

Zin Barbecue July 12th, 2008

Annual Zin Barbecue this year will be held on July 12th

Don't forget to mark you calendars for one of AWS's best annual events, The ZIN barbecue.

Saturday, July 12th, 2008, is Cincinnati's AWS chapter's annual Zinfandel Barbecue, starting at 3pm, at Thea Teich's in Finneytown.

Zinfandel the mysterious grape. For years it was an orphan searching for its parents without any luck. Adopted by the United States as its own, like many other world immigrants, it has made a wonderful home in our land. Recently it is believed the parents have been identified. Research in Croatia and at the University of California at Davis has proved, using DNA profiling, that Zinfandel is a clone of the Croatian variety Crljenak. It has long been believed that it was an Italian lost son fathered by the Primitivo Grape. But it is now believed that Primitivo is a brother (or maybe cousin) of Zinfandel in that it was also originally mutated from Crljenak. It is now believed that the first plantings can be traced back to Albania or Greece. It doesn't matter where this little orphan came from because it is totally American now and we can all be very proud.

What better way to celebrate this wonderful grape than a good old fashioned American picnic.

As usual, please bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share and a bottle of the red stuff/person. Thea will have (good) hamburgers and various sausages (but not hot dogs) on the grill, along with some portabella mushroom burgers for the non-omnivores among us.

She would appreciate knowing whether you are coming,--although a friend of hers gave her a framed calligraphied statement to display: "Nobody starves here."
See you there.

As in previous years we hope to see many members of the local ZAP group present to share in the wonderful food and wine.

Directions below.

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Directions

From east and south

1. Take Ronald Reagan Hwy to Galbraith/Winton exit (one exit west of exit to I-75 S).
2. Turn left (west) at light at bottom of exit ramp
3. Go to the fourth light (if you include the one at the end of the ramp), which is Galbraith and Winton Rds. (landmarks: Jiffy Lube, Taco Bell, Shell, BP)
4. Turn right (north) onto Winton
5. Go through two lights, which also involves going past a Krogers and the Brentwood Shopping Center on the left.
6. At the north end of the Brentwood Shopping Center, turn left (west) onto Hempstead at the light there. Landmark: Applebees on SW corner.
7. At first stop sign, make a right (north) onto Cottonwood.
8. 8674 Cottonwood is fifth house on the right, if you count the house on the corner of Hempstead and Cottonwood. 8674 is a white, L-shaped ranch with green garage doors. green awnings, and a huge pine and somewhat smaller blue spruce in the front. Park on the driveway or on the west side of Cottonwood (opposite the house; no parking on east side of street.)

From west:

Take the Ronald Reagan to Winton Rd. North exit, and follow directions from #6 above.

From north

1. Take I-75 South to Galbraith Road exit (#10 I think)

2. Turn right (west) at light at end of ramp.

3. Follow Galbraith to Winton

You go through major intersections at Vine (Rt. 4) and where the Ronald Reagan Hwy West exits. You go past Drake Hospital on the left.

4. Follow directions from #3 above.

Another way to come from the north is to take I-275 West to Winton Road and come south on Winton for about five miles to Hempstead. Turn right on Hempstead and follow directions from #6 above.