

Grapes of Taste ~ Bridge Club Tasting ~ March 27, 2008



Steininger Gruner Veltleiner Sekt ~ Austria ~ \$24.75

Yellowish gold; bouquet of pepper; tricky and noble; perfect mousseaux; aroma of Darjeeling-tea, blossoms and pepper; young and fruity freshness and enchanting grace.



Williamsburg Winery Governor's White ~ Virginia ~ \$8.30

A fresh fruity semi-dry blend perfect as an aperitif or with light fare. A wine for all seasons, this fruity wine is an excellent complement to seafood as well as ham, and light luncheon fare. Chilled, the wine will also be good company to Cajun and other spicy cuisine. In keeping with The Williamsburg Winery's tradition of historical identification of its products, the inspiration for Governor's White was Governor Berkeley (Governor of Virginia in the 17th century)



Twisted River Gewurztraminer ~ Germany ~ \$ 11.95

The 2005 vintage produced classic Gewurztraminer packed with intense pear, apricot and litchi flavors with hints of minerals. Excellent with blackened swordfish or a spicy Szechuan shrimp dish. Serve well chilled. Most people think of Gewürztraminer as the sweet white wine with the unpronounceable name. Originally from Germany, Gewürztraminer is pronounced '*ga-VERTZ-trah-MEE-ner*' - the name means *Spice Grapes*. It is primarily grown in Germany, Alsace France, and in smaller amounts in California and Australia.)



Red Diamond Chardonnay ~ Washington State ~ \$8.81

A full-flavored Chardonnay, the Red Diamond from the Columbia Valley stays generous and long on the palate; almost too easy to drink; enjoy barbecue chicken. After filling your mouth with juicy, ripe fruit like pineapple, pear and apple, creamy oak subtly creeps in and adds complexity to the mouth feel.



Folonari Pink Pinot Grigio ~ Italy ~ \$8.95

Vinified in stainless steel. Among grapes which produce white wines, Pinot Grigio actually has rather dark skin. This unique rosé is created by allowing skin contact with the fermenting juice, giving the wine its delicate blush color. Light rose color. Fragrance nose of flowers and fresh fruit. Soft ripe on the palate, with a nice pop of sweetness. sushi, shellfish, salmon, chicken, Asian cuisine