



6th Annual Southwest Michigan Wine Evaluation Workshop

The Michigan Grape Society was established to promote the welfare of all Michigan grape industries and related services through encouraging and supporting research, accumulating and disseminating information which would promote the grape industry, promoting production, quality and sales of Michigan grapes and grape products plus representing Michigan grape industry's interests in matters of local, state and national concerns.



About the Evaluation Michigan wines are receiving increased national attention due to recognition of their quality, and wines from Southwest Michigan are among the best the state has to offer. Whether you are a professional in the wine industry or a wine aficionado, don't miss this opportunity to taste Southwest Michigan wines. A panel of knowledgeable experts will guide you through tastings of wines from the Lake Michigan Shore Appellation, along with world class examples of wine styles from other wine regions similar to SW Michigan wines. Participants will taste the wines at the same time as the experts to get a first-hand appreciation of the subtleties of the wines. At the end of the session, the best SW Michigan wine in each category will be chosen by the panel. The event will end with a hospitality session of SW Michigan wines. Representatives of the wineries will be present to answer any questions you may have about their wines.

Our Experts

Ron Edwards, MS is one of only 198 experts worldwide who have achieved the prestigious Master Sommelier credential. With his ability to diagnose the wine drinker almost immediately, Edwards is able to offer educated insight on wine and spirit selections to all different types of consumers, leaving wine drinkers comfortable, content, and most importantly, excited about their selection. Edwards' education as Master Sommelier has allowed him to lend his knowledge throughout all aspects of the wine and hospitality industry. Ron's expertise is showcased through detailed lectures to the consumer, teaching courses to future Sommeliers, creating beverage programs that are unique and profitable, orchestrating wine focused special events, inspiring the nobility of service, and taking any corporate wine program to the next level. Edwards' philosophy is that the limits of his services are only bounded by the imagination of the client.



Brett Davis, MS, General Operations and Beverage Director, La Coop: Bistro à Vins
Brett's path included positions at Michael's in Santa Monica, Calif., Geronimo in Santa Fe, N.M., BIN 54 in Chapel Hill, N.C. and many other fine dining establishments across the country. In 1999, he joined the team at Vintner Select, a major distributor carrying over 2500 wines from around the world. After 10 years of study with the Court of Master Sommeliers, Brett earned the Master Sommelier diploma in 2009, making him one of two Master Sommeliers that were the first in Kentucky to achieve the honor. In 2010, he teamed up with veteran restaurateurs Steven and Michael Ton to open the nationally-acclaimed Doc Crow's Southern Smokehouse and Raw Bar in Louisville's historic Whisky Row. In spring 2012, the trio partnered with attorney Chip Hamm to open another restaurant in downtown Louisville, La Coop: Bistro à Vins. In addition to overseeing the restaurant's operations on a daily basis, Brett used his extensive wine knowledge to create La Coop's wine list.



Kathy Morgan, MS is a Washington D.C. based wine educator and consultant. In 2010, she passed the rigorous Master Sommelier examination, becoming the 105th Master Sommelier in North America – and the 19th woman in the world to earn the distinction. Having spent 12 years in the restaurant industry as an acclaimed sommelier and wine director, she currently teaches classes for wine professionals and consumers, and runs her own consulting firm, handling restaurant wine programs and private events. Kathy has offered her expertise and experience to many of the world's leading wine publications as a taster, commentator, contributor and panelist. Her credits include The Washington Post, Washingtonian Magazine, The Washington Times, Sommelier Journal, Food and Wine Magazine, Northern Virginia Magazine, and Flavor Magazine. She has also provided her expert opinion for WUSA TV and BBC America World News. One of her favorite roles is as a mentor and an educational leader in her community. She regularly assists others in their endeavors to pass blind tasting exams; she is an instructor at the Capital Wine School and a member of Les Dames d'Escoffier. In 2011, she was tasked to be the Chairman of the 2012 American Heart Association's Heart's Delight Wine Auction Committee.



Event is limited to the first 75 people

This event is underwritten by the Lake Michigan Shore Wine Country, and sponsored by the Michigan Grape Society

Registration Form Sixth Annual Southwest Michigan Wine Evaluation Workshop please return by 2/1/13

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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Location and time of the event

This event, sponsored by The Michigan Grape Society, will be held on Feb. 5th, 2013 from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. (Eastern Time) at Southwest Michigan Research and Education Center, 1791 Hillandale Rd., Benton Harbor, Michigan. Registration for this event is \$75/person by February 1 and \$90/person for paid registrations after that date. Registration includes a catered lunch. For additional information, contact Diane Miner (269) 944- 1477 x 201 or email : minerd@msu.edu

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