

Edmonton Gentlemen's Dinner Club

September 12, 2011

Wine Pairings

Sweet corn veloute with grapefruit infused avocado, thyme relish

2008 Toni Jost Bacharach Riesling Kabinett trocken
Mittelrhein Germany (\$25, 11% Alc., 100% Riesling)

This wine is a classic slate Riesling with pronounced minerals and chalk. A crisp wine with balanced fruit and acidity. Bacharach is a town in the Mittelrhein wine region of Germany. The town has three exceptional vineyard sites and Hahn is one of them.

Pepper crusted Venison Carpaccio with Chanterelle Mushrooms white truffle oil

2009 Balland-Chapuis le Vallon
Sancerre France (\$34, 13% Alc., 100% Sauvignon Blanc)

Made from the Sauvignon Blanc grape in the Sancerre region of the Loire Valley this wine is light straw yellow in colour and has citrus fruits and white peach on the nose. In the mouth it is lime. Dry, not too fruity and not sour. Nicely balanced with little oak.

Mascarpone and Portobello mushroom agnolotti with green beans, cherry tomatoes, parmesan crisp and basil cream

Ahi Tuna with mushroom, fava bean sauté, blackberry citronette

2009 Voerzio Dolcetto Priavino
Piedmont Italy (\$33, 14.5% Alc., 100% Dolcetto)

Made from the Dolcetto grape, the wine offers cherry and blackberry aromas followed by notes of mocha and leather. Soft and lush on the palate with an underlying complexity and concentration. The producer, Roberto Voerzio, is one of the stars of Piedmont and is famous for his Barolos, which are now cult wines. One of his philosophies is that great wines start with low yields and this is a fine example of this practice.

Chocolate pots du crème with blueberries

2010 Braida Brachetto D'Aqui
Piedmont Italy (\$32, 5.5 Alc., 100% Brachetto)

Made from the Brachetto grape in the Aqui district of south Piedmont, the fresh, fruity, floral aromas and low alcohol combine to make this a perfect pairing for chocolate and berries dessert. This wine is medium bodied with a trace of sweetness and is usually lightly sparkling (frizzante in Italy). Braida, (the wine maker) focuses on raspberries and cherries with a delicate off-dry finish and is one of the finest examples of Brachetto D'Aqui.