



The Wine Press

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Jim's Journal

Our January Winery Program was presented by Carol Shelton to a sold-out crowd. I encourage everyone to sign up for both the Korbel Champagne Cellars and Storybook Mountain tastings in February and March, respectively. Both of these winemakers and wineries have for many years been very supportive to our Commercial Wine Competition and OC Fair Courtyard.

This month also features our first Dine with Wine on February 15 at Brennan's Jazz Kitchen in Downtown Disney and our first Mini Tasting on February 21 featuring Pinot Noir.

This February edition of *The Wine Press* is also our first big push for volunteers for some of our major volunteer events: the Wine Extraordinaire, the Commercial

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February Program: Korbel Champagne Cellars

Friday, February 13, 2015 @ 6:45 pm
Wyndham Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts
Costa Mesa, CA

Using the time-honored French method of producing champagne, méthode champenoise, the champagne is fermented inside the same bottle from which it is served. This process takes almost a year to complete, but the result is worth the wait.

In February, it's Valentine's Day and Champagne!

Come join us for a special bubbly treat as we welcome Korbel Champagne Cellars. Korbel has had a singular tradition of champagne-making excellence that has now been in existence for over 132 years.

The taste of the méthode champenoise style is famous for its delicate nuances and for producing the countless dazzling bubbles in every glass of Korbel California.

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Dine With Wine: Mardi Gras Party!

Sunday, February 15, 2015
Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen
1590 South Disney Drive
Downtown Disney District
Anaheim, CA
Lunch in the Queen's Room
11:00 am

We do not have to travel to New Orleans to enjoy a "Nawlin's" lunch before Shrove Tuesday. Bring your "joie de vivre" and let's celebrate the flavor of New Orleans at Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen.



For this event, we ask members to bring

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Laissez les bon temps roulez! (Let the good times roll!)

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Wine Competition, and the OC Fair.

The Wine Extraordinaire is a unique opportunity to showcase small wineries while also raising funds for the OCWS Scholarship program. The Wine Extraordinaire is specifically requesting volunteers for:

- Numerous volunteer shifts
- Donations for Silent Auction
- Request for Wine Extraordinaire Vendors
- Request for Wine Extraordinaire Restaurants

The Commercial Wine Competition is the introduction to the 2015 retail wines available to Orange County residents. These wines are later poured at the 2015 OC Fair Courtyard. The Commercial Wine Competition is currently seeking volunteers for:

- Database Assistant
- Cataloging Assistant

The 2015 Wine Auction is also around the corner. Cellar masters Dennis Esslinger, Bill Redding, and Kevin Coy along with John Carnes are working to provide an array of bidding lots for our members only auction. There are both silent and verbal auctions allowing everyone a chance to bid for their favorite wine.

In closing, on this Valentine's Day I encourage everyone to hug their sweetheart, enjoy a nice wine and meal (with chocolate of course), and please drive responsibly. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

- **Jim Beard, President**

P.S. Our February Winery Program attendees will all receive Godiva Chocolate.

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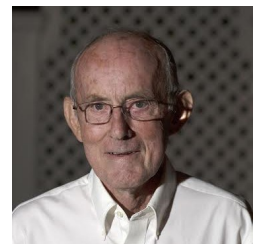
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Membership Report

The Orange County Wine Society extends a warm welcome to its newest members! Membership for the following members was approved by the Board of Directors at the December 13, 2014 Board meeting:

Nancy Barber ■ George and Mei-Wen Hon

As of the January Board of Directors' meeting the Orange County Wine Society has 982 members.

The Orange County Wine Society extends a warm welcome to its newest members!

NEW MEMBERS: Save the Date - New Member Mixer

A new Member Mixer has been scheduled for February 28, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. New members will be invited to personally meet the Board of Directors. More details will follow.

Membership Committee

If you would be interested in serving on the Membership Committee, please contact Brian McDonald at brian@ocws.org. The goal of the Membership Committee will be to help design and implement a member retention strategy, support the membership function and help plan New Member Mixers. Someone with a high level of Excel experience is strongly needed.

- **Brian McDonald, Membership Chair**



President Emeritus Awards

The Orange County Wine Society recognized two past presidents with a special designation of President Emeritus. This title acknowledges the dedication, time, and effort given to the Orange County Wine Society by those who have served as OCWS President and then continued to serve many tireless hours over many years after their term of office concluded. Charley Owen (right photo) was President 1986-1987 and 1997-1998. Bob Trout (left photo) was President 1996-1997.

- **Jim Beard, President**



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Do you have a marketing, publicity or media background? If so, *we need your help!*

In the past, OCWS marketing and promotional efforts have been left to the individual event chairs. The Board has realized the event specific, patchwork approach is not effective and believes marketing needs to be a strategic, coordinated year round effort.

The Board has authorized the creation of a marketing committee to develop and implement a central marketing strategy. Current members of that committee are Brian McDonald, Committee Chair, Charles English and Dan Deeble. The committee could really use two or three people with practical, hands on marketing experience. With the Wine Extraordinaire and Commercial Wine Competition just around the corner, the committee is seeking immediate help.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jim Beard at jim@ocws.org or Brian McDonald at brian@ocws.org.

Wanted: OCWS Website Administrator

The position of the OCWS Website Administrator will be available on March 1, 2015. The selected candidate will act as the sole website analyst, developer, problem solver, and general website administrator for the Orange County Wine Society. This is a paid position, and qualified OCWS members are encouraged to apply. This is a self-creative position and requires programming skills as well as business interactions with Board Members and Office Administration.

Mentoring and task transitioning will be provided as needed by the retiring OCWS Website Administrator, Judy Fox. Web developer and/or code skills training will not be provided. The qualified candidate must already possess required skill sets listed below.

Task responsibilities include:

- Monthly newsletter postings
- Selected article publishings
- Event sign-up and monitoring
- Monthly website maintenance for web pages, graphics, navigation, and enhancements to support current OCWS activities
- PayPal back-end interface code maintenance for event and merchandise transactions

- Merchandise front-end and PayPal back-end shopping cart interface process
- Monthly membership database updates
- Email support and resolution
- Support office administration and members when needed
- Support liaison for domain host servers, certificates, and renewals

Skills required but not limited to:

- HTML coding skills
- PHP coding skills
- JavaScript coding skills
- JQuery knowledge
- Sequel Server or database knowledge
- Good communication skills
- Knowledge of PayPal interface or shopping cart experience a plus

Members with required qualifications are encouraged to apply for this rewarding position. Please send resumes, or the like, to webmaster@ocws.org.

- Judy K. Fox, OCWS Website Administrator

February Program: Korbel Champagne Cellars

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nia champagne. Korbel produces ten champagne varieties ranging from the driest, Natural, to the sweetest, Sweet Rosé, in addition to still wines and brandy.

For this special tasting, Korbel will present:

- 2011 Korbel Natural
- NV Korbel Blanc de Noirs
- NV Korbel Brut Rose
- NV Korbel Sweet Rose
- 2013 Korbel Russian River Chardonnay
- 2012 Korbel Russian River Pinot Noir
- 2012 Sonoma Korbel Zinfandel
- 2012 Korbel Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon
- NV Korbel Sonoma Port
- 12 year old Korbel Brandy

Attendees can park in the garage and either get their ticket validated at OCWS check-in or pay \$10 for valet. Dinner

begins at 6:45 pm with the meeting following at 7:30 pm.

The cost is \$43.00 for members, \$48.00 for guests, and a separate option of a "heart healthy" meal for \$50.00. In February, the heart healthy option will be Grilled Skuna Bay Salmon served with brown rice and sautéed baby bok choy with suriyaki sauce.

Members may bring their own wine to enjoy and share during the buffet dinner. We do ask that you remove your bottle from the table during the tasting.

Sign up on the website or use the sign-up sheet in this newsletter and mail it to the OCWS with a check. The last day to cancel, receive a refund or make any changes to your reservation is Monday, February 9.

- Rich Skoczylas, Vice President



Dine With Wine: Mardi Gras Party!

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a bottle of wine or champagne per person to share.



For over fifty years, Ralph Brennan and his family have proudly served the finest Louisiana ingredients. Located in the Downtown Disney District, the two-story replica of traditional French Quarter architecture includes a ground floor, interior, open-air courtyard and a New Orleans-style jazz club (Flambeaux's). Upstairs in the Carnival Club you'll find traditional New Orleans dining rooms and an outdoor 'Jazz



balcony' with seating that overlooks the revelry of Downtown Disney.

The cost is \$68.00, inclusive of tax, gratuity and reduced corkage fee. Sign up on the website or use the sign-up sheet in this newsletter and mail it to the OCWS with a check. Sign up early for this will be a sell-out event and seating is limited!



Brennan's offers several delicious New Orleans specialty drinks. If you choose to try any of these, or order sodas, you will be billed separately.

Parking is 3 hours FREE inside the Downtown Disney District parking lot and 5 hours FREE

with validation from the Jazz Kitchen. Be sure to bring your parking ticket for validation.

Cancellations must be made by Tuesday noon, February 10 to receive a refund.

- Rich Skoczylas, Vice President

Menu

Appetizer

Corn Chowder

Fire roasted corn, apple-wood smoked bacon, red potatoes, trinity, herbs

Entree

(Choice of the following)

Lemon Chicken Pasta

Chicken breast, tortellini pasta, sweet sausage, rapini, white beans, cherry tomatoes, lemon garlic white wine sauce

BBQ Shrimp & Grits

"New Orleans" barbecue sauce, Andouille sausage, Parmesan grits

Grilled Medallions of Beef

Filet mignon, seasonal vegetables, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, Bordelaise sauce

Dessert

(Choice of the following)

New Orleans Bread Pudding

The queen of Crescent City desserts... rich in cream, eggs, sugar, raisins & crème anglaise

Bananas Foster

Classic New Orleans dessert of bananas, brown sugar, rum and banana liqueur, over vanilla bean ice cream

Soft Beverages

Iced Tea, Hot Tea & Coffee
(soft drinks not included)

2015 Wine Extraordinaire: Purveyors of Wine Merchandise Needed

As any attendee of the Wine Extraordinaire knows, there are always unique items to peruse, try, and purchase in between visits to the numerous wineries in attendance.

You probably know that certain someone who makes or sells wine-related items or do-it-yourself arts and crafts such as jewelry, knitting, crocheting, woodworking, stained glass (or anything on Pinterest, as an example). Perhaps they would be interested in attending the Wine Extraordinaire. Each vendor will have space for 1-2 tables to display his or her items. This is a great marketing and sales opportunity to showcase their wares and increase visibility to

potential customers.

Please reach out and encourage them to contact Marie Hawthorn at MHawthorn3@gmail.com. As the Wine Extraordinaire will be held on April 12, 2015, vendors should contact Marie by March 20, 2015. Please contact Marie Hawthorn at the above email address or 949.285.0164 with any questions..

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance!

- Marie Hawthorn, Vendor Coordinator

Pinot Noir Mini-Tasting

Pinot Noir Mini-Tasting
Saturday, February 21, 2015
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Various Host Sites

Our first Mini-Tasting of the year will be Pinot Noir.

Pinot Noir is the wine considered by many to be the “holy grail” of wine. This temperamental grape varietal requires warm daytime and cool evening temperatures and is partial to coastal climates. The Burgundy region of France’s Cote d’Or region is well known for Pinot Noir where only Chardonnay is planted in greater abundance. In California, plantings began in the 1940s with a significant push in Sonoma starting in the 1960s. Today high quality Pinot Noirs are produced in Sonoma, Mendocino and Santa Barbara Counties.

Pinot Noir has great variation. One of the major factors affecting Pinot Noir is the amount of time spent in oak. In France, Pinot Noir is rustic, earthy and acidic. In Sonoma it is lush with rich black cherry flavors and higher in alcohol than French Pinot Noir.

Pinot Noir is also a versatile wine. Lighter, fruitier wines pair well with salmon, fatty fish and pasta, or roasted chicken. The bigger and more tannic Pinot Noirs pair well with duck, game birds, and stews such as beef bourguignon.

Hosts: Mini-Tastings are held at various host sites around Orange County. If you would like to host this event, please email Bill Redding at bill@ocws.org or call him at 949.248.1125. You may need to sign up and pay until hosts are selected. Reimbursement will be made for all host sites.

Locations: Host sites and directions will be announced to those attending approximately one week prior to the event. We try to place you at the location nearest your home or to accommodate your specific site request; however, your assigned host site is also based on the order in which your sign-up is received in the OCWS office. The cost to attend the tasting is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests.

Dish: Each person attending brings a potluck dish (appetizer, entrée, side dish, or dessert) to serve a small portion to 18 people. The dish ideally should be designed to match the theme of the tasting, in this case Pinot Noir. Please coordinate your food selection with your host site to assure an appropriate balance of food types served during the evening. There will be a special bottle of wine that evening as a prize for Chef of the Evening. Our winning Chefs of the Evening may have their recipe published on the OCWS website.

We are planning a maximum of five sites for this mini-tasting so the limit is 90 attendees. Due to the high attendance at our Mini-Tasting Programs, we encourage you to sign-up early as sites tend to fill quickly. Due to the advance purchase of wines, you will not receive a refund if you cannot attend, unless there is a waiting list. The cut-off date for online sign-up is Monday, February 9, 2015. After this date, please contact Bill or the OCWS office to determine availability. The cancellation deadline is February 13, 2015.

I would like to add a special thank you to Wendy Taylor and all of the 2014 Hosts for making the OCWS Mini-Tastings such a success.

Bon Appetit, Bill Redding, Director

2015 Wine Extraordinaire: Silent Auction Items Needed

All of us receive those wine themed gifts. Friends and family may know you are into wine and it seems that is the only kind of gift they know to give. If you have a collection of these items but do not know what to do with them, we have the solution! Your "extra wine stuff" may be just what the Wine Extraordinaire needs to help make our Silent Auction a success.

The Silent Auction Committee is collecting anything wine-related. The committee can use wine-themed towels, openers, glasses and novelty items in silent auction baskets. Those seemingly small donations might be the perfect enhancement to a silent auction prize. Donated items must be new, unused and in original packaging.

Larger items are welcome and may make great prizes by themselves. Great donation ideas include bottles from your private wine collection, gift certificates from your favorite restaurant, or gift certificates towards popular services such as a hair salon, day spa, or boutique service you would like to donate. Tickets to sporting events, movie theaters, concerts or performing arts events also make great silent auction items. Unique gift certificates for ser-

vices such as limo service, maid service, or vacation homes are popular silent auction items.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction support the OCWS scholarship fund. Any donation is considered a gift to a charitable organization and is tax deductible.

If you have a donation, please contact Marie Hawthorn at mhawthorn3@gmail.com to arrange a pickup. You may also bring items to the OCWS office by Monday, April 6. Please attach a tag with your name and phone number on any donated item so we can send you a receipt for tax purposes. Thank you for your consideration.

See you at the Extraordinaire!

- Marie Hawthorn, Silent Auction Coordinator



March Winery Program: Storybook Mountain Vineyards

Friday, March 13, 2015 @ 6:45 pm
Wyndham Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts, Costa Mesa, CA

The Wine Enthusiast said of Storybook, "Legend has it that all Storybook Zinfandels have happy endings." Storybook Mountain has long set the standard for just how good Napa Valley Zinfandel can be. In addition to Zinfandel, Storybook produces Viognier and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Storybook Mountain's sought-after estate wines are carefully handcrafted from choice grapes grown in certified organic estate vineyards surrounding the winery. They are aged at least 12 months in the best French, Hungarian and American oak barrels, inside century-old caves dug deep into the mineral-rich volcanic rock underlying the hand-tended vineyard.

Attendees can either park in the garage and get their ticket validated at OCWS check-in or pay \$10 for valet. Dinner begins at 6:45 pm with the meeting following at 7:30 pm.

Members may bring their own wine to enjoy and share during the buffet dinner. We do ask that you remove your bottle from the table during the tasting.

The cost is \$43.00 for members and \$48.00 for guests. We are offering a separate option of a "heart healthy" meal for \$50.00. This special meal will be Wok Seared Chicken Tenders with Brown Rice and Asian Style Vegetables.

Sign up on the website or use the sign-up sheet in this newsletter and mail it to the OCWS with a check.

Sign up early for this will be a sell-out event! The last day to cancel, receive a refund or make any changes to your reservation is Monday, March 9.

- Rich Skoczylas, Vice President



April Winery Program: Macchia Winery

Friday, April 10, 2015 @ 6:45 pm
Wyndham Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts, Costa Mesa, CA

In Italian, "Macchia" means "the spot". In the Lodi area, Macchia Winery has been earning a reputation as a spot where discriminating vino buffs can find small lots of high-quality vintages. Well aware of the potential for quality that was long ignored by many winemakers outside the Lodi area, Tim and Lani Holdener make a variety of different Zinfandels, each sporting its own distinctive qualities. The Holdeners, who started the operation in the Lodi Appellation in 2001, have scoured California's premium vineyards to find the best grapes for over seven Zinfandels bottled and a handful of promising Italian varietals offered by Macchia.



Tim Holdener, who spent more than a decade as an amateur winemaker, said that knowledge had been instrumental in allowing him to step up the quality of his product and become a professional. You never know where your passion may lead you!

It is a tried and true strategy for making exceptional wines that Tim Holdener says is at the heart of his winemaking philosophy. "Winemaking technology has improved dramatically in the

last two decades, but it is still the quality of the fruit you start with that ultimately determines how good your wine will turn out." We are passionate about our vineyards, "Remember, it's all about the grape!"

In addition, Macchia offers such favorite Italian varietals as Sangiovese, Nebbiolo, and Barbera - which have been turning the heads of a growing contingent of fanciers over several years, which appeals to many who are just discovering the value of Lodi wines.

Attendees can park in the garage and either get their ticket validated at OCWS check-in or pay \$10 for valet. Dinner begins at 6:45 pm with the meeting following at 7:30 pm.

The cost is \$43.00 for members, \$48.00 for guests and a separate option of a "heart healthy" meal for \$50.00. Sign up on the website or use the sign-up sheet in this newsletter and mail it to the OCWS with a check.

Members may bring their own wine to enjoy and share during the buffet dinner. We do ask that you remove your bottle from the table during the tasting.

The last day to cancel, receive a refund or make any changes to your reservation is Monday, April 6.

- Rich Skoczylas, Vice President

April Winery Program
Macchia Winery
Wyndham Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts
Costa Mesa, CA
Friday, April 10, 2015
6:45 pm Dinner; 7:30 Program

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Members @ \$43 each _____

Number of Guests @ \$48 each _____

Heart Healthy Option @ \$50 each _____

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: April 8

Cancellation Deadline: April 6

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2015 Wine Extraordinaire

April 12, 2015, 2:00-5:00 pm
Hilton Anaheim, California Ballroom
777 Convention Way, Anaheim, CA

The first Wine Extraordinaire took place in 1981, featuring 37 small wineries that produced less than 10,000 cases of wine per year. The event has grown to showcase more than 85 boutique wineries producing up to 35,000 cases per year. The featured wineries include wineries that have been making excellent wines but remain small producers, new ventures, and winemakers with their own labels. This is your opportunity to discover new wines, sample wonderful foods from local restaurants, and shop for wine inspired merchandise from our vendors. You may also take a chance to win a bottle of fine wine in our drawing or take home a beautiful basket in our silent auction. Our silent auction baskets feature a wide assortment of wine related products including signed wine bottles, exclusive releases, gift certificates to local restaurants and experiences, and assorted wine related items.



You will enjoy your time tasting wines in the classy setting of the beautiful Hilton hotel. View our video production from the prior year's event on our Wine Extraordinaire page at www.WineExtra.org.

Volunteers Needed: Approximately 80 volunteers are needed to make this event successful. By donating two hours of your time, each volunteer will receive a \$30 rebate after the event for your contribution. Rebates will be processed approximately two weeks after the event. In order for the rebate to be dispensed, each volunteer must pay the full ticket price before the event. Please do not discount the price when purchasing your ticket. Please see the volunteer form in this newsletter to sign up for a position. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Restaurants: Members can also contribute to the Wine Extraordinaire experience by assisting with locating food purveyors and restaurants. If you are aware of a NEW restaurant or NEW food purveyor that will participate at the Wine Extraordinaire, please contact the Restaurant Coordinator, Kevin Coy at kevin@ocws.org or Liz Corbett at liz@ocws.org for a Restaurant Application Form. In the event the restaurant participates in the event, the member will receive two free tickets to the Wine Extraordinaire.

Media Relations: The Wine Extraordinaire committee is also seeking to generate public awareness of the event to assist in raising as much as possible to contribute to the OCWS Scholarship Fund. If you have any connections with radio, TV or other media to get the event publicized, please contact Liz Corbett at liz@ocws.org.

Donations Needed: Members are requested to assist with donations for the drawing and silent auction. If you have wine, gift certificates, or unique wine gifts, consider donating them to OCWS for the Wine Extraordinaire. A tax deductible receipt will be provided for all donations.

Tickets: Join us for the 2015 Wine Extraordinaire and share a wonderful time with your fellow members and guests. Invite your family, friends and co-workers to join us for an afternoon of fun. Tickets are \$60 per person through April 9, 2015. After April 9, 2015, tickets are available at the door price of \$70 per person. Designated drivers are \$25 each. Tickets may be purchased at www.WineExtra.org. Any questions regarding the event can be directed to Jim Beard at jim@ocws.org or Liz Corbett liz@ocws.org.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

- Jim Beard, Event Chair & Liz Corbett, Event Co-Chair

For tickets and up to date information on confirmed wineries, restaurants, and vendors, visit www.WineExtra.org.

OCWS Wine Auction

**Saturday, April 18, 2015
OC Fair & Events Center
Huntington Beach Building
11:00 am – 5:00 pm**

*** Please expect to be present for the entire event. No early check-outs! ***

Got Wine? Have enough? No....there's never enough!

The OCWS Wine Auction is right around the corner. It is a terrific venue to purchase outstanding wines of all varieties at great prices! You can place your bid in our silent auction, offering several hundred 4-bottle lots of wine in every varietal imaginable. You can also raise your bidder paddle for many premium lots in the verbal auction.

The Wine Auction affords the OCWS Cellarmaster a chance to clear out the cellar to make room for all the wine arriving for the 2015 Commercial Wine Judging Competition. The event also helps provide funding for this year's Commercial Wine Competition.

We will also be placing four wine bottles in a sealed box that you can pick up during Auction checkout. Each bottle in the box will be valued over \$10 (many worth much more). You will receive a box containing 4 bottles for just \$20 – that's a \$40 value!! At just \$5 per bottle, it's a great way to pick up some nice everyday wines at a very reasonable price.

Sign up now on the OCWS website or send your personal check to the OCWS office, along with the Wine Auction sign up form in this edition of the *The Wine Press*. Bidder catalogues will be available the week before and during event check-in.



It is an outstanding event, with wine bargains galore! Everyone comes home a winner! Everyone should leave happy as well, with a nice selection of wines poured for your pleasure and plenty of food to keep you smiling through the day.

For your convenience, it is suggested that you bring wine glasses and pens to the Wine Auction. Limited quantities of individual wine glasses will be available for sale. The price is \$20 per member.

One more thing...only OCWS members may attend. Additionally, please remember that Wine Society events are for adults only. As such, we ask that you please refrain from bringing underage guests and children to our events.

See you at the Auction!

- Dennis Esslinger, Director & Auction Coordinator

Scholarship Thank You Note

I would like to take this opportunity to humbly thank you for awarding me the Orange County Wine Society, Inc. Scholarship, as I continue my journey through the Culinary Arts program at OCC.

I am currently seeking my AA in Culinary Arts with hopes to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona to further my education. I am currently a junior and hope to graduate by the Summer of 2015. Thanks to your generosity, I am not one step closer to that goal.

By awarding me the Orange County Wine Society, Inc. Scholarship, you have lightened the financial burden that I would be facing this semester. Christine, our new addition to the family was born in August 2014; this scholarship will allow me to be able to pay for my books and supplies. Your generosity will help me work towards a better future for my family. I hope to one day be in a position that will allow me to give scholarships to students in my current situation.

- Elizabeth J.

Commercial Competition Seeking Key Volunteers

The Commercial Wine Competition committee is requesting volunteer help for database assistant and cataloging assistant. Both jobs require attention to detail and data entry skills. Each volunteer also enjoys a fine meal (no cost) at the OCWS Wine Competition Wrap Up party, which is held at one of our restaurants that supports the Wine Extraordinaire. In addition, the volunteer hours for these positions accumulate toward \$10, \$20, or \$40 volunteer vouchers at the 2015 Business Meeting.

~ Database Assistant ~

Andrea Solis is stepping down from the Database Assistant position in 2016 and OCWS is looking for a trainee to work alongside with Andrea during the 2015 Commercial Competition. This volunteer position requires database skills, some basic software engineering, and experience with Microsoft Windows. The position provides the opportunity to learn all aspects of the Commercial Competition and to work closely with the cataloging and judging leads. Interested volunteers are encouraged to email Andrea at andreaks310@gmail.com. Andrea can provide you with more details and the amount of hours needed for this position.

~ Cataloging Assistant ~

Carol Esslinger is looking for a volunteer to serve as the cataloging assistant/trainee for the 2015 Competition and beyond. This is a very important job for the Commercial Wine Competition and involves many volunteer hours. The ideal volunteer should be retired or not otherwise working as most of the work is done during the daytime. It can involve either cataloging of the wine or data entry or a combination of both. The volunteer must have very good "attention-to-detail" skills; all of the wine information provided with each wine entry is cataloged and entered into the Paradox database. This information is later used to sort and arrange each wine for the correct pouring order to the wine judges during the wine competition. Interested volunteers may email Carol at dennis2carol@gmail.com. Carol can provide additional details and the anticipated number of hours needed for this position.

**- Jim Beard and Leslie Brown,
Commercial Competition Co-Chairs**

Commercial Competition Award Book

It is that time of the year to start compiling the 2015 Commercial Competition Awards Book. This year the theme for the OC Fair is "One Big Party."

We are now looking for the perfect picture to adorn the 2015 Awards Book cover.



If you would like to submit a picture for consideration, please email a digital version to dwdeeble@cox.net. Digital submittals must be 300 dpi or better. Alternately, if you have a 5 x 7 photograph, slide, painting, or hand drawing you think may make for good cover art for the book, mail them to the OCWS office to my attention. If you wish them

returned, kindly enclose a SASE. All submissions need to be in portrait orientation.

Remember, pictures may not include people or private property and must be of a public scene. The winner will be given two tickets to the 2016 Wine Extraordinaire plus recognition in the Awards Book. All pictures must be submitted by May 1, 2015 to be considered.

Good luck to everyone!

~ Award Book Advertisers ~

I solicit your help in finding new prospective advertisers for this year's award book. Kindly email the business name, address, contact person, and telephone number of any new business you feel I should contact for advertising in our Awards Book. My email address is dwdeeble@cox.net. Your help is appreciated.

- Dan Deeble, 2015 Award Book Chairman

2015 Wine Extraordinaire Volunteer Sign-Up

Member _____	Co-Member _____
Address _____	City & Zip _____
Day Phone _____	Night Phone _____
Email address _____	

Please complete and mail/fax to the OCWS office (fax 714.546.5002). Volunteer shifts will be filled in the order they are received. Ticket purchase must accompany volunteer sign-up (see back of newsletter for ticket purchase form). Note: \$30.00 volunteer rebate will be provided after the event service verification. Select the shift(s) desired. Selecting more than one shift increases chances.

1st 2nd	M	1st 2nd	C	AREA	ASSIGNMENT	SHIFT HOURS	SHIFTS REQ'D
	M		C	Guest Check-In	Guest Check-In	1:00 - 3:00	4
	M		C	Guest Check-In	Guest Check-In / Clean-Up	1:30 - 3:30	4
XXX	M	XXX	C	Vendor Check-In	Food / Winery Check-In	10:45 - 12:45	4
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Food / Winery Check-In	12:45 - 2:45	4
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Food / Winery Check-In	1:00 - 3:00	1
XXX	M	XXX	C	Vendor Check-In	Wine / Food Escort	10:45 - 12:45	2
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Wine / Food Escort	12:30 - 2:30	4
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	10:45 - 12:45	5
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover - Elevator Operator	12:30 - 2:30	1
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	12:30 - 2:30	5
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Ticket Sales	1:30 - 3:30	4
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Ticket Sales	3:30 - 5:30	3
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	1:00 - 3:00	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant/Clean-Up	3:30 - 5:30	4
	M		C	Restaurants	Restaurant Set-Up - Supplies	11:00 - 1:00	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Set-Up	12:00 - 2:00	4
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Set-Up	2:00 - 4:00	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Restaurant Server/Relief	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Supplies (Re-stock)	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Supplies (Re-stock / Clean-Up)	3:30 - 5:30	2
XXX	M	XXX	C	Security	Security	11:30 - 1:30	2
	M		C	Security	Security	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Security	Security	3:30 - 5:30	2
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant—Donations	12:00 - 2:00	4
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant - Security	3:30 - 5:30	1
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant - Bid Sheets	12:30 - 2:30	4
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant - Table Monitor	4:00 - 6:00	4
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant - Table Monitor	2:30 - 4:30	1
	M		C	Wineries	Wine Pourer/Relief	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Wineries	Wine Pourer/Relief	3:30 - 5:30	2

Sign-Up Sheets

February Winery Program
Korbel Champagne Cellars
Wyndham Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts
Costa Mesa, CA
Friday, February 13, 2015
6:45 pm Dinner; 7:30 Program

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____
 Number of Members @ \$43 each _____
 Number of Guests @ \$48 each _____
 Heart Healthy Option @ \$50 each _____

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: Feb. 11
Cancellation Deadline: Feb. 9

March Winery Program
Storybook Mountain Vineyards
Wyndham Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts
Costa Mesa, CA
Friday, March 13, 2015
6:45 pm Dinner; 7:30 Program

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____
 Number of Members @ \$43 each _____
 Number of Guests @ \$48 each _____
 Heart Healthy Option @ \$50 each _____

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: March 11
Cancellation Deadline: March 9

OCWS Wine Auction
OC Fair & Events Center
Huntington Beach Building
Saturday, April 18, 2015
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____
 Number of Members @ \$20 each _____

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: April 15

Members Only Event

No early check-outs. Please expect to be present for the entire event.

Pinot Noir Mini-Tasting
Locations TBA
Saturday, February 21, 2015
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____
 Number of Members @ \$30 each _____
 Number of Guests @ \$35 each _____

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: Feb. 9
Cancellation Deadline: Feb. 13, noon

Dine With Wine: Mardi Gras Party!
Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen
Downtown Disney, Anaheim, CA
Sunday, February 15, 2015, 11:00 am

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____
 Number of Guests @ \$68 each _____
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 () () Chicken () () Bread Pudding
 () () BBQ Shrimp () () Bananas
 () () Beef

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: Feb. 11
Cancellation Deadline: Feb. 10, noon

2015 Wine Extraordinaire
Anaheim Hilton
California Ballroom
Sunday, April 12, 2015
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____

Number of Guests @ \$60 each _____
 No. of Designated Drivers @ \$25 each _____

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: April 9
www.WineExtra.org

OCWS Save the Date Calendar

Feb. 13	Winery Program: Korbel Champagne Cellars
Feb. 15	Dine With Wine: Mardi Gras Party!
Feb. 21	Mini-Tasting: Pinot Noir
Feb. 28	New Member Mixer (invite only)
March 13	Winery Program: Storybook Mountain Vineyards
April 10	Winery Program: Macchia
April 12	Wine Extraordinaire
April 18	Annual Wine Auction
May 9	Mini-Tasting: Zinfandel
May 15	Winery Program: Siduri
May 30-31	Commercial Competition
June 6	Homewine Competition
July 17 - Aug. 16	OC Fair
July 11	Mini-Tasting: OC Fair Gold Medal Winners
Oct. 4	Installation Dinner - New Location!
Nov. 14	Mini-Tasting: Cabernet Sauvignon



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