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Mark Your Calendars:

- May 5 2006 fund raiser wine tasting for Monroe Community Hospital \$60 per person
 Tickets at Wegmans and Fund Development Office
- **June AWS tasting is on June 3, Mt Rise Church**

Wines of Chile and Argentina

April 8, 2006

If you missed this one, you missed humor, great slides, great stories and great fun!

	#	Year	Wine	Price	Votes	Foods	Comments
Flight	E		Pisco (Chile)	\$12	1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National drink of Peru and Chile – ferment Muscat grape in stainless steel and age in oak and then mixed with Coca-Cola or Fruit juice.
	ONE	1	Chardonnay Mont Gras Reserve 2005 (Chile)	\$7	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baguette rounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediterranean climate • Alcohol is 14%
		2	Chardonnay 2004 Trumpeter Argentina	\$8			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hi altitude Andean vineyard • Alcohol is 13.5%
TWO	3		Chardonnay Corralillo Reserve 2001 (Chile)	\$13	9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team's suitcase special – Gene brought it back from Chile in a suitcase! • Matetic Vineyards Winery founded in 1998 • Vegetative nose, floral mouth
THREE	4		Cabernet Sauvignon Casillero del Diablo 2004 Chile	\$9	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dartagnan Chorizo Sausage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conch Y Toro Winery – wine name translates as the "devil's cellar" • Winemaker is Chilean wine maker of the year – he makes massive wines with extraordinary quality
FOUR	5		Big Tattoo Red 2003 Chile	\$8	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheeses from Wegmans ○ French Explorator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winemaker's brother is tattoo artist • This week's best buy of the week from Wine Spectator • 50% French / 50% am oak barrels Alcohol is 13.5%
FIVE	6		Bonarda Alamos 2004 Argentina	\$8	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spanish Urgelia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mendoza region – E. side 13.6 Alcohol • Grape brought with Italian Immigrants from their Piedmont region
	7		Susana Balbo Blend: Syrah/Bonarda 2003 Argentina	\$18	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hershey's milk chocolate with Toffee and Almonds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mendoza region 50%/Syrah 50% Bonarda • Female wine maker
SIX	8		Malbec Montes Reserve 2004 Chile	\$8	21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patagonian – for red meat, game and pasta • 6 mo in American oak with 'earth' and 'pad' filtration – decanting recommended • Wine enthusiast: Round and open, well shaped and solid
	9		Malbec Catena Reserva 2003 Argentina	\$16	15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patagonian

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SEVEN	A	Cabernet Kaiken 2003 Argentina	\$11	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dartagnan Chorizo Sausage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montes Winery – drink now – 87 – 90 points • Pairs well with beef and lamb
	B	Amancaya Blend: Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon, 2004 Argentina	\$13	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheeses from Wegmans ○ French Explorator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd wine produced by the winery 55% M/ 45% C • Scored 91 by Wine and Spirits / Wine spectator
EIGHT	C	Blend: Cabernet Malbec, Achaval Ferrer 2003 Quimera Argentina	\$24	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spanish Urgelia • Hershey's milk chocolate with Toffee and Almonds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests for more rapidly responded to !

Pategonia has no wines – it is an area but all the wines are either Chilean or Argentinean

- Argentina is second biggest country in South America and is quite literate
 - Santiago is about as far to the south as Kansas, Kentucky are to the north
 - Tango invented here!
 - Main St of Buenos Aires is 18 lanes wide! Butch Cassidy hid out here
 - Arid country side produces classic grape varieties / experiences
- Chile – Santiago is the capital. Valparaiso is the first city of Chile and an active wine growing region
 - Grapes are the main fruit export

A Letter from Gerry and Terri Shallcross on Casa Vin' Arte

How would you like your own winery? Too expensive? Maybe you could make wine at home if your wife will let you. Crushing grapes in a dark basement doesn't really sound like fun. Last year Fairport had a music festival and we found Casa Vin' Arte located at 120 Village Landing in Fairport right in our own back yard. It is a winemaking experience like no other.

We now have our own winery with the help of Ken Hall, the owner, and his expertise and over 20 years of experience. Ken realized his dream of providing a place where all can partake in making your own wine, using state of the art equipment. Everything from purified water, specialized automatic filtering systems, a 4 bottle vacuum filling station, heat shrunk caplets to a Ferrari, imported from Italy, automatic corker.

At first we hit on the idea of producing our own wine with personalized wine labels at a very reasonable price, and handing it out to our clients. Let's face it – everyone gives out pens and refrigerator magnets. We were doing something different. Now I have clients asking when we are making our next batch.

We started with a Pinot Grigio, then a Pinot Noir that won the gold medal in a national contest for private wineries, and we are in the process of making a Riesling. Well, we have it all, it is fun making wine, and there is no mess to clean up.