

Annual Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Wine Tasting

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Theme: The theme for this ninth Annual Tasting at Prince of Peace Church was “Affordable Wines.” Each wine was made from a different prominent grape, and most were blended with smaller percentages of other grapes. As the wines were presented, the participants savored the aroma and taste of each wine, discussed the grape varietal, noted the difference of the wine taste after sampling some of the meats, cheeses and chocolate, and then rated the wine.

Special Event: The wines, door prizes, and auction items were donated by the presenters, and all money collected from the participants for the tasting and auction support church ministries. The money collected for the tasting totaled \$380, and the auction items brought in another \$229 for a total of \$609.

Order of wines served and ratings:

Secco - reception wine	not rated	Average Price \$7
King Estate Pinot Gris, 2019	87 points	Average Price \$15
Haut-Blanville Reserve Pinot Noir 2018	90 points	Average Price \$17
Cantina Zaccagnini Montepulciano d’Abruzzo 2019	89 points	Average Price \$11
Buena Vista Cabernet Sauvignon 2019	93 points	Average Price \$17

Process: There were 18 raters of these wines. Each wine was presented in the order listed above, and the raters were reminded how to taste and rate these wines. Ratings were done after each wine was tasted and collected later for tabulation. There were ample cheeses, sausages, crackers, water, and other foods available for pallet cleansing and comparative tastings with and without food. Chocolate was served with the last red wine. The environment was conducive for many comments, firsthand experiences, and questions. Each wine was fully discussed during its tasting and rating. The wine retail prices were provided at the end of the evening. There were numerous door prizes given, and four items were auctioned with the proceeds going to the Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund.

Results: Individual ratings for these wines ranged from “Extraordinary” (96 to 100 points) to “Below Average” (60 to 69 points). But, most of the ratings were between 85 and 93 points indicating that we made a good selection for the tasting. There was a 6-point spread between the highest and lowest rating with the winner being the Buena Vista Cabernet Sauvignon. Value ratings were also computed for these wines with value being defined as “rating points per buck spent.” With a rating of 89 points and a price of \$11, the Cantina Zaccagnini Montepulciano d’Abruzzo wine was the clear winner of value per dollar spent.