



TOUR – Effingham Manor Winery

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Sponsor: Michelle Esbenshade

Pictures: Joe Alfred

Tour will include tasting and tour of vineyard, a look at barrel aging, and barrel tasting of Merlot present and older managed Merlot.

An additional tour of the 1700s manor house. is included. Tour is \$15 per person. Tour location is Effingham Manor Winery 35 minutes from UMW Stafford campus. Limited to 40 members.

Bring a picnic basket and enjoy a glass of wine with your lunch. Driving instructions will be provided to those attending.





Front: Barbara Kinkaid, Kay McKinney, Mary Ann Stana, Jack Allison, Chuck Watkins
Rear: Peggy Verdine, Dennis & Mary Lou Van Derlaske, Donna Lewis



NV Sparkling Wine(+\$1)

Aromas: Toast, honey, peach and zest Flavor: White peach

2017 Traminette

Aromas: Orange blossom Flavors: Citrus zest and honeysuckle

2018 Viognier

Aromas: Peach and honeysuckle Flavors: Apricot and stone fruit

2017 Chardonnay

Aromas: Melon, vanilla, and almond Flavors: Peach and a hint of lemon
zest

2018 Celebration

Aromas: Honeydew and tropical fruit Flavors: Mandarin orange and peach



Chris Pearmund explaining wine production and wine selection



Chris Pearmund explaining grape growing

Wine on the vine

Soon the vineyard will be the focal point of the grounds. Currently, two acres of Chambourcin are planted, with plans to add more vines. The initial plantings were made in June 2016, and should produce fruit in 2019.





In the beginning...

The centerpiece of the property was used as a dwelling for most of its 250 year history. It was built in the Tidewater style as per William Alexander, the patriarch of the property, former Colonel of the local militia, and County Justice. The gabled roofs (expensive at the time, and on all the buildings), double chimneys, and enclosed stairwells are prime examples of the extensive detail and style that guided the Alexander family when the house was built.





...and now

Over the years, the Manor House was added onto, had plumbing installed, porches attached and even WIFI installed, but the bones are original. The basement is in the same state as it was in the 18th century, as are the wood floors upstairs and on the third floor.



Notice when you are upstairs the width of the planks on the floor.

All the wood-work, window frames, and doorways are original. The spacing of the windows from the end walls to the center suggest that the home was built in two phases.



The Lewis and Clark Tree

The Western Red Cedar tree that sits on the Northwest corner of the property is one of two living trees brought back from the Lewis and Clark expeditions in the early 19th century. It was a gift from the explorers to their friend William Alexander.

Monticello, Mount Vernon and Saginaw, Teddy Roosevelt's residence in New York, all claim grafts from the westward expansion, but Effingham and the Maryland Historical Society are home to the only original plantings east of the Mississippi.



The Three-Tiered English Garden

A highlight located at the rear of the Manor, the triple level garden is the first in Virginia. Currently used for our guests to enjoy, or perhaps as a backdrop for a wedding, the leveled gardens were originally intended to help herd and contain cattle. Each level drops to another point in history.

The Koi Pond

An original. It is argued that what is now our Koi pond was originally the first cement swimming pool in Virginia. It is nine feet at its deepest. The pool and surrounding grounds have been totally redone by the Effingham team and stocked with different breeds of Koi, most notable are the Kohaku (the medium sized orange fish) and Bekko (the larger Yellow and or Red variety).





Siham & Joe Alfred enjoying the tour of Effingham Manor Winery