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#### Sampling Wines of France Premium

by Bill Shepard

After so many overcrowded indoor wine venues, it was a pleasure to attend this event at Meridian House in Washington, D.C., which was arranged by Laurent Guinand of GiraMondo Wine Adventures. There was not a wine scorecard in sight, and the presence of the interim French Ambassador, a Bordelais named Francois Rivasseau, who greeted the company, gave a gracious beginning to the evening.

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#### The August Exodus

by Karen Fawcett

It's August when many middle and upper class Parisian families flee the city like lemmings, leaving it to others. But, August can be the best month to stick around. And this year, (so far) people haven't had to worry about killer heat. For that matter, summer has finally just appeared. Plus, you'll now find air-conditioning if temperatures climb.