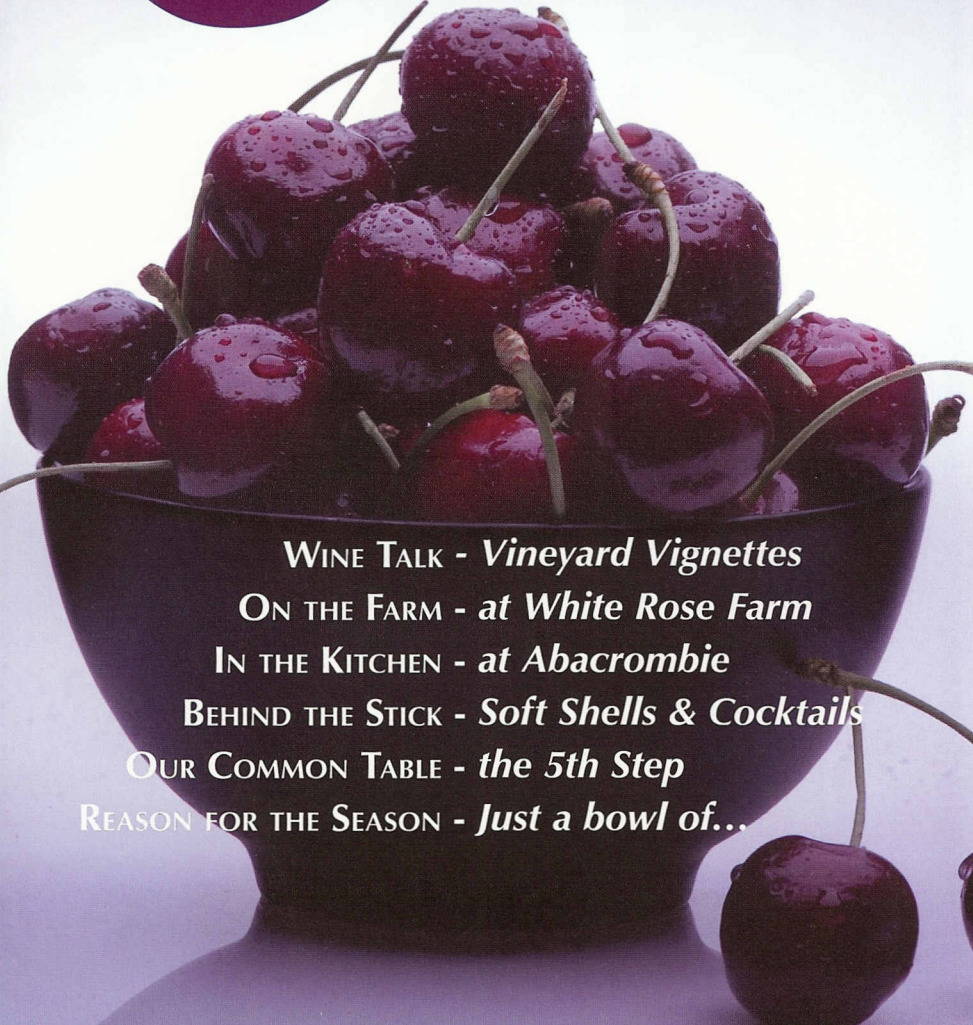


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**CELESTE'S
CORNER**

I got a great book in the mail the other day. *The Sipping Point*, written by wine coach Laurie Foster, a local gal who has taken the mystery out of wine buying, serving and pairing. It's well written, entertaining and colorful.

After I finished it, I thought about what a great tool this book would be for anyone in the service industry. It would be ideal for staff training and education—also a must-have for your coffee table. *Congrats to Laurie!* My thanks also to Dorothy at Purple Dot, for sending it to me! To order this book, go to www.TheWineCoach.com/thesippingpoint.

On the topic of wines, our local vineyards and wineries are gearing up for the summer. Fiore's Malvasia Bianca Gelata just won Double-Gold Winner of 2008 International Tasters Guild. Get up there and take a tour of Mike and Rose Fiore's beautiful vineyards. They have events going on all summer. Check out their web site www.FioreWinery.com. You'll be glad to know this wonderful place is so close.

Helen's Garden, in Canton, has been doing a "Tapas Tuesday" night. You get wonderful tapas style plates, made especially by Annmarie Langton. Quite possibly the best Mediterranean food I have ever enjoyed comes out of her kitchen. Your choices of tapas, paired with a bottle of wine, make for a perfect meal. Personally, I'm hoping she makes her infamous Dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), one of these Tuesdays. Hint, hint... www.HelensGarden.com

See you there or round the next corner!

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