

Sand Castle Newsletter

February 2012 Edition
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Sweetheart Pairing

Saturday, February 11th from 1:30-4 PM

Enjoy an afternoon of delicious wine and delectable morsels with your sweetheart. Sand Castle Winery celebrates the month of love with our special wine tasting and food pairing.



Menu highlights include:

- Beef Wellington & Cabernet Sauvignon 2008
- Pork Tenderloins & Pinot Noir 2008
- Grilled Chicken Breasts & Chardonnay 2006
- Shrimp & Johannisberg Riesling Private Reserve 2003
- Cheesecake & Johannisberg Riesling Late Harvest 2008

Food will be prepared by Chef Bert from Crystal Rose Catering and he will be on site to talk about food preparation. The world of wines and their function as a food on the dinner table will be guided by Joseph, our winemaker.

Complete wine presentation, including some Millennium series wines, will start at 1:30 PM. The event will end with a tour of our underground wine cellar.

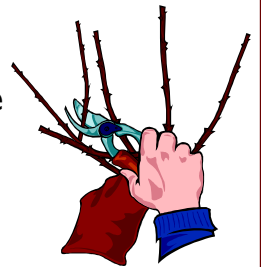
Tickets are \$35/per person in advance and can be purchased online or by calling the winery at 610-294-9181.

* **Limited tickets remain**

The Vineyard

The grape vines are saying *Thanks* to God for the warm January. The lowest temperature was 6°F and that tells us that so far we have had no damage to the buds due to cold weather. Winter is no over yet and we will have to hold our breath all the way until the middle of March.

Pruning is in full swing and if anyone desires the cuttings of Chardonnay, the time is now. Riesling will be pruned in two weeks and Pinot Noir and Cabernet in late March. Barbeque enthusiasts are invited to come and get some grape vine sticks to provide an unique flavor to your food.



The Winery

The cellar is calm and quiet. The hustle and bustle of harvest, the bottling rush for the holidays, cleaning of the yeast, and moving of the 2011 vintages is done. This is the time of the year you can really assess your past wines and try to categorize the wines for their future release. The best wine from the 2011 season is the Johannisberg Riesling (Dry). There is something about the miserable wet season Riesling loves and then produces exceptional fruit.



Our cellar now has a forklift and many tedious tasks have become easier. We started to reorganize the pallets of the archived wines and found some forgotten treasures which we will share during our Vertical Tastings (schedule posted on our website).

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Upstairs Gallery

The Upstairs Gallery is open daily and is a great place have a glass of wine while enjoying the artwork. We feature a beautiful selection of artwork, cut glass, prints, Shona sculptures, and more.

The Upstairs Gallery is interested in showcasing local artists artwork for our Artist of the Month. If you are interested in finding out more about our Artist of the Month feature, please send an inquiry to upstairsgallery@sandcastlewinery.com

Tasting and Tour Information

Tastings: \$5/pp (includes souvenir glass) - daily

Cellar Tours & Tastings: \$10/pp - daily

VIP Educational Tours: \$20/pp-Sat. & Sun. 1pm *

Principles of Wine & Dine: \$35/pp-Sat 3:30 pm *

Vertical Tastings: \$30/pp-Sundays 3:30 pm *



***Reservations are required**
Monday - Saturday 10am - 6pm
Sunday 11am - 6pm

Calendar of Events at Sand Castle

2/11	Sweetheart Tastings, 1:30-4pm, \$35/pp
2/12	Wine & Chocolate tastings
2/18 & 2/19	Wine & Fresh Herbs weekend
2/25 & 2/26	Wine & Cheese weekend
3/17 & 3/18	Art Weekend (more info to be posted soon)

February Traveling Wine Festivals

2/18	Friendfest—Kutztown, PA
2/18 & 2/19	Motorama, Harrisburg, PA



Sand Castle Winery's Gourmet Experience

Wine Flights & Chocolate Truffles

Stop in at either of our TASTE locations for a delicious February promotion. Select two of your favorite wine flights and pair them with a dish of chocolate truffles; share them with your special someone or a best friend!

Wine, Tapas & Small Plate Class

*Phoenixville & Warrington **

Two-hour wine pairing class guides students through eight wines & bevy of tapas & small plates. Participants taste and sip as knowledgeable instructors share the rich history of tapas, pass out recipes for featured dishes, and discuss how correct pairing practices help both the food and the wine taste their best.

\$55/pp, \$99/for two
Reservations are required

Fundamentals of Wine

*Warrington **

This fun class provides an educational experience where you can learn all the basics of the enjoyment that fine wine has to offer in just 90 minutes. You will have the opportunity to taste each wine along with along with selected accompaniments, which will demonstrate the benefit of pairing proper food flavors with each wine.

\$30/pp
Reservations are required

*** Please check our website
for class schedules**



TASTE - Warrington
Valley Square Shopping Center
711 Easton Road
Warrington, PA 18976
(215) 343-4528

Monday – Saturday 10 am – 9 pm
Sunday 11 am – 5 pm

TASTE - Phoenixville
236 W. Bridge Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460
(484) 924-9530

Tuesday – Thursday 3 – 9 pm
Friday 12-11 pm
Saturday 10 am - 11 pm
Sunday 11 am – 8 pm