

Clever Girl

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Wine making from concentrate kits then led to wine production from grape juice, and Andreas advanced his winemaking skills by applying lessons from the classroom on wine blending, back sweetening and sterile filtering to create seven crisp and unique wines from three juice varieties.

After receiving rave reviews from classmates, Andreas entered the seven wines into Winemaker Magazine's International Amateur Wine Making Competition, resulting in his first four amateur medals (a gold, silver and two bronze).

The accolades, coupled with Andreas' completion of the Wine Specialist program in July 2019, provided the assurance needed to convert the Andreas and Weeks' cellar into a licensed, commercial wine production facility. They began commercially making wine in October 2019.

Today, the winery produces dozens of wines and sangrias using domestic and international grape juice.

"I basically get the juice from all over the world because going that route, it opens a lot of channels," Andreas said. "In the fall, which is what I'd call our local harvest here in the USA, I can get juice from California, Washington state and upstate New York. In the spring, distributors bring me juice from the Southern Hemisphere because their spring is our fall. So, I can get some dry reds from South America, South Africa, anywhere I want, really."

Individuals visiting Clever Girl's new Easton tasting room can choose from approximately 20 different wines and four different sangrias, Andreas said. Wine and sangria

flights are also available.

Weeks makes all of the sangrias, with flavors rotating weekly. Popular selections include watermelon, cantaloupe, peach, mixed berry, spicy mango, red raspberry, strawberry basil, pineapple jalapeno and apple pie.

"She makes all of our sangrias, and in my opinion, we have the best sangria around," Andreas said. "So, she's a big part of what we do. Since we've opened, she's done probably near 50 different varieties."

Clever Girl is named after the last words spoken by "Jurassic Park" character Robert Muldoon, the game warden in the 1993 science fiction adventure film, before he is killed by a velociraptor.

The winery also names its wines after famous female characters from film and television, including Daphne (Daphne Blake, "Scooby Doo"), Truvy (Truvy Jones, "Steel Magnolias"), Andie (Andie Walsh, "Pretty in Pink"), Roxie (Roxie Hart, "Chicago"), Violet (Violet Parr, "The Incredibles") and Vanna (Vanna White, "Wheel of Fortune").

"Top sellers include our peach wine, which is called Janet – after Janet Weiss from 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show,' and our pear fruit wine, which is called Claire – after Claire from 'The Breakfast Club,'" Andreas said.

For the non-wine drinkers, there is a variety of beer selections, and the business also offers a light food menu, featuring cheese and cracker trays, meat and cheese boards, guacamole and chips and more.

A variety of made-to-order flatbreads should also be available by early Sep-

tember, Andreas said.

The new Easton tasting room, with indoor seating for 22 guests and additional outdoor seating on the sidewalk, is operating on limited hours — 1-9:30 p.m. Saturdays and 1-6 p.m. Sundays – for the first few weeks, Andreas said. Additional Thursday and Friday hours should be introduced by early September, Andreas said.

The new tasting room operates on the ground floor of The Commodore, a seven-story structure featuring 38 luxury rental apartments, 14,000 square feet of office space and an 8,000-square-foot rooftop restaurant.

