

TUESDAY TIPPLERS
JUNE 13 2017
("We few, we happy few")

Some Tipplers convened at Keith's place for the final tasting of the season. Present were Keith, Tod, Bill, Ken & Gus. Absentees submitted many and varied excuses, some more plausible than others. Bill had wisely forgone Shanks's pony for his bicycle, continuing to demonstrate a frightening level of physical fitness. In view of the beautiful evening the initial fizzy slurp was taken al fresco, not a mosquito in sight. **Contraband sparkling riesling VQA Ontario \$18.95** (charmat method of tank fermented bubbles instead of secondary bottle fermentation) which is available on tap. Pleasant but not terribly interesting. The group then moved indoors for the remainder of the evening.

In view of the diminutive tasting team an executive decision (Keith & Gus) was made to serve 4 reds instead of the traditional 6. The group was asked to simply identify the country (France) & region (Bordeaux). The following bottles were sampled:

- Tronquoy-Lalande 2009 (St Estephe) \$79.95**
- Expression de Margaux 2010 (Margaux) \$38.95**
- Chateau Cantenac (2012) St Emilion) \$34.95**
- Domaine de Viaud 2009 (Lalonde de Pomerol) \$31.95**

Only Bill correctly identified the ones as French, albeit hesitantly ("I'm thinking maybe"). Other suggestions covered most of the countries known to make wine. The group was then told there were 2 left bank & 2 right bank wines & asked to pair them accordingly. Once again Bill was the only Tippler to get it right - well done Bill. These wines are all from very good vintages; the Tipplers true to form generally preferred the Tronquoy-Lalande (most expensive) although the professional pundits reckon the Expression de Margaux might have the edge. The evening concluded with dessert & **Zombory Pince Tokaji Furmint late harvest \$17.85** a great value for dessert wine.