

“Wine makes daily living easier, less hurried, with fewer tensions and more tolerance”  
-Benjamin Franklin

On Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> the Harvard College Wine Society held their first tasting of the semester in Adams House Lower Common Room. The tasting featured six wines of three different varietals— Sauvignon Blanc, Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon—and was led by Alan Frishman, a chair of the wine committee of the Commanderie de Bordeaux and board member of the Wine and Food Society in New York City.

The event was a great success and a wonderful start to the semester. We would like to thank Alan Frishman, Adams House, the members of the HCWS, and everyone else who made this event possible.

Photos from the event can be found on our Facebook page.

### 1. Domaine des Corbillieres, Touraine Sauvignon 2012



**Region:** Sologne, France

**Grape Varieties:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Tasting Notes:** Delicate and with a floral aroma, this wine is rich and fruity, well balanced and gives a lasting freshness to the palate. Goes well with asparagus, fish and all shellfish.

### 2. Dashwood, Sauvignon Blanc 2012



**Region:** Marlborough, New Zealand

**Grape Varieties:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Tasting Notes:** Dashwood Sauvignon Blanc is pale straw in color. The nose has stone fruit, citrus and fresh tropical notes that leap from the glass. The palate is expressive with stone fruit, citrus and fresh tropical flavors that linger on through the crisp finish.

### 3. Georges Vigouroux, Gouleyant Cahors Malbec 2011



**Region:** Cahors, France

**Grape Varieties:** Cahors is a small AOC wine region located in southwest France. The AOC is only for red wines, which must be made from a minimum of 70% Malbec (called Cot locally) and up to 30% Malbec or Tannat. In general Cahors wines tend to be more deeply colored than their Argentinean Malbec counterparts, as well as more tannic and fuller in body. However, this "Gouleyant" is quite modern and supple in style. It is made from 80% Malbec and 20% Merlot.

**Tasting Notes:** This Cahors red wine is medium-to-full bodied and jam-packed with bright black fruit flavors — blackberries, plums, wild raspberries and wild bramble fruits with hints of spice, smoke and a charming earthy minerality. On the palate it has a plump, rounded mouthfeel, with supple tannins, that give just enough grip and structure. Moderately long length with a minerally finish, this is an honest wine that combines a strong sense of place with plenty of fruit flavor.

### 4. Vinalba, Reserve Malbec 2011



**Region:** Mendoza, Argentina

**Grape Varieties:** 100% Malbec

**Tasting Notes:** Mendoza has become one of the most dynamic wine producing regions in the world with an enviable array of grape varieties, many of which are planted at high altitudes. The long summers mean the wines have wonderfully pure tasting fruit, and this Viñalba Malbec Reservado is an exceptional example of this. The wine is made to capture the beautiful purity of the grapes and get as much of that flavor as possible into the bottle. Rich and inviting, this Malbec, has smooth blackcurrant and plum flavours combines with toasty vanilla oak.

## 5. Chateau St. Jean, Cabernet Sauvignon 2011



**Region:** Sonoma Valley, California

**Grape Varieties:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Tasting Notes:** Soft and luscious with a delicious Bordeaux-like panache and complexity. Dark berries, violets, vanilla and chocolate aromas emerge on the bouquet with cedar, tobacco, coffee, mint and spice cascading across the palate and into the long, smooth, elegant finish.

## 6. Columbia Crest, Grand Estates Cabernet Sauvignon 2010



**Region:** Columbia Valley, Washington

**Grape Varieties:** 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Merlot

**Tasting Notes:** Our Grand Estates Cabernet Sauvignon displays an impressive concentration of dark fruits, black cherry, currant and fig aromas and flavors. The ripe, sweet, oaky tannins are balanced by lovely fruit complexity