

Wining in Westmoreland

Westmorelanders now have even more reason to hibernate in their haven with the mid-February opening of Corkscrew, a wine bar narrowly nudged between Saburo's and a former wedding dress shop.

The space is rich and welcoming, with walls paneled in Douglas fir transplanted from an old barn, art deco chandeliers, and a collection of vintage corkscrews bestrewn about—nearly every component of the décor is salvaged. This is because Tracee Danyluk, the friendly owner of Corkscrew, is married to Shane Endicott who cofounded The ReBuilding Center, a non-profit warehouse of reclaimed building materials.

In the few weeks that the wine bar has been open, Danyluk says people from the neighborhood have slipped in for a curious look-see and keep coming back. They'll whet their appetite for Saburo's colossal sushi with a 2008 Berger Grüner Veltliner, an herbaceous thirst quencher poured from an unusual liter-size squat green bottle. Or, they'll relax with a glass of bubbly crisp cava after shopping the burgeoning strip of boutiques lining this intersection of SE Milwaukie and Bybee.

Here you won't discover a small indie producer or marvel at the nuances of an obscure grape. The wine list is simple and straightforward, a combination of her favorite wines and other common varietals, curated by Danyluk to create a safely balanced offering of whites and reds. While it certainly isn't a place for wine snobbery, Corkscrew is an unpretentious neighborhood hangout to wile away an evening.

Corkscrew
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