

WINE WATCH



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The Newsletter of The Ireland Funds' WineGeese Society

The WineGeese Year

The WineGeese Society continues hosting events in New York, San Francisco, Dallas, and Dublin. In particular, the 2010 WineGeese trip to Argentina and Chile surpassed our expectations. HE Amb Cecilia Mackenna in Chile and Dr Guillermo MacLoughlin in Argentina provided tremendous help and the chairmen wish to express their great appreciation to them.

When the Society was established in 2002 little did we know how it would expand. Our knowledge of the role played by the Irish in the wine industry around the world continues to grow as does the recognition of these excellent wines. Irish-American wines continue to be served at the White House, including DuMOL, Concannon, Lalonis, Mahoney, Montelena, Silver Oak, Murphy-Goode, and Flynn. Indeed, DuMOL was served at the recent State Dinner at the White House for the Chinese President Hu Jintao. It is most fitting that dinners at the White House have featured many WineGeese wines over the years as the White House was designed by Irishman James Hoban who was born in Kilkenny in 1762, and trained in architectural design at the Royal Dublin Society where he worked on the construction of many of Dublin's landmark buildings including the magnificent Custom House.

Ted Murphy is assisting the Bordeaux and Gironde tourism bureaus who are bringing

Bordeaux officials, tourism staff, and Chateau Dillon (the wine college) staff to Cork to revive connections between Cork and Bordeaux. Where once the traffic seemed to be moving only in one direction, we now find Bordeaux is once again turning to Ireland. The Gironde Tourism Board has recently begun publishing a beautiful guide with maps on the Irish heritage of the region. The tourism officials have said that because of the WineGeese connections, and Ted Murphy's contributions to this knowledge, the French rugby union, in conjunction with Bordeaux officials, has decided to play the France-Ireland rugby match in Bordeaux in August 2011. This match is in preparation for the World Cup later in New Zealand. Truly "From Wine what Wondrous Friendship Springs".

Given this growth in the Society, the founders — Ken Gorman, John Sharkey, and John Tillotson — have invited three WineGeese members to join them in the leadership of the Society. They are delighted to announce that Michael Houlihan will oversee Ireland; and in the United States Michael Jackson will take on the west coast and Cliff Miercort will direct the southwest. There will be a WineGeese event on 22 June — the day before the start of the annual Ireland Funds' conference — in Limerick where you will be able to congratulate them on their new roles. We look forward to seeing you there.

Catena Zapata, Mendoza, Argentina



Errázuriz, Aconcagua Valley, Chile



Cono Sur, Colchagua Valley, Chile



Ken Gorman, John Sharkey, Michael Jackson, Cliff Miercort



Joan & Michael Houlihan



THE TERM "WINEGESE" IS
BASED ON THE STORY OF THE
WILD GESE, THE IRISH WHO
FLED THEIR NATIVE LAND
AFTER THE BATTLE OF KINSALE
IN THE 17TH CENTURY.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP

As of this writing we have 120 members and 61 honorary members. Honorary members are primarily the owners of vineyards we have visited, or dignitaries supporting our events.

NEW MEMBERS

Membership is by invitation only. The following criteria is to be considered when evaluating a prospective member.

A. FOR EXISTING IRELAND FUNDS' SUPPORTERS:

A track record of involvement and commitment to the mission of The Ireland Funds, evidenced by:

- a significant gift
- a significant purchase of tables at events
- the provision of significant in-kind services to the Funds
- membership on a committee or the Board
- the raising of significant monies on behalf of the Funds

B. FOR NEW SUPPORTERS:

- a proven interest in, or connection with Ireland, personal or professional
- a qualified assessment of capacity to support, and demonstrated philanthropic activity

To recommend a candidate for consideration, please send his or her background information to Netta Blanchard in the Dallas office. New members will be inducted at a scheduled WineGeese event.

The mission of The Ireland Funds is to be the largest worldwide network of people of Irish ancestry and friends of Ireland dedicated to raising funds to support programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland.

The Ireland Funds are a unique philanthropic organization. For over 35 years, we have been driven by a passionate belief that philanthropy makes a profound difference in society while bringing satisfaction to donors and recipients alike. We are proud to have helped over 1,200 worthy groups across the island of Ireland preserve Irish culture, counter sectarianism, advance education, strengthen community development and assist those in need.



Viña Cono Sur

All activities are self-funded by members.

We invite you to learn about giving back to the land that has given us so much.

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Viña Undurraga

Opposite page:

- 1 Ken Gorman, Guillermo MacLoughlin Bréard, Kingsley Aikins, HE Amb James McIntyre, John Sharkey, Federico Benegas Lynch
- 2 Ken Gorman, Alicia Moyano de MacLoughlin
- 3 María Luz Marín and Ken Gorman at Casa Marín
- 4 Ken Gorman, Patricio Middleton at Viña MontGras
- 5 Ted Murphy, Michael Houlihan, Andy Welch
- 6 Michael Jackson, Cliff Miercort, Kingsley Aikins, HE Amb Mariano Fernández Amunátegui, Ken Gorman, John Sharkey
- 7 Kevin Murray, Ken Gorman, HE Amb Anne Anderson, Buzzy O'Keeffe, Anthony Callaghan, John Sharkey, Lex Gamble, Pauline Ryan

WineGeese Society Members



Círculo de Armas, Buenos Aires

25 OCTOBER 2010

The WineGeese were hosted on October 25 by HE James McIntyre, Irish Ambassador to Argentina at the exclusive Círculo de Armas in Buenos Aires. WineGeese Society leaders Ken Gorman and John Sharkey inducted Ambassador McIntyre, Club member Dr Guillermo MacLoughlin, and wine luminary Federico Benegas Lynch of **Bodega Benegas Lynch** as honorary members of the worldwide organization. The superb meal prepared by chef Fernando Sparti was perfectly paired with the wines of Benegas Lynch, including the superlative Bodega Benegas Lynch Meritage. The WineGeese are extremely grateful to Dr Guillermo MacLoughlin for all his kind assistance to the group during our visit.

Photographs by Cristian Fresco





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- 1 Luanne Tierney, Lou Ann Corboy, Barbara Miercort
- 2 María Elvira Faner de Huergo, Brinda Curley, Alicita MacLoughlin, June Bennett
- 3 The group gathers with their new Argentine friends in the living room of the Círculo
- 4 Federico Benegas, Ken Gorman, John Sharkey, Archie Bennett
- 5 Paul Chiaraviglio, Pepper Jackson, José Manny Lalor
- 6 HE Amb McIntyre welcomes the group
- 7 Marie Heaney, John Patrick O'Farrell, Barbara Miercort, John Sharkey, Federico Benegas Lynch
- 8 Brinda Curley, Mike Corboy
- 9 Ken Gorman, Amb James McIntyre, John Sharkey
- 10 Mike & Lou Ann Corboy, Jorge Cinque
- 11 Kevin Curley, Guillermo MacLoughlin, José Manny Lalor



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Argentina and Chile

25 OCTOBER TO 6 NOVEMBER 2010

The WineGeese stayed at the resplendent Alvear Palace leaving Buenos Aires only to enjoy the 117th Hurlingham Club Open thanks to the kind assistance of Dr Guillermo MacLoughlin and Paul Chiaraviglio. After a spectacular evening at the Círculo de Armas we departed for the provincial charms of Mendoza and the delightful **Terrazas de los Andes**.

The following days passed swiftly touring the great **Catena Zapata** to the boutique winery **Achával Ferrer** where Manuel Ferrer took us round. We experienced our first traditional asado paired with **Benegas Lynch** wines at the home of Federico Benegas who was inducted into the society in Buenos Aires. The Irish Lynches came to Argentina via Spain in the 1750s. We headed down to the Uco valley where we were the first to dine at the newly opened **DiamAndes** winery estate house, the dinner prepared by award-winning chef Nadia Haron de Ortega. DiamAndes is part of the colossal **Clos de los Siete**, Michel Rolland's great Argentine adventure. We spent our final evening in Mendoza at **Cheval des Andes** where a polo match between the Irish Argentine WineGeese, represented by Guillermo Jr and Francisco MacLoughlin, beat the team of Cheval des Andes.

From the easy charms of Mendoza we headed to Santiago, Chile where we stayed at the splendid and stately Ritz-Carlton. Where Mendoza was all about elevation – and of course Malbec – Chile is all about microclimates and the intriguing effects of those cool winds that sweep through the myriad river valleys from the nearby chilly Pacific ocean.

Heading north to the Aconcagua valley we toured and lunched at **Errázuriz**, which produces some of Chile's greatest wines under the **Viñedo Chadwick** and Errázuriz labels. Our return to Santiago was enlivened by a visit to Quintessence, an alpaca farm. Moving east of the capital we headed to the Pacific ocean and the San Antonio valley where María Luz Marín, proprietor and winemaker of **Viña Casa Marín**, led us through a tasting of her superb wines. She honored us by accepting membership into the society. The superb wines kept coming as we explored the prestigious winegrowing region of the Maipo valley for a tour and tasting at **Almaviva**. We continued our exploration of the Maipo with a tour and al fresco lunch at **Undurraga**.

We left the capital for a three-day visit to the Colchagua valley. En route we stopped at **Altaïr**, where we were treated to an enchanting lunch beautifully paired with their elegant wines. We biked our way through the vineyards of **Cono Sur** and found ourselves sufficiently refreshed to engage in a lively wine tasting and dinner. We enjoyed a stunning tasting at pioneering **Viña Montes** where the spectacular view matched the wines, then on to **Clos Apalta**, its breathtaking new winery, and even more breathtaking wines. Lunch, served on the terrace of Mme Marnier Lapostolle was a dream. Our last evening in the Colchagua valley at **MontGras** of great food and gorgeous wines was made all the more memorable by the induction into the society of Managing Director Patricio Middleton, our gracious host.

The WineGeese were completely taken by the warmth of their reception in Argentina and Chile and are determined to do their part in bringing these superb wines to the notice of all.





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- 1 Manuel Ferrer of Achával Ferrer welcomes the WineGeese to his winery
- 2 The winning WineGeese team of Francisco MacLoughlin, Juan Carnero, Guillermo MacLoughlin Jr
- 3 Milagros Pérez Herrans de Kingsbury & David Kingsbury, Barbara Miercort, Alicita MacLoughlin, Cliff Miercort
- 4 The alpacas of Quintessence up close
- 5 Alejandro Perez takes the group through the Montes tasting amongst the trees and vines
- 6 John Sharkey and Archie Bennett amongst the alpacas
- 7 The gang at Clos de los Siete in the Uco valley
- 8 At Catena Zapata
back row: John Sharkey, Mike Corboy, Cliff Miercort, Michael Jackson, Kevin & Brinda Curley
front row: Luanne Tierney, Barbara Miercort, Pepper Jackson, Kerry Gorman, Helen Sharkey
- 9 A simply glorious day at Errázuriz
- 10 The group enjoys the tasting at Undurraga
- 11 Another well earned lunch, enjoying the fresh air at Altaír
- 12 Bicycling amongst the vines at Cono Sur
- 13 The benefits of a ride round the vineyard with dinner at Cono Sur

Winemakers at work, MontGras

4 NOVEMBER 2010

The WineGeese spent their last evening in the Colchagua valley at **Viña MontGras** where they explored their winemaking under the guidance of Claudia Cañete of MontGras. MontGras was established in the early 1990s by brothers Hernán and Eduardo Gras together with their business partners Cristián Hartwig and Managing Director Patricio Middleton. Santiago Margozzini serves as head winemaker, with renowned California winemaker Paul Hobbs serving as consultant. And now the WineGeese...swirl, sniff, taste, repeat.

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- 1 June and the serious pursuit of taste
- 2 Kevin blends
- 3 Kevin tastes while Claudia explains
- 4 Brinda studies the results
- 5 Cliff, Mike, and Luanne work out the percentages
- 6 Cliff gets the proportions right while Mike stands ready with the paper towels
- 7 Luanne measures carefully
- 8 Michael & Pepper Jackson carefully pour while Cliff reads from the blending list
- 9 Lou Ann shakes her graduated cylinder
- 10 Helen shows great care
- 11 Archie at the final blending
- 12 The corking begins
- 13 The seal is applied
- 14 And finally the label

Viña Cousiño - Macul, Santiago

5 NOVEMBER 2010

Our final night in Chile was celebrated at **Viña Cousiño-Macul** – what wine writer Hugh Johnson calls, “the first growth of Chile” with Dr Carlos Cousiño who graciously took us round his historic winery. HE Mariano Fernández Amunátegui, former Chilean Foreign Minister and renowned wine expert joined us for dinner at which time he was inducted into the Society. He shared his professional’s knowledge of the wines of the evening that were enhanced by the superb dinner prepared by famed Chilean chef Guillermo Rodríguez. It was the perfect ending to a magical two weeks exploring the wines of Chile and Argentina.

Photographs by Cristian Acevedo Fuentes



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- 1 Brinda Curley, Ken Gorman, June Bennett, John Sharkey
- 2 Ken Gorman, Kevin Curley, Carlos Cousiño
- 3 Archie Bennett, John Sharkey, Ken Gorman
- 4 Carlos Cousiño, Brinda & Kevin Curley
- 5 Helen & John Sharkey, Archie & June Bennett, Pepper & Michael Jackson, Carlos Cousiño
- 6 Carlos Cousiño, Pepper & Michael Jackson
- 7 HE Mariano Fernández Amunátegui, Ken Gorman, John Sharkey
- 8 John Sharkey, Ken Gorman, Lou Ann & Mike Corboy, HE Mariano Fernández Amunátegui, Barbara & Cliff Miercort
- 9 Michael & Pepper Jackson, June Bennett
- 10 Carlos Cousiño, Lou Ann Corboy, Kerry Gorman

WineGeese Events

NEW YORK 15 SEPTEMBER 2010

- 1 Kerry Gorman, Buzzy O'Keeffe, Ken Gorman, Sharon Bush, John Sharkey
- 2 Mike McGrath, Kevin Murray
- 3 Bob Dunfey, Bill & Lucetta Ganley, Jeanette Dunfey
- 4 Ken Gorman, Sharon Bush, John Sharkey
- 5 Lucetta Ganley, Jeanette Dunfey, Ronan Downs, Kieran McLoughlin, Bob Dunfey

The New York chapter of The Ireland Funds' WineGeese Society gathered in Manhattan for a celebration of Guinness & Oysters. The evening was hosted outdoors at the Dubliner restaurant, on New York's historic cobblestone streets. Ken Gorman and John Sharkey, WineGeese chairmen, thanked the guests for joining them on such a beautiful evening. Ronan Downs, owner of the Dubliner, spoke to guests of the wonderful tradition of combining two of Ireland's greatest commodities. Guinness & Oysters – a lovely way to bring a piece of Ireland to New York.





DALLAS 8 APRIL 2011

Clive Coates, MW – one of the most respected and entertaining wine authorities in the world – was in Dallas to attend a special dinner featuring Burgundian wines at the Park City Club Friday April 8th. WineGeese chairman, Cliff Miercort presented Clive Coates with a copy of Ted Murphy's *A Kingdom of Wine*. Cliff also presented a copy of Ted Murphy's book to Michael Davis, General Manager of the Club and wine aficionado.

WineGeese members will know Coates for *The Vine*, his independent fine wine magazine, which ran from 1984 to 2005, back issues of which continue to be in high demand. His books are widely considered the classic works on their respective subjects including *Côte d'Or*, *A Celebration of the Great Wines of Burgundy* and the newly released *The Wines of Burgundy*, which he graciously signed for our WineGeese.

- 1 Clive Coates MW is presented with a copy of Ted Murphy's *A Kingdom of Wine* by Cliff Miercort
- 2 Clive Coates, Cliff Miercort, Michael Davis
- 3 Netta Blanchard, Cliff Miercort, Pierrette & Antony Francis, Nancy & Barry Crossman, Liza O'Connor
- 4 Clive Coates, Barbara Miercort
- 5 Waymon & Ann Levell, Barbara & Cliff Miercort
- 6 Clive Coates, Lou Ann & Mike Corboy
- 7 Cliff Miercort, Clive Coates, Waymon Levell



DuMOL Wines

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

19 JANUARY 2011

On 19 January the President of the United States hosted Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China for an official State dinner. The Chinese delegation requested a quintessentially American evening representing the best that the country has to offer. Once again, DuMOL wines were chosen. Kerry Murphy, first generation Scots-Irish and honorary WineGeese member, is the founding partner of DuMOL. Established in 1990 to produce Burgundian style varietals, DuMOL is consistently reviewed and rated by Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate* and *Wine Spectator* in the mid to high 90s. The DuMOL Chardonnay "Russian River" 2008 served that night is no exception.

DuMOL wines can be found at the White House, the American Embassy in Paris, the Irish Embassy in Paris, and fine restaurants around the world.

Dinner Menu

D'Anjou Pear Salad with Farmstead Goat Cheese
Fennel, Black Walnuts, and White Balsamic



Poached Maine Lobster
Orange Glazed Carrots and Black Trumpet Mushrooms
Dumol Chardonnay "Russian River" 2008



Lemon Sorbet



Dry Aged Rib Eye with Buttermilk Crisp Onions
Double Stuffed Potatoes and Creamed Spinach
Quilceda Creek Cabernet "Columbia Valley" 2005



Old Fashioned Apple Pie with
Vanilla Ice Cream
Poet's Leap Riesling "Botrytis" 2008



THE
CHINA STATE
VISIT

THE WHITE HOUSE
January 19, 2011

Wine Roundup

NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF WINE

SYLVIE CAZES-REGIMBEAU honorary member of the Society has just been appointed as director of all Roederer's estates in Bordeaux as reported by Decanter and Jancis Robinson. As managing director of Ch Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, she will oversee Ch de Pez and Ch Haut Beauséjour in Saint Estèphe, Ch Bernadotte in Haut Médoc, and Ch Réaut la Gravière in AOC Bordeaux.

Cazes will continue to play a supervisory role with the Cazes family estates, including Ch Lynch Bages and Ch Ormes de Pez, as president of the Advisory Board. Her shares in the family estates remain the same. She will also continue as president of the Union des Grand Crus de Bordeaux, with her role assured until the next elections are held in June 2011. In addition she continues as a major advisor on wine tourism to the mayor of Bordeaux, Alain Juppé, runs and plans to develop the Cazes family's Bordeaux tourism business, and has special responsibilities within their wine and restaurant empire.

THIERRY GARDINIER (inducted into the Society in June 2009 at a grand dinner in Paris) and family of Château Phélan Ségur have bought a majority stake in the Taillevent group. The Gardiniers own a holding company which runs orange plantations in Florida, the luxury hotel Domaine les Crayères in Champagne, as well as the renowned St Estèphe Cru Bourgeois, Phélan Ségur.

The Paris-based Taillevent group consists of the luxury Paris hotel Taillevent at the Arc de Triomphe, L'Angle du Faubourg restaurant, and the Caves Taillevent wine merchant. Laurent Gardinier will chair the group, while Thierry will run the hotel, the restaurant and the Caves Taillevent.

DUMOL GOSLING ARRIVES As is fitting for the grandson of the famous DuMOL vintner Kerry Murphy, Connor James McNeil arrived on St Patrick's Day 2011. Parents Michelle and Tom McNeil are so proud that the 2011 vintage of the Pinot Noir from a special DuMOL vineyard will be named Connor.

HUNTER VALLEY, AUSTRALIA Almost half of the Hunter Valley vines have been ripped out over the past 18 months. Of the region's 8000 acres under vine (3250 ha) some 3700 acres (1500 ha) have been removed, that is to say some 46 per cent. Plunging grape prices, worldwide wine glut, high Australian dollar, and the increasing dominance of New Zealand and South American wines in the international market have taken a heavy toll. WineGeese Society member Bruce Tyrrell notes that "there were many vines planted in the wrong place, for the wrong reasons and they will all have to come out." He notes that they will have no choice but to focus on better quality wines. Overall the Winemakers Federation of Australia predicted in Dec 2009 that at least 20 per cent of Australian vines needed to be removed to combat oversupply. By March 2010 some 16,300 acres (6600 ha) or just 4.3 per cent had been removed while an additional 32,100 acres (13,000 ha) had not been harvested.

BORDEAUX VINTAGES ACCORDING TO RENOWNED WINE CONSULTANT ERIC BOISSENOT

1999 — can be very good, especially in Margaux. It rained during the vintage. Lots of alcohol.

2001 — undervalued. People are discovering it now.

2002 — undervalued. There are some good wines too.

2003 — too hot. It's evolved rapidly.

2004 — a very classic year; people were prejudiced because of the high yields. Not exuberant.

2006 — very firm.

2008 — very fruity, surprising. Very long season.

Thierry Gardinier of Ch Phélan Ségur, Bernard Peillon of Hennessy, and Amb Anne Anderson



News and Notes

BY TED MURPHY

A RARE SMALL AMERICAN ASKOS-FORM WINE JUG

The *askos* form is exceptionally rare in American silver. The earliest example was made for Thomas Jefferson, who admired an ancient bronze example in the Cabinet of Antiquities at Nîmes, France. That piece had been found at the Roman temple called the Maison Carrée, a building Jefferson greatly admired and which he used as his model for the Virginia State Capital. He had a mahogany copy made in 1787, and then had a silver copy made by Simmons & Alexander of Philadelphia when he returned to the United States in 1801. Curiously, he used the askos for chocolate rather than wine, and affectionately called it "the Duck"! The image you see here is a French bronze replica of the original ancient *askos*. The wooden model remained at Monticello until 1821 when Irish artist Thomas Sully was there to paint Mr Jefferson. Jefferson presented the model to Sully out of appreciation and deep respect for his work.



Bronze askos, replica of the original bronze which Thomas Jefferson had a copy made in wood. French, c 1850 (private collection)

A SPECIAL GLASS

During Thomas Jefferson's time as Secretary of State in New York, in a letter to a friend in June 1790, he very much regretted being unable to avail of his invitation to be inducted as a member of the Philadelphia Irish Society as it had arrived after his departure from Philadelphia. A contemporary account describes George Washington's induction into the same society. Washington, who normally enjoyed his claret from a fine Cork glass goblet, assented to one of the initiation rites which consisted of a full bottle of claret being decanted over his head. In September 2010 Andy Welch was inducted into the Society by Ted Murphy with the assistance of Irish WineGeese chairman Michael Houlihan. The ceremony was conducted with greater decorum, although the wine glass from which Andy is drinking is identical to one illustrated in Washington's glass collection.

The Cork Glass Company, established in 1783, developed a huge export trade to the United States. Between 1800 and 1802 it exported thousands of wineglasses to Virginia in

the same style as the Jefferson and Washington glasses. These are often incorrectly attributed to English glass. The finely engraved decoration, the funnel-shaped bowl and the circlet of tapered flat-cut flutes at the bottom of the funnel, the stem and the foot of the glass, together with the overall proportions, are common features of the Cork Glass Company of the period.



Andy Welch at the Blue Haven, Kinsale sipping from a Cork glass, c 1780

NOTES

North America was considered to be the most discerning market receiving the top quality production known as American Madeira. Many of this tapered style of decanter engraved with 'Madeira' and showing hollow flute cutting to the shoulders and around the base were produced particularly for the American market. On the occasion of many of the grand Madeira dinners held in New York, Philadelphia, and Virginia, a decanter of this measure would have been placed in front of each guest who in turn used it as their personal serving vessel. Date c 1790. Among a number of wine related vessels found in the rubbish pit in Thomas Jefferson's garden at Monticello, Virginia was a broken decanter engraved Madeira.



ON MADEIRA



Madeira, a Portuguese Atlantic island, produces a high quality fortified wine that is generally accepted as one of the most supple and longest living. Madeira first came into prominence when it was shipped in great quantities to colonial America prior to the War of Independence and in the immediate decades of the newly formed United States. Madeira assumed a patriotic dimension after a customs launch at Boston was attacked and forced to flee over prohibitive import duties that were imposed in 1768.

Noel Cossert in his book *Madeira: The Island Vineyard*, traces the history of Madeira and writes that it played "an important part in the American way of life". He notes that it was used to commemorate many key moments in American history, including the celebration of the Declaration of Independence in

Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. In July 1792, Thomas Jefferson used it to toast the location of the United States' capital in Washington DC. He also tells us that George Washington's inauguration in April 1789 at Fraunces Tavern was toasted with Madeira wine. During Francis Scott Key's composition of the Star Spangled Banner and Betsy Ross' sewing of the American flag, both enjoyed the pleasure of a patriotic glass of Madeira. Madeira was said to have gladdened the hearts and palates of Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin on many occasions and George Washington was known to enjoy a pint of Madeira at dinner each evening at Mt Vernon. The Cossert family has been among the most influential on the Island of Madeira for nearly two centuries. William Cossert, son of a Dublin wine merchant, was the first member of his family to arrive in Madeira.

So it is with food that we should explore our Madeiras. The Barbeito's website, www.vinhosbarbeito.com, has a clever diagram, www.vinhosbarbeito.com/barbeito_food/food_grid_10.pdf, that rates the experience you are likely to receive by pairing a number of the firm's Madeiras (including the Rare Wine Company's Historic Series wines) with various dishes. (If you have trouble accessing the food diagram, do contact us and we would be happy to send you a copy.)

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- HE Mariano Fernández Amunátegui, Santiago, Chile
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- Allison and Michael Kelly, Fermoy Estate, Margaret River, Australia
- Dr John Lagan, Perth, Australia *
- Sean Larkin, Larkin Wines, Napa Valley, California
- Daniel Lawton, Tastet & Lawton, Bordeaux, France
- Peter MacCann, Merrion Hotel, Dublin, Ireland
- Fay and Brian McGuigan, McGuigan Wines, Hunter Valley, Australia
- Gay McGuinness, Domaine des Anges, Côtes de Ventoux, France
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- Scott McWilliam, McWilliam's Mt Pleasant Wines, Hunter Valley, Australia
- Francis Mahoney, Mahoney Vineyards, Napa Valley, California
- María Luz Marín, Casa Marín, San Antonio Valley, Chile
- Brian Martin, Clairault Estate, Margaret River, Australia
- Ena Martin, Clairault Estate, Margaret River, Australia
- Patricio Middleton, Viña MontGras, Colchagua Valley, Chile
- Doreen Murphy, Murphy-Goode Estate, Alexander Valley, California
- Kerry and Margie Murphy, DuMOL Winery, Russian River Valley, California
- Gavin Newsom, PlumpJack Winery, Napa Valley, California
- Lochlann Quinn, Château de Fieuzal, Pessac-Léognan, France
- Brendan Roche, Roche Estate Winery, Sonoma, California
- Prof. Michael Scott, Bordeaux, France
- Patrick Scullion, Irish Consul-General, Sydney, Australia
- Sheilagh Sullivan, Setanta Vineyards, Adelaide Hills, South Australia
- Mary Driscoll Toboni, Toboni Vineyards, Russian River Valley, California
- Bruce Tyrrell, Tyrrell Vineyard, Hunter Valley, Australia
- Chris Tyrrell, Tyrrell Vineyard, Hunter Valley, Australia
- AWB "Bill" Vincent, Monaco

MR JAMES MULVANEY

Mr James Mulvaney, husband, father, grandfather, philanthropist, died October 2010 at age 87. Jim and Ruth Mulvaney traveled for the first time with the WineGeese to Bordeaux in June 2004 and became our steadfast friends. A prominent civic leader in San Diego, he found time for many charities including The American Ireland Fund, St Vincent de Paul, and the United Way. Jim, a lawyer, moved to San Diego from Chicago in 1945 to work at National Steel and Shipbuilding; later he served as president of the old Pacific Coast League's San Diego Padres. He went on to serve as vice president and general counsel of the San Diego Padres National League team. He served as a naval officer during World War II and taught law at the University of San Diego School of Law.

We were truly privileged to know this most impeccable of men.



Charles King, Ruth Mulvaney, Mo King, Jim Mulvaney at Château Margaux

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WINERIES VISITED TO DATE

FRANCE

BORDEAUX

Château d'Issan
Château de La Ligne
Château Latour
Château Léoville-Barton & Château Langoa-Barton
Château les Ormes de Pez
Château Lynch-Bages
Château MacCarthy and Château Haut-Marbuzet
Château Magnol
Château Margaux
Château Pape-Clément
Château Phélan-Ségur
Château Pichon-Longueville-Comtesse Lalande
Château Siran
Château du Tertre
Château d'Yquem

COGNAC

Delamain et Cie
Jas Hennessy & Co.

LOIRE

Château de Goulaine

SPAIN

Bodegas Garvey

ARGENTINA

Bodega Achával Ferrer
Finca Adalgisa
Bodega Benegas Lynch
Bodega Catena Zapata
Cheval des Andes
Clos de los Siete
Bodega DiamAndes
Terrazas de los Andes

CHILE

Viña Almaviva
Viña Altaïr
Clos Apalta
Viña Cono Sur
Viña Cousiño-Macul
Viña Errázuriz
Casa Marín
Viña Montes
Viña MontGras
Viña Undurraga

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

NAPA

Carneros Creek Winery
Chappellet Winery and Vineyard
Chateau Montelena Winery
Flora Springs Winery & Vineyards
Jarvis Winery
Round Pond Estate
Sequoia Grove Vineyards
Silver Oak Cellars
Twomey Cellars
Whitehall Lane Winery

SONOMA

Driscoll Toboni Vineyard
DuMOL Winery
Gary Farrell Vineyards and Winery
Limerick Lane Cellars
Murphy-Goode Estate Winery
Roche Estate Winery

AUSTRALIA

Clairault Estate Wines
Cullen Wines
Fermoy Estate
The Growers
Leeuwin Estate
McGuigan Wines
McWilliams Mount Pleasant Estate
Oakvale Winery
Roche Wines
Tyrrell's Wines
Xanadu

FUTURE EVENTS

BOOK

Our congratulations to Ted Murphy and his book, *A Kingdom of Wine* for winning the prestigious 2006 Gourmand International Award, "Best in World-Wine History Book". The second edition will come out in September 2011. The new edition, as was the first, will be self-funded by the Patrons of the Society.

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