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# The Bluffs Food & Wine *gazette*

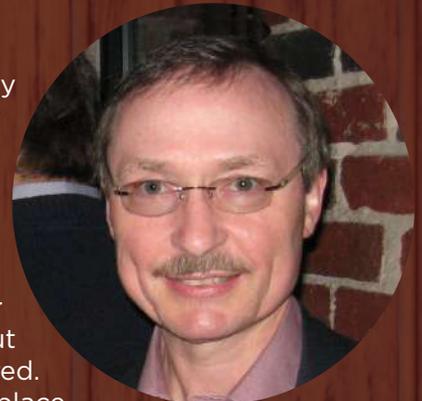
## Event Report:

Rosé the Day Away  
Upcoming Events

# What's New

What better way to while a hot summer day away, in the comfort of an air conditioned restaurant, than to go to a rosé tasting? That is exactly what we had for our July 10th event at Pitch Dundee. Amanda Harrington and John Matthews did a fine job of presenting us with a blind tasting to see if we could identify the origin of four different rosés from around the globe. Check out the story.

We are getting a new wine cellar! Patti and Steve Hipple have graciously let the Branch use the basement of their Washington Terrace office for many years, and we thank them for their generosity. But we have now outgrown the space as we have been adding wine to the cellar regularly. So we have started the process of building a new cellar. Dave Thrasher has donated space at his business and Mike Wilke has taken charge of the construction. Check out the photos. Both have donated time and money towards the process, and we heartily thank them for that. Estimated cost is about \$9,000 to \$10,000 which is coming out of our dues. A cooling unit and a condensation pump has been ordered. Framing, insulation, electrical, and insulated door are all going into place. Shelving is ordered as well. It will be state of the art when finished. Bravo!



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# Rosé the Day Away

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It was a typical hot and muggy July Sunday, but Pitch Dundee was nice and cool for our Rosé the Day Away event. This was the second time that our dynamic duo couple, Amanda Harrington and John Matthews, have had an event that focuses on rosé. It wasn't that long ago, probably around the turn of the millennium, that you were considered some kind of rube that just fell off the wine truck if you asked about rosé in a wine store. But that was when most domestic rosés were sweet. Somehow you weren't a serious wine drinker. But Americans discovered dry rosé, and now the genre has experienced an explosion of popularity, especially in the summer. Besides our tasting wines being rosé, we had a sparkling Graham Beck Brut Rosé NV for quaffing.

Our task for the blind tasting was to identify what country the rosé came from. We mercifully knew what the labels said for each of the four wines: Domaine de la Mordorée Tavel La Dame Rousse 2020 (France), Erath Rosé of Pinot Noir 2019 (Oregon Willamette Valley), Bodega Garzon Uruguay Reserve Pinot Noir 2020, and Marietta OVR 2020 Old Vine Rosé (Mendocino, CA). Extra credit was given if you could identify the grapes involved. We had mixed success results on the country of origin, suggesting we need more practice! Amanda got them all correct, however.

Pitch did a nice job with the food. I thought the Arugula Salad was especially imaginative. The salad ingredients, including candied walnuts and Gorgonzola Cheese, were wrapped in a small tower of prosciutto with Balsamic Glaze drizzled on the plate. The Short Rib over Creamy White Polenta was quite good as well. All in all, it was a fun, relaxing early evening dinner. I am looking forward to my next judiciously selected rosé to while the summer away.





# UPCOMING COUNCIL BLUFFS BRANCH EVENTS

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## OAK HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Dry Aged vs. Non-Dry Aged Ribeye

Event Producers Brent Rasmussen & Susan Rauth  
and Amanda Harrington & John Matthews

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OCT  
23

## DOLCE

Fall Harvest theme

Event Producer: Michelle Hyder

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NOV  
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## BARNATO (IN THE OLD BRIX IN VILLAGE POINT)

Event Producers: Paige & Brian Ritter,  
and Tabitha & Dave Thrasher

### HOSTING AN EVENT?

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