

5th Annual Southwest Michigan Wine Evaluation

About the Evaluation

Michigan wines are receiving increased national attention due to recognition of their quality, and wines from Southwest Michigan are among the best the state has to offer. Whether you are a professional in the wine industry or a wine aficionado, don't miss this opportunity to taste Southwest Michigan wines. A panel of knowledgeable experts will guide you through tastings of wines from the Lake Michigan Shore Appellation, along with world class examples of wine styles from other wine regions similar to SW Michigan wines. Participants will taste the wines at the same time as the experts to get a first-hand appreciation of the subtleties of the wines. At the end of the session, the best SW Michigan wine in each category will be chosen by the panel. The event will end with a hospitality session of SW Michigan wines. Representatives of the wineries will be present to answer any questions you may have about their wines.



Our Experts



Ron Edwards

Ron Edwards, MS is one of only 198 experts worldwide who have achieved the prestigious Master Sommelier credential. With his ability to diagnose the wine drinker almost immediately, Edwards is able to offer educated insight on wine and spirit selections to all different types of consumers, leaving wine drinkers comfortable, content, and most importantly, excited about their selection. Edwards' education as Master Sommelier has allowed him to lend his knowledge throughout all aspects of the wine and hospitality industry. Ron's expertise is showcased through detailed lectures to the consumer, teaching courses to future Sommeliers, creating beverage programs that are unique and profitable, orchestrating wine focused special events, inspiring the nobility of service, and taking any corporate wine program to the next level. Edwards' philosophy is that the limits of his services are only bounded by the imagination of the client. For more info on Ron please visit his web site www.ronedwardsms.com



Kathy Morgan

Kathy Morgan, MS a recipient of the coveted Master Sommelier title in 2010. Morgan recently joined the VinNobles.com team, currently is the Sommelier at Citronelle in Washington, DC, Morgan has a very distinguished career that includes developing award-winning wine lists and heading the wine programs at the city's Occidental Grill, Tosca and 2941. Morgan is also a consultant, a judge at wine competitions, and a writer. She is one of only 198 individuals worldwide to have earned the title of Master Sommelier since the Court of Master Sommelier instituted the MS program in 1969.

The Location of the Event and Time



This event, sponsored by The Michigan Grape Society, will be held on Feb. 7th, 2012 from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. (Eastern Time) at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 East Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor, Michigan. Registration for this event is \$75/person by February 3 and \$90/person for paid registrations after that date. Registration includes a catered lunch. For additional information, contact Diane Miner (269) 944-1477 or email : Mich.GrapeSociety@gmail.com

Event is limited to the first 100 people

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Please Print Form and return by February 3rd

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____
 Company _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # _____
 Total Amount Enclosed _____

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