

Port and Cheese Tasting

November 28, 2006


Dear Member:

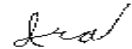
In 1386 England and Portugal signed the Treaty of Windsor to create an alliance of political and trading interests that has bound the two nations together ever since. Although the Treaty of Windsor is not quite as important as that other treaty signed in Windsor (the Magna Carta in 1215), the Treaty of Windsor, which still remains valid today, was the first step in introducing Port wine to the world. The Wine and Food Society of New York could not let the 620th anniversary of this treaty go past unnoticed, and Chairpersons Harriet Lembeck and Ian Shane would like to celebrate this notable anniversary by inviting you to a tasting of Port and selected cheeses on Monday, December 11.

Our speaker will be Wilma Dull, who has spent many years working for the Port houses of Fonseca and Taylor Fladgate. Wilma is currently secretary of Les Amis d'Escoffier Society of New York and a member of the Culinary Committee and President's Council of the James Beard Foundation. She will review the history of Taylor, Fladgate and Yeatman, which can trace its origins back to 1692 and an English merchant called Job Bearsley; the House of Croft founded in 1678; and Fonseca, which was founded by the Brazilian Fonseca family in the late 1700's and purchased in 1822 by a Portuguese named Manuel Pedro Guimaraens. Wilma will then take us through a variety of 10 Port styles from rubies and tawnies to late-bottled and Vintage Port. Among the 10 Ports will be 1970 Croft Vintage Port, 1986 Vargellas Vintage Port, 2003 Fonseca Vintage Port, Taylor 40-year old Tawny Port, Taylor 30-year old Tawny Port and "Curious & Ancient" 20-year old Tawny Port.

During the 18th century, English merchants based in Oporto exported copious amounts of Port wine back to Britain and thence to the colonies. The wily British were quick to recognize that Port is best accompanied by full-flavored cheeses. It is therefore fitting that the cheese selector for our tasting is co-chair Ian Shane, the Society's resident Englishman in New York. He has chosen five outstanding cheeses (Stilton, aged cheddar, Old Chatham blue, Manchego and Parmigiano Reggiano) obtained from one of the best cheese purveyors in New York to accompany the different styles of Port. Our Port and Cheese Tasting will be the perfect pre-Christmas event to get us in the culinary holiday mood.

Sincerely,


Ivan Thornton
Co-President


Ira Greene
Co-President

Date: **Monday, December 11, 2006**

Time: Reception: 6:30 p.m. Tasting: 7:00 p.m.

Location: University Club, One West 54th Street (Corner 5th Avenue & 54th Street)

Contribution: Members \$95, Guests \$110

Dress: Business attire (coat and tie)

THE WINE AND FOOD SOCIETY, INC., NEW YORK

Meeting #1077

RESERVATION FORM

Monday, December 11, 2006

PORT AND CHEESE TASTING

Please reserve ____ places for the **Port and Cheese Tasting at the University Club.**

Member Name(s) _____

Guest Name(s) _____

_____ Member contribution @ \$95.00 \$ _____ enclosed

_____ Guest contribution @ \$110.00 \$ _____ enclosed

Only those Members who have paid their dues may make a reservation. Members with dues paid and Prospective Members will be given preference up through MONDAY, December 4. After that date, guests will be accepted in the order in which their reservations were received.

To request a reservation, please go online to www.wfsny.org and complete the process electronically. You may pay securely with Visa, MasterCard or American Express, or you may mail a check. If you need assistance, please contact rose@wfsny.org

Or if you prefer, you may mail this form with your check to request your reservation. Checks should be mailed to The Wine and Food Society of New York, 249 Kimball Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090. If you have any questions, please call Rose at (908) 389-9590. Please use the enclosed envelope and indicate your address and telephone number below *only if paying by check.* **THANK YOU!**

IF YOU PAY BY CHECK, YOUR CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE YOUR RESERVATION CAN BE CONFIRMED.

Address: _____ Telephone: _____