

German Wine Society

Information Sheet

Reception: Rudi Wiest, Cellars International, (<http://www.germanwine.net>), imports a distinguished, award winning portfolio of wines. The list of fine German wine estates represented includes Mönchhof, Wegeler, Dr. F. Weins-Prüm, Schloss Lieser, Reinhold Haart, Milz, Karthäuserhof, von Hövel, Bert Simon, Zilliken, Robert Weil, Franz Künstler, Reichsrat von Buhl, Gunterloch and Schäfer Fröhlich. Join us for a relaxed, at-your-own-pace walk-around tasting, featuring a selection of 8 to 10 wines from this distinguished portfolio and delicious hot and cold appetizers specifically paired to the wines. Come early and go on to dinner on your own, or stay and chat with the representatives of Rudi's local importer, Maximum Wines, who will be pouring that evening.

Alice Fitz Seminar: Located in Bad Duerkheim, in the Pfalz, Weingut Fitz-Ritter (<http://www.fitz-ritter.de>) has been in the Fitz family since it was founded over two centuries ago and is run today in the 8th generation by winemaker Konrad Fitz and his American wife, Alice, who is responsible for marketing and export. Synonymous with quality and value, the estate was voted International Winery of the Year in 2002 by *Wine and Spirits Magazine*; the winery's 2002 Riesling Spätlese Ungsteiner Herrenberg is one of the 12 wines on Bruce Sanderson's recommended list in the March 31, 2004, issue of the *Wine Spectator*. In addition to her other accomplishments, Alice generously contributes her time and efforts on the German Wine Society's National Board of Directors. The tasting will include both "core" estate items, plus some surprises chosen by Alice especially for this event.

Nik Weiss Seminar: One of the hottest "new" estates around right now is St. Urbans-Hof in Leiwen, (<http://www.weingut-st-urbans-hof.de>) thanks to the efforts of owner/winemaker Nik Weiss. David Schildknecht's review of this estate's 2002 vintage in the *International Wine Cellar* is loaded with (for David!) rare one- and two-star indications. In the March 31, 2004, issue of the *Wine Spectator*, three of Bruce Sanderson's 12 recommended wines (25 percent!) are from St. Urbans-Hof. Nik's seminar will discuss the differences between wines from the Mosel and the Saar. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet one of Germany's rising stars.

Banquet: An elegant, multi-course meal from the outstanding kitchens of Head Chef Sylvain Harribey, paired with wines chosen from the renowned Valckenberg Imports (<http://www.valckenberg.com>), presented by Nancy Peach, Director, Sales and Marketing, Northeast. The distinguished portfolio includes the wines of J.J. Pruem, Dr. Loosen, Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt, Schloss Wallhausen, Maximin Gruenhaus, Johannishof Eser, Baron zu Knyphausen, Schloss Castel, Graf von Neipperg, Heyl zu Herrnsheim, Bassermann-Jordan, Schloss Saarstein, and Dr. Thanisch.

Brunch: David Schildknecht is a longtime friend of the German Wine Society and a perennial favorite speaker. From his days in retail wine sales in Washington, D.C., to his distinguished career as a wine journalist, David has educated and entertained us with his amazing command of vineyard, vintage and producer information. Currently the German wine reviewer for Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, his opinions are some of the most sought-after by German wine enthusiasts and trade professionals. David will present a selection of Sekt and Kabinett wine pairings to accompany our elegant brunch.