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The March tasting at the Johnstons featured "Second Strings", i.e., wines made from varietals normally used as "blenders". Tied as the "favorite" were Haugue Picpoul de Pinet (02) at \$6.99's and Calin Carmenere 02 (\$9.99). J. Lohr Valdiguie 02 at \$8.9 came in second and a tie for third place featured River Road Pinto Meunier (02) [\$12.99] and Linden Vineyards Petite Verdot (\$20.00). Horton Vineyards took fourth place with Tannat (\$20.00) and El Toqui Semillon 02 came in last with one vote and a price tag of \$5.99.

All in all, it was a fine educational tasting of the caliber we have come to expect at the Johnstons (including a fine spread presented by the hosts and augmented by the members). As a reminder, members are encouraged if not expected to bring an item for the "food" table whenever possible.

April Tasting

Our April tasting is at Barb and Bill Browns on April 18th at the usual 2 p.m. start time. Please call them by Wednesday the 14th if you plan on coming [redacted] See directions on the back). Here is the "program" as sent to me:

REDS - you bet.

CABS - you bet.

But Cabs in a bag? You bet. You must guess where they are from. You will be given a list of countries and states (there will be no ringers). Seven wines and seven countries or states. Count'em, seven, for you see even the warm-up is in a bag. The winner gets to go home with the empty bags, but everyone gets to taste CABS, CABS and MORE CABS.

Future Schedule

- May 16 - House Hosts Barbour, Wine Host Nan Slick.
- June 20 - House Hosts Wilsons, Wine Hosts Parker/Pardoe
- July 18 - House Hosts Grillon - PICNIC
- August 15 - House Hosts Evans - National Tasting
- September 19 - House Hosts Benzils, Wine Hosts Benzils.

The balance of the year will be in next months letter. Sign up now for next year to serve as a house host, wine host or both.

"Wine in the bottle does not quench thirst."
George Herbert, 17th Century