

## Boxwood Winery



*Oh the Taste of a Local Wine!*

And now we head to Middleburg Virginia not for the horses or the foxes but for some very delightful wine, yes wine in Middleburg!

The winery, Boxwood Estate Winery to be exact, is located right off of Rte 50 on State Rte 626. It is a beautiful state of the art winery set on 160 gorgeous acres of rolling hillside with 19 of those planted with vines.

Boxwood makes red wine, only red wine, from the traditional Bordeaux grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec, these are truly enjoyable red wines.

The wines produced at Boxwood are a combination of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot which produces a Medoc style Bordeaux wine that is absolutely delicious. I took my bottle home, 2007 vintage, and immediately opened the bottle let it breathe for about 45 minutes while my lamb chops were cooking, I was in heaven at the 47 minute mark, wine in one hand and lamb at the end of my fork. Great fruit mostly blackberry with some cedar on the nose and a nice smooth plum and mixed berry coating on the mouth, very nice!

The Topiary made up of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec was also a delight and should be for the next 10 to 15 years, both wines will age nicely. The Topiary was a perfect complement to my grilled strip steak and coconut shrimp dinner!

Boxwood Winery is the brainchild of John Kent Cooke and run by his Daughter Rachel Martin. Rachel has made quite the impression on the Virginia Wine industry with great wines, hard work and a terrific experience for all who visit Boxwood. You definitely want to add this winery to your tour!

Look for Boxwood Winery on the Virginia Winemakers Tasting Series starting in March 2013 being held at the Iron Bridge Warrenton, where only Virginia wines are featured every Thursday night from 6:00pm until 8:00pm throughout the spring and summer.



Bob Grouge has been a resident of Fauquier County since the fall of 1988 from his move from Vienna, Virginia. He has 21 years of restaurant experience and 12 years of automobile experience prior to becoming the General Manager of "The Bridge," and currently now the owner as of October 2012. He has a full family being married to Kimberly with two children Kelsey and Grayson, daughter and son respectively. He also has 1 dog, Lily, along with two cats buried in the backyard and 1 fish in an empty hummus cup... buried with the cats!