

Watchung Stable Announces Wintertime Horse Clinics

MOUNTAINSIDE - Wintertime clinics about horses will be offered at the Watchung Stable in Mountainside beginning Sunday, January 14. Sponsored by Union County, the clinics will be held on Saturdays and Sundays through February 25.

"The sessions will help people learn simple behaviors of the horse, the evolution and history of riding and what it actually takes to own your own horse," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski.

People interested in these clinics should note that these are classes with no actual riding.

Patrons nine-years-old through adult are invited to register for as many clinics as they would like. Each session will last two hours, and will focus on one of a variety of topics. Classes are designed for specific riding levels and ages, with some open to all levels of expertise, including people who have never ridden before. The clinics will be held in the barn or the lecture area of the stable.

The winter clinics about horses will be offered as follows:

Jan. 14: 9-11 a.m.; Grooming and Tacking - all welcome.
Jan. 21: 9-11 a.m.; Behavior of

Horses - all welcome.

Jan. 27: 9-11 a.m.; Course Design and Jumping Clinic - intermediate & advanced.

Jan. 28: 9-11 a.m. Grooming and Tacking; all welcome.

Feb. 4: 9-11 a.m.; Boots & Bandaging - Intermediate & Advanced.

Feb. 11: 9-11 a.m.; Grooming and Tacking - all welcome.

Feb. 18: 9-11 a.m.; Basic Tack and Care - all welcome.

Feb. 25: 9-11 a.m. Advanced Grooming - all welcome.

Space is limited and in-person pre-registration is required at Watchung Stable, located at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside. The cost is \$20 per person for each clinic.

For further information, call the Watchung Stable at (908) 789-3665, or e-mail questions to stablequestions@ucnj.org.

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Senior Pastor - The Reverend Paul F. Rack
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10 a.m. Public Worship on Sundays

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm - Family Service of Worship

10:45 pm - Special pre-service music

11:00 pm - Candlelight Worship and Communion

Christmas Day

10:00 am - A short, joyful service of Word and Song

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OPEN HOUSE DAYS:
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Robert Craig Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon 2003
How big this wine got, so juicy and ripe! It's almost over the top, with all that heady black currant, blueberry, Provencal herb and new oak flavor. With power like this, control is desperately needed. At its best in 2008.
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Pine Ridge Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon 2002
The '01 was a hard act to follow. If the '02 lacks a bit of the rich opulence of its predecessor, it may be a more ageable wine. The tannins are thick yet sweet, covering ripe black currant and oaky-mocha flavors that last through an impressively long finish. Drink this dry, balanced Cab now thru 2014.
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VINTAGE RATING SCALE:
95-100 Classic
90-94 Outstanding
85-89 Very Good
80-84 Good
70-79 Average
60-69 Below Average

Worship Activities Set For New Year's Eve

AREA - All are invited to attend a "New Year's Eve Celebration with Jesus and Mary" on Sunday, December 31, at St. John the Apostle Church. Attendees will have an opportunity to offer thanks, praise adoration and also seek God's blessings in 2007.

Beginning at 9 p.m., there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Charismatic Praise and Worship, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary. Holy Mass will take place at 10:30 p.m. Participants are invited to stay for refreshments after Mass.

St. John the Apostle Church is located at 1805 Penbrook Terrace in Clark/Linden (on Valley Road in Clark and off Stiles Street in Linden). For directions, please call (908) 486-6363 or access sjanj.net.

Jewish Friends to Hold Betucci's Lunch Outing

AREA - The Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+ will hold a Meet and Eat Lunch on Sunday, December 24, at noon at Betucci's Brick Oven Italian Restaurant.

The restaurant is located at Route 1 North and 899 St. Georges Avenue in Woodbridge. The cost is \$3 plus the price of a meal/tip off the menu. Those interested are asked to respond by calling Roberta at (908) 668-8450.

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Wine Enthusiast: 91 \$17.99

Pine Ridge Dijon Clones Chardonnay 2004
What's so interesting about this Chardonnay is the dryness and the earthy minerality. There are flavors of dried herbs and dried fruits, such as apricots, lemons and pink grapefruits. Usually these Dijon clones produce enormously fruity wines, but this fine wine has a sleek, high-acid Chablisian elegance.
Wine Enthusiast: 90 \$26.99

Marchesi di Barolo 2001
Aromas of dried meat and ripe fruit follow through to a full-bodied palate, with a peppery, light raisin flavor. Chewy yet ripe tannins. Goes on for a long time on the palate. Very well done for the vintage.
Wine Spectator: 91 \$34.99

Catena Malbec 2004
Great aromas of crushed blueberry and raspberry, with a juicy texture and well-integrated toast and mineral notes. Nice blast of pure fruit on the finish. Drink now thru 2009.
Wine Spectator: 90 \$13.99

Seghesio Cortina Zinfandel 2004
Blueberries, blackberries, and exotic, tropical fruit characteristics appear in this deep ruby-hued wine. Dramatic, with superb purity, black and blue fruits, impressive opulence, and good underlying acidity. Will drink well for 5-6 years.
Robert Parker: 92 \$26.99

Treana Red 2001
You can taste the richness here in the deeply satisfying dark stone fruit and earth complexities of plums, coffee, black cherries and spices. Very dry, full-bodied and balanced, with a firm spread of dusty tannins. Excellent now, and should develop additional complexities for several years.
Wine Enthusiast: 90 \$34.99

Sebastiani Sonoma County Merlot 2002
A great example of a coastal Merlot from a good vintage, lush and sweet in cherry, cassis and cocoa flavors, yet completely dry, and the tannins are rich and smooth. A complex velvety softness caresses the finish.
Wine Enthusiast: 91 \$12.99

Quinta do Crasto Douro Reserva Old Vines 2003
Rich red, like biting into a German chocolate cake. There's a delicate, refined element with meat, mineral, dark plum and cassis. Long, luxuriant finish of chocolate and mocha spice. Best thru 2010.
Wine Spectator: 92 \$24.99

Warre's Vintage Port 2003
A concentrated, backward effort, its youthful, classically ungenerous, masculine character reveals black pepper laced dark fruits. Silky-textured in its immensely endowed mid-palate, this top-flight effort displays an admirably long, tannin-filled finish. Requires serious cellaring.
Robert Parker: 93 \$59.99

Coldisole Brunello di Montalcino 2000
Thick and chewy, with blackberry and tobacco character. Full-bodied, with a long finish. Really well done. Best after 2006.
Wine Spectator: 90 \$34.99

Feudi di San Gregorio Greco di Tufo 2005
Multi-layered lemon rind, apple, pineapple. Medium- to full-bodied, with good banana and light caramel flavors. Very long and flavorful. Drink now.
Wine Spectator: 90 \$15.99

SPECIAL Values OF THE MONTH

Di Majo Norante Sangiovese 2005
Offers an amazing display of strawberry and black cherry fruit intermixed with floral, new saddle leather, and earth notes. A stunning example of Sangiovese that should drink well for 2-3 years. Incredible value for the money.
Robert Parker: 90 \$6.99

Tasca d'Almerita Regaleali Bianco 2005
The Wine Advocate's Best Buy for value-priced wines from Sicily. A blend of Inzolia, Catarratto, and Greco bianco grapes, possessing a remarkable freshness. This crisp, elegant white has aromas of green apples, white peaches, and lemon zest emerging from its med.-bodied, fruity personality. With good acidity and a superb finish, this stunning 2005 will drink well for 1-2 years.
Robert Parker: 90 \$6.99

Falesco Vitiano Rosso 2004
Lovely balance and clean plum, berry and chocolate character, medium body and polished tannins. The perfect house wine - a great value. Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauv. Drink now thru 2010.
Wine Spectator: 90 \$7.99

Renwood Old Vines Zinfandel 2003
A nice balance of tannins, acidity and fruit, and an elegantly tailored mouthfeel. The flavors are pure Zin: Wild berries and coffee to white pepper and bitter chocolate.
Wine Enthusiast: 90 \$11.99

Rosenblum Petite Sirah Heritage Old Vines 2004
A dense ruby-purple hue, glorious aromas of crème de cassis, vanilla, incense and blackberries. Full-bodied, tannic, chewy, rich, pedal-to-the-metal effort with low acidity as well as ripe tannins. Should age well for 15-20 years.
Wine Advocate: 92 \$14.99

Casa Lapostolle Cuvee Alexander Chardonnay 2004
Focused and elegant, with deceptive length and power, this lets lush apple, pear, fig and toast notes stretch along languidly, yet never becomes tiring to drink.
Wine Spectator: 90 \$16.99

Te Kairanga Sauvignon Blanc 2005
Fragrant, floral and brimming with passion fruit, guava and lime that remain zingy and elevated through the long, bracing finish. Everything you could want in a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. Drink now.
Wine Spectator: 91 \$12.99

Chateau Ste. Michelle Eroica Riesling 2005
Lovely aromas display white flowers, spices, and linden. On the palate, this light to med. bodied effort reveals superb focus in its pure, harmonious personality. Spices, minerals, linden, and chamomile make up this seamless wine's character.
Wine Spectator: 90 \$16.99

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