



Wine Challenge at the River



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Down By The River Bed and Breakfast

Please read this carefully to understand the requirements of this Wine Challenge

Down By The River B and B will be hosting a **Wine Challenge** for all the guests at our bed and breakfast. The purpose of the **Wine Challenge** is to experience other wines and compare them to our Southeastern Arizona wines. There will be prizes awarded after the tasting to the highest rated wine. The blind taste test will start at 6:00 PM on November 2, 2013.

The B and B General Information:

- There are 4 rooms available for this event at the non-discounted rate plus tax.
- The event registration is first come, first served. After the 4 rooms are booked we will maintain a wait list in case of cancellation.
- The cowboy and bird room have an option for having a roll away bed placed in the room for a third person. The extra charge for the roll away is \$35.00 per night plus tax. This includes breakfast each morning.
- The cowboy, bird and prospector rooms may be split into twin beds upon request at the time of reservation. The mission room is a queen size bed

Down By The River Will Provide the Following:

- Room and breakfast for each day that the guests are registered, as is our normal practice.
- Finger food pairings will be available during the blind taste test.
- If there is a cancellation, we will maintain a wait list for those that wish to be on the list and use that list to contact guests in the order that they were received.
- Down By The River will provide 2 bottles of Arizona Wines for the taste test.
- Down By The River will provide the prize for the winner.

Guest Requirements:

- All guests must make reservation by phone (520-720-9441), and pay by credit card at the time of the reservation.
- Each guest shall bring a bottle of their favorite wine for everyone to sample. For couples, each person will need to bring a different wine to minimize duplication of wines.
- The wine provided by the guests for the event must not be from any Arizona Winery, only wines from other states or other nations can be submitted. Wines from Arizona Wineries, brought by guests, will be disqualified from the taste test and will not be eligible for the prize.
- The wines will be turned over to the hosts at Down By The River B and B upon arrival so that we can keep the identity of the wine hidden. We would prefer that the bottles are delivered in a bag for this purpose.
- Wines may be red or white but must be made from grapes. Other wines such as fruit wines and dessert wines are not acceptable during this tasting.



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- By attending each guest acknowledges and agrees to be responsible for their conduct and to hold Down By The River B and B and its hosts blameless for any accidents or acts by themselves or others during this event.

Policies

- Our normal policies will be in force with the exceptions as noted below:
- All guests must be at least 21 years old, ID will be checked.
- The minimum stay requirements are the nights of Friday Nov 1 and Nov 2, 2013.
- This event requires a minimum 2 night stay at the weekend rate. There will be no certificates, gift cards or discounts honored for this event. If guests wish to stay a third or more nights, there will be no restriction concerning the use of certificates, gift cards or discounts for the additional night(s).
- The guest agrees that the room charges will be taken at the time of the reservation.
- **Special Event Cancellation Policy** –
 - If a cancellation is made before Oct 21, 2013, half of the fee will be returned if we are able to rebook the room for the event.
 - If the cancellation is made on or after Oct 21, 2013 the entire charge is non-refundable.

How the Blind Taste Test Works:

- Down By The River will place the wines in numbered containers and open the wines approximately 1 hour prior to the tasting so that they can breathe.
- Each guest will receive a rating page with all the wines listed by number. After each sample, the guest will rate the wine on the sheet. Please do not share your ratings as this may influence others. There will also be room for notes.
- There will be no information given about the brand or varietal of the samples during the tasting.
- The Hosts at Down By The River will pour samples to each guest in the number rotation.
- The white wines will be poured first and then the reds.
- After the tasting, each wine will be rated for the following, using a scale of 1= bad to 9 = great.
 - Nose
 - Finish
 - Overall drinkability
- After all the rating sheets are turned in to the hosts, the average rating will be put on each wine category. These averages will be added together and the wine that has the highest score will be the winner.
- In the case of a tie, everyone will be given one more sample of the top place wines. If that sampling is still a tie the Hosts we make the determining decision from their ratings.
- The Guest who provided the winning wine will be presented a bottle of wine that is from an Award Winning Arizona Vintner. **Note:** If an Arizona wine wins, “The Hosts” are not eligible for the prize. The Prize will go to the highest rated non-Arizona wine.

After the tasting is done and the best wine is chosen, the rating sheets will be returned to the guests and the original wine bottles with the sample number attached will be brought out for viewing. At that time sampling of the remainder of the wines and the food pairings can be done by the guests.