

**NARSC Virtual Wine Tasting  
Wednesday, November 11  
6:00-7:15pm (US Central Time)**

Since NARSC is completely virtual this year, we wanted an opportunity to get together after the sessions and enjoy a glass (or two) of wine. NARSC is partnering with John Sporing's company, A Life Well Drunk, to host a virtual wine tasting.

Since we were planning to be in San Diego, we will be tasting the wines of Altipiano Vineyards.

Joining John will be Denise Clarke, the winemaker for Altipiano vineyards in Escondido California. She was among the first female winemakers and the only African-American female winery owner in Southern California.

Growing up a tomboy in San Diego County, she never would have thought that one day, she would become co-owner of a vineyard and winery and ultimately become the vintner. Many experiences contributed to her new journey. The most significant being a trip in March 2007 to Italy and later the 2007 California Wildfires. She had always dreamed of having a vineyard little did she know that dream would become a reality.



As she toured Venice and Southern Tuscany, Denise fell in love with Montalcino. The tranquility of the countryside and the views of the vast beautiful vineyards started the dream; desire and passion to one day have her own vineyard. June 2008, Denise with her husband Peter planted the vineyard with 2600 Brunello Clone of Sangiovese Grosso vines, 640 Barbera vines, and with 240 each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah vines.



Coming from a long line of family farmers, Denise always loved having her hands in the dirt. There is a beautiful rhythm in the vineyard as the plants go through the cycle of bud break, flowering, fruit set, veraison, harvest and fall dormancy. It is the same excitement, anticipation, and anxiety she experienced as a little girl/adult before playing her first note of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata.

Many mentors were part of her teaching and development. To join the company of fine wines is a privilege and a commitment that Peter and Denise approach with passion and humility. Nature provides the path, life provides the energy, and tradition provides the journey. She hopes to always be a student pursuing the perfection that leads us all to experience the music of wine!

In the (November 11, 2020) tasting we will sip and discuss three of her wines:

- 2018 Pinot Gris,
- 2017 Primitivo
- 2017 Syrah

You can order all three bottles from Altipiano for \$116.80 (including shipping and taxes). Be sure and provide your name, email address, and phone number. Allow 2-3 weeks for deliver to the eastern US. **Sorry, only US addresses.**

Please order as soon as you can to ensure that the wines arrive in time to rest (and chill). This is especially true now due to the temperatures and wildfires. There are only 30 slots open for this event and those will be allocated on a first-come/first-served basis.

**Order at this**

**link:** <https://checkout.square.site/buy/TENBWUBWWPKSVGKLNWHLV7D>



**You can register for the tasting here (free of charge):**

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**Consider joining your colleagues even if you do not purchase the wines.**

**If you have any questions, you may contact John Sporing at [John@ALifeWellDrunk.com](mailto:John@ALifeWellDrunk.com)**