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happy hour

Sue Mohle IS A MATCHMAKER.

Looking for that perfect mate? Seeking robust yet mellow or earthy but clean? Sue is the go-to gal for palate pleasing wine pairings. As Wine Director and Retail Manager for Ted's Butcherblock, Sue indulges her vintage passion, infectiously uncorking wine epiphanies for connoisseurs and neophytes alike. "It's amazing when you taste the right wine with a certain food," says Sue who became intoxicated by wine's subtleties 20 years ago and has been in the "serious" wine business for the last ten. "It's perfect harmony, perfect marriage. I fell in love with it." After discovering

her discriminating palate ("new mown hay?—I could taste it"), the Missouri native answered a blind ad to manage a gourmet wine and cheese shop in Mt. Pleasant, packed up her four cats and moved here in 1988—"back when Charlestonians were mainly liquor drinkers and cheese had to be ultra pasteurized." After a brief sojourn at Virginia vineyards, Sue returned to Charleston where she's been at the forefront of a vino revival, initiating converts at Ted's Friday night wine tastings. "It's perfect," she says. "I get to turn every day into a happy wine experience for everyone who comes in."