs extremely well with a decadent double chocolate cake. Port of Leonardtown has a beautifully crafted Reserve Chambourcin. And Romano Vineyard and Winery’s Chambourcin is perfect to sip slightly chilled or served with a hearty stew,” reveals Leslie Frelow.

As a wine enthusiast, Leslie’s experiences have persuaded her to love and promote the local wineries. The loyal following behind the Maryland wineries are one that Leslie appreciates. She believes that Maryland’s wine industry has opened the way for beer and spirits entrepreneurs. **MWP**

Q&A



Do you have a mission that you live by?

FRELOW: Be authentic. You have to be true to yourself. When you are true to yourself you will truly be true to others.



How would you explain your overall experience with Maryland wine thus far?

FRELOW: A love affair.



What’s your favorite part about serving a local product(s)?

FRELOW: I love seeing the reactions our tour guests have when they first try Maryland wine. There is an unmistakable look of surprise and then there is a smile. Finally, they say, “That was really good.”



Tell us a few places you enjoy visiting as a Prince George’s resident.

FRELOW: There is nothing like a Redskins game regardless if they are winning or losing. Winning is always the best. Jerry’s Seafood has the best crab cakes (“crab bomb”) in all of Maryland. Billingsley House is one of my favorite places. It is an historical manor along the Patuxent. It is a great place to spend a quiet Saturday afternoon and have a picnic lunch.



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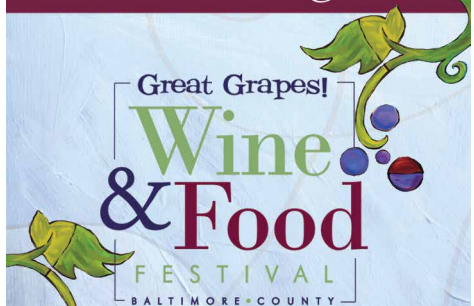


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REVIEW

Café des Artistes

WHEN CHEF LOIC JAFFRES DECIDED to open Leonardtown-based Café des Artistes in 1999, the large food distributors would not deliver that far south in Southern Maryland. So Chef Jaffres did what many chefs had not yet started doing in our region: he got together with some other local chefs and had a meeting with local farmers to start buying relationships that continue to this day. Produce, eggs, foraged mushrooms, cheese and meats are just some of the examples of local products that Jaffres purchases from local farms. And that relationship also extended to local wines. While the wine list spans the globe, Maryland wines from Fiore Winery, Slack Farms and Port of Leonardtown are also featured on the list, both by the glass and bottle.

Described as a “classic upscale bistro where you can escape the culinary mundane and take a journey to the French countryside,” the café offers the promise of a moderately priced, truly elegant country French meal. Outside the restaurant, a quaint cobblestone patio is perfect for open-air dining, and is “extremely popular during summer ‘First Friday’ events and Sunday Brunch.” The inside décor resembles a country inn, with classic, crisp earth tone tablecloths, and a softly lit dining room. Enjoy live piano every Friday & Saturday, as well as jazz cabaret twice a month. The restaurant also hosts periodic wine dinners, and offers a private dining room for events.





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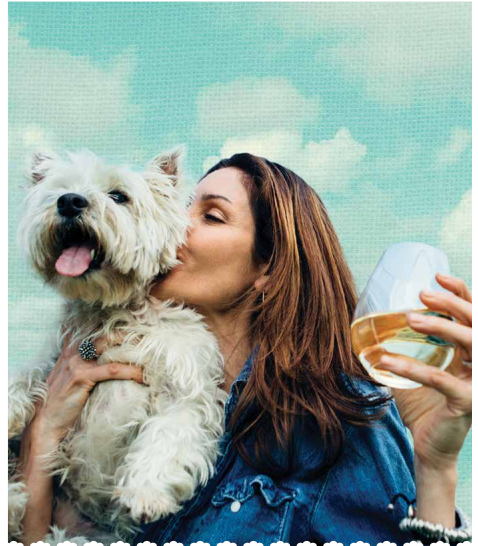
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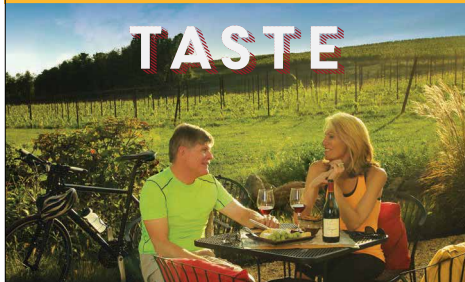
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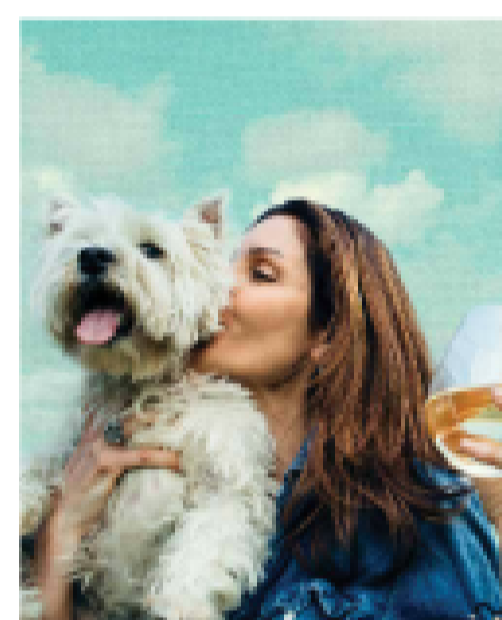
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