



BARBARA'S BLOG

Cheers!

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I am a real wine enthusiast. I love tasting, drinking with good friends and great food. But also enjoy the whole process of nurturing the Geiser Grand's wine list; getting muddy in the vineyards, following my favorite winemakers around, reading about the biz, making new discoveries. In short, learning the magical mysteries of the grapes and wine. So you can imagine my excitement when I was recently invited to be a judge at the prestigious Northwest Wine Summit (see www.vinochallenge.com/nwsummit) I've never been a judge at any official wine competition. Now I suddenly am to be a judge at the biggest deal in the Northwest?

Oh, and did you know that I have no formal wine education? Intimidating! And so, I have soberly resolved to drink more wine between now and the convening of the jury May 4! Seriously, I am in training! At the suggestion of Eric Degerman (Editor of Wine Press Northwest and friend) I sought out an "Aroma Wheel". Former NW Wine Summit judge, and also friend Beverly Calder of Bella's (fabulous wine + kitchen shop on Main Street in Baker City) kindly gave me a color copy of this "Aroma Wheel" which is pretty much indecipherable. So now my anxiety is raised higher.

I think I'm in for a eye opening and probably quite humbling experience. I'll be sharing it all with you as it unfolds thru May 8. Let the wine flow!

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