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The Frenchman's Cellar's 4th Annual Winemaker Wednesday Series Announced: Gabriele Rause at Premier Event on Apr 27th

Culpeper, VA - This year marks the fourth season of The Frenchman's Cellar's Winemaker Wednesday Series: a series of events held approximately two wednesdays each month, April through October, at which a Virginia winemaker hosts a tasting at the store. Not just any winemakers are invited to be a part of this series. Owner Jeffery Mitchell sends out invitations to winemakers who have a special passion for their craft and whose wines show it. Case in point - Gabriele Rause, widely acknowledged as the 'Father of Modern Virginia Wine' and recently awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Virginia Agribusiness Council. Come April 27th, Gabriele will be pouring some of his best varietals at our inaugural event and discussing how he's brought his special perspective to bear on winemaking in Virginia.

The purpose of the series is singular - to introduce consumers to the quality of Virginia wine. "We want people to be familiar with Virginia wines from the grape to the glass," Jeffery says. "Our unique terroir (a term that refers to the cumulative impact of the climate, soil type, and topography) is a large part of the reason Virginia has become the number five wine travel destination in the country, and why we now have just shy of two-hundred wineries throughout the region."

Series details: Wines are paired with specially selected cheeses; all tastings are free to those aged 21 and over. These events are incredibly popular and we suggest giving yourself some time to find curbside or lot parking around the store. A listing of individual events has been included.

The where's, when's & who's: Wednesdays from 6:00PM- 8:00PM at The Frenchman's Cellar, which is located on Culpeper's iconic Davis Street, 129 East Davis Street, Culpeper 22701. (540) 825-8025. www.thefrenchmanscellar.com; Media Contact, Laura Bynum, laura_bynum@hotmail.com, (540) 423-8947.

Individual Winemaker Wednesday Events:

April 27, Gabriele Rausse of Gabriele Rausse Winery

May 11, D.J. Leffin of Pearmund Cellars

May 25, Emily Hodson Pelton of Veritas Winery & Vineyard

June 8, Stephane Baldi of Hume Vineyards

June 22, Michael Panczak of Whitehall Vineyards

July 13, Stephen Barnard of Keswick Vineyards

July 27, Bree Ann Moore of Loudoun Valley Vineyards

August 10, Matthieu Finot of King Family Vineyards

August 24, Doug Fabboli of Fabboli Cellars

September 14, Kirsty Harmon of Blenheim Vineyards

September 28, Alan Kinne of Chrysalis Vineyards

October 12, Claude Thibaut of Thibaut-Janisson

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