



The Wine Press

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Jim's Journal

Jerry Seps of Storybook Mountain Vineyards presented 6 wines at the March 13 Winery Program meeting. I encourage everyone to sign up for both the upcoming Macchia Winery and Siduri Winery wine tasting programs in April and May. Macchia Winery is an up and coming winery from Lodi that has been producing great wines since 2001 and Adam Lee is well known for both his Pinot Noirs and his humor. Refer to subsequent articles for more information.

Liz Corbett and the Wine Extraordinaire Committee are very busy finalizing the restaurants, vendors, and wineries for our April 12 event. This is an event not to be missed! Be sure to visit the Winemaker Group's table during this event.

The Commercial Wine Competition is

still looking for volunteers. Please refer to Robyn Strom's article for more information.

Our annual Wine Auction is Saturday, April 18, from 11 am – 5 pm. This event is a favorite of many long time members. There will be both verbal and silent auction selections of many varietals at outstanding prices (many of these are low production wines no longer available in retail stores).

Bill Redding has selected some nice Zinfandel wines for the next Mini-Tasting. This annual Mini-Tasting theme is our second most popular Mini-Tasting event (Gold Medal is the first), therefore, I encourage you to sign up early, be-

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2015 Wine Extraordinaire

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

The time has arrived for all of us to enjoy the fruits of our labor. Our event is almost here and we hope that you will enjoy an afternoon of fun with your family, friends and co-workers brought to you by our volunteers. It is not too late to invite others to enjoy a wonderful time sampling a variety of wines, accompanied by excellent food and desserts. Introduce them to our friends in the wine industry and show them why we are members of the Orange County Wine Society; we have fun with our fellow members while continually

learning the nuances of producing and enjoying a great bottle of wine. Greet the public attendees, introduce yourselves and welcome them to our Wine Extraordinaire. Remember we are all recruiters for the Orange County Wine Society.

Sample the culinary delights prepared by the chefs from Orange Coast College, one of the programs we proudly support with our scholarships. Be sure to buy opportunity drawing tickets for a chance to win an excellent bottle of



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cause this event sells out fast.

Several members have requested information about OC FEC fairgrounds:

- Amphitheater improvements are still underway (no completion date announced)
- OC FEC hired a new CEO (Kathy Kramer)
- Veteran's Memorial (Hero Hall exhibit) will be completed in time for the OC Fair
- Table of Dignity (agriculture workers memorial) will be completed in time for the OC Fair
- Designated smoking areas are being reviewed for 2015 OC Fair

OCWS has recently hired a replacement website administrator for Judy Fox. All present and past Board members and myself would like to extend a heartfelt "Thanks!" for Judy's help all these years (Judy was a Board member when she started this task). In closing, I would like to include a brief note from Judy:

"I have enjoyed the website administrator position since 1997. At that time, I personally researched and registered OCWS.org domain name, and brought the OCWS website to 'life' on the internet. I have watched it grow from simple user interface into one that provides monthly articles, event information, event sign-ups, merchandise sales, seminar purchases, as well as our history, competitions, home wine and membership information. I am happy to have been part of the growing and changing process and to have served in this position these last 17 years, and had the pleasure of working alongside many diverse Board members to achieve the success it is today."

- Jim Beard, President

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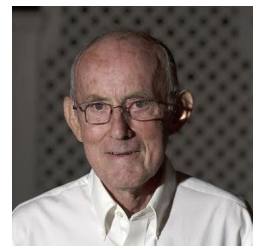
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Membership Report

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 March 10, 2015 Board meeting:

Sarah Bortz ■ Sandra Baltzer ■ Kay Gooding ■ Rodney Wheeler
Judy Rydburg ■ Hallie Whelen ■ Jessica Philipp

As of the March Board of Directors' meeting the Orange County Wine Society has 981 members.

NEW MEMBERS: Save the Date: New Member Mixer

A new Member Mixer has been tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. New members will be invited to personally meet the Board of Directors. More details will follow.

- *Brian McDonald, Membership Chair*



April Winery Program: Macchia Winery

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

Macchia Winery has earned a reputation as a place where discriminating vino buffs can find small lots of high-quality vintages. They make a variety of different Zinfandels, each sporting its own distinctive qualities. Macchia also offers favorite Italian varietals such as Sangiovese, Nebbiolo, and Barbera. These varietals have been turning the heads of a growing contingent of fanciers over several years. These varietals also appeal to many who are just discovering the value of Lodi wines.

The Macchia 2012 Sangiovese, Amador County, won a Chairman's Award at the 2014 OC Fair. Their 2012 Zinfandel, "Serious," won a Gold Medal. In the 2014 OC Fair competition, they won 14 medals. **Overall, in California competitions, they have won 76 awards.**

Tanya McMahan will be presenting the following wines:

- 2012 Nebbiolo, "Vivacious"
- 2012 Sangiovese, Lodi "Amorous"
- 2012 Barbera, Cooper Vineyard "Infamous"
- 2013 Primitivo, Lodi "Devious"

- 2013 Zinfandel, Lodi Old Vine "Mischievous"
- 2013 Zinfandel, West Side "Sumptuous"
- 2013 Zinfandel, Old Vine Wine "Serious"
- 2013 Petite Sirah, California "Dubious"

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. This "Heart Healthy" meal will include Caesar Salad with Crisp Romaine Leaves, Roasted Pumpkin Seeds, Shaved Parmesan Cheese and Sun Dried Tomatoes, served with Balsamic Vinaigrette, Marinated Chicken and Shrimp Skewers with Fresh Vegetables atop Wild Rice Pilaf. 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*

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. This 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 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

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2015 Courtyard at the OC Fair Coming Soon!



The OC Fair will be open Wednesdays through Sundays
July 17th through August 16th

Help make our biggest fundraiser of the year a huge success!
Do not miss out on all the fun! Sign-up early!

See the TIPS training article and the TIPS sign-up form
in this edition of *The Wine Press*.

Watch for the sign-up form for shifts at The Courtyard
next month in the May edition of *The Wine Press*.

Zinfandel Mini-Tasting

Zinfandel Mini-Tasting
Saturday, May 9, 2015
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Various Host Sites

Zinfandel was introduced to California during the Gold Rush somewhere between 1852 and 1857 and became widely planted because it thrived so well in the state's climate and soil. Today, Zinfandel is the third-leading wine grape variety in California. Zinfandel was California's "mystery grape" because its origins were unknown; however, DNA fingerprinting has confirmed that Italy's Primitivo and Crljenak Kastelanski, an ancient Croatian variety, are genetically identical to Zinfandel grapes. Popular descriptors for red Zinfandel include blackberry, raspberry, boysenberry, cherry, as well as black pepper, cloves, anise and herbs. The popularity of this varietal is attested to by Zinfandel followers through ZAP - the single largest varietal tasting of its kind. (Source: Wine Institute)

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 \$25 for members and \$30 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 Zinfandel. 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, April 27, 2015. After this date, please contact Bill or the OCWS office to determine availability. The cancellation deadline is May 1, 2015.

Bon Appetit, Bill Redding, Director

May Winery Program: Siduri Winery

Friday, May 15, 2015 @ 6:45 pm
Wyndham Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts,
Costa Mesa, CA

Back by very popular demand, we have Adam Lee from Siduri presenting our May program. Siduri makes 27 different Pinor Noirs, and only Pinots, from over 20 vineyards with exceptional fruit in a bare-bones winery.

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.

Note: All sign-ups must be made by Monday, May 11, including any changes or cancellations to receive a refund.



- *Rich Skoczylas, Vice President*

February Pinot Noir Mini-Tasting Results

A total of 91 members and guests attended the February Pinot Noir Mini-Tasting at five host sites. The blind tasting consisted of five flights of two wines each with wines from the Carneros, Russian River, Santa Rita Hills and Central Coast. The top three favorite wines of the five host sites are listed below:

Placement	Winery Name	Year	Price	Description
1st	Hyde, Hyde Vineyards	2011	\$65.00	Carneros
2nd	Gary Farrell	2010	\$48.00	Russian River Valley, <i>WS 90 pts</i>
3rd	Frank Family	2013	\$36.00	Carneros

In addition, attendees brought a delicious dish to share and then voted on a Chef of the Evening. The results of the Chef of the Evening at each host site are:

- Hosts Pat & Frank Solis: **Nancy Harmon** for "Chicken Tortilla Soup"
- Hosts Judy & Bob Koeblitz: **Vince & June Porto** for "Chicken Madera"
- Hosts Bill Forsch & Noel De Sota: **Jane Stoner** for "Scalloped Yukon Gold & Sweet Potato Gratin with Fresh Herbs"
- Hosts Bill & Lois Clark: **Linda Bauermeister** for "Oreo Cheesecake"
- Host Chris Cunningham: **Linda Crawford** for "Lemon Dill Salmon"

Congratulations to all the winners! A big thank you to all hosts! Please send your recipes to Bill Redding at bill@ocws.org for posting on our website and as a possible recipe in a future newsletter article.

- *Bill Redding, Director*

Commercial Competition Volunteers

The 2015 Commercial Competition will be held May 30 and May 31st. Your assistance is crucial to its success! This event offers many opportunities: to meet winemakers, add to your wine knowledge, and enjoy getting to know your fellow OCWS members, just to mention a few.

A lesson learned from last year, the computer input will be assigned (we have only 6 computers available for that task). However, there are many areas where volunteer help is needed:

- Stewarding;
- Glass washing and drying;
- Computer verification

A sign up form is included in this newsletter that identifies stewarding days, bagging nights, and other work parties with times and dates. In order to qualify for stewarding, we need you to sign up for two additional work parties. We can offer bagging and moving of wine to and from the Competition site. Sorting will be an option as well, this will be held in June. Because the wine office is in a smaller facility, I will be assigning the Ribbon Mailing crew.

We definitely need your support for our work parties in order to run a successful competition. The good news is that we will have hired help for heavy lifting. No training is necessary, as newer members will be teamed with competition veterans.

The deadline for signing up is April 18. You may fax your form to OCWS at 714.546.5002 or mail to PO Box 11059, Costa Mesa, CA 92627. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone me at 562.822.3382 or email at strompharms@earthlink.net.

We look forward to your participation in this very important event.

- Robyn Strom, Volunteer Coordinator

Hotel Rooms at Commercial Competition

If you plan on staying at the Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel for the weekend of the Commercial Wine Competition, it would be best to make reservations no later than **May 16, 2015**. The OCWS has booked a block of rooms for OCWS members at a discounted rate and this rate is guaranteed only until that date. The special rate does not require advance payment and is \$135.00 per night plus \$10.00 per night parking. If you want to stay on the 7th floor executive level, the rate is \$175.00 per night for one person or \$190.00 per night for 2 persons.

You can make room reservations either by phone at 714.540.7000 or online at:

www.Hilton.com/Costa_Mesa

When making reservations be sure to indicate the discount code OCWS15.

- Lora Howard & David Hirstein

2015 Wine Extraordinaire

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wine and join us in our silent auction where you can bid on autographed bottles of wine in beautiful baskets with an assortment of wine related items. Visit the OCWS table to view our merchandise.

Thank you to those members who helped bring in new wineries and restaurants along with donating wine and items for our silent auction and raffle. We are still available to pick up additional donations of wine and items for the silent auction. A round of applause goes to those of you who selflessly donated your time during the last 5 months making this event possible. We are grateful for your support and assistance.

Tickets may still be purchased at **www.WineExtra.org** and at the door. 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.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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



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 will:

- Attend Wine Competition Wrap Up party (held at a restaurant that supports our Wine Extraordinaire);
- Attend Judge's dinner on Saturday night of Commercial Competition; and
- Accumulate volunteer hours 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

TIPS Alcohol Server Training for The Courtyard



The 2015 OC Fair is right around the corner which means it is time to

start scheduling for Alcohol Server Training (TIPS). TIPS classes will be held in April & May with only a few classes in June. Do not wait until June to schedule a class. If classes do not have enough participants, they are cancelled and you will not be able to volunteer at The Courtyard. If you were TIPS certified in 2012 and are planning on volunteering to pour wine at The Courtyard this year you will need to take the class again. A letter has already been sent notifying you that your TIPS card is expired and you will need to re-take the class. If you have never taken a TIPS class, you will need to attend and successfully complete a training class. Once successfully completed, you are certified for three years. Do not wait until after you take the TIPS class to sign up to volunteer in The Courtyard as the shifts you prefer may be full (The Courtyard sign up form will be available in the May edition of *The Wine Press*).

The 2015 OC Fair starts on Friday, July 17th and ends on Sunday, August 16th. As a concessionaire of the

OC Fair, the OCWS must adhere to contractual requirements established by the OC Fair Board of Directors and Staff. Before any volunteers work in The Courtyard during the OC Fair, everyone must be "professionally trained and certified in alcohol awareness techniques."

The Alcohol Server Training sign-up form can be found in The Wine Press and on the website (ocws.org). Please use this form to indicate your availability and either mail to the OCWS office, fax to the office at 714.546.5002, or email the form to TIPS@ocws.org. When selecting your availability, please remember that the 2nd choice date cannot be prior to the 1st choice. The classes are held on the grounds of the OC Fair & Event Center. Confirmations and maps will be sent one week prior to the class.

If you have any questions regarding TIPS training, please call 714.235.6459 or email us at TIPS@ocws.org.

See you at the Fair!

**- George & Marcy Ott
Alcohol Server
Training Coordinators**



**2015 OC Fair
Courtyard Volunteer
Alcohol Server Training
OC Fair & Events Center
Weeknights @ 6:30 pm
Saturdays @ 10:00 am**

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

~ Dates and Times ~

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for training. 2nd choice cannot be before 1st choice. You will receive confirmation within one week prior to the class.

~ Weeknight Training ~

6:15 pm - Check In

6:30 pm - Training Begins Promptly

Wed. Apr. 22	1st []	2nd []
Tues. Apr. 28	1st []	2nd []
Mon. May 4	1st []	2nd []
Mon. May 18	1st []	2nd []
Wed. May 27	1st []	2nd []
Wed. June 10	1st []	2nd []

~ Saturday Training ~

9:45 am - Check In

10:00 am - Training Begins Promptly

Sat. May 9	1st []	2nd []
Sat. June 6	1st []	2nd []

**Mail/Fax reservation to:
OCWS Training Coordinators
Attn: George & Marcy Ott
PO Box 11059
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
Fax: 714.546.5002
Email: TIPS@ocws.org**

Winemakers Newsroom

**The 39th Homewine Competition
OC Fair & Event Center – The Courtyard
June 6, 2015, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm**

The 39th Annual Orange County Wine Society Home Wine Competition will be held at the Orange County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 6th. This event continues to be recognized as a quality event by the participants and the Winemakers Group meets every year to identify areas for improvement. Look for flyers announcing the details of the wine competition.

The success of the Home Wine Competition depends heavily on the volunteers from the entire Orange County Wine Society. We are soliciting your help. Jim Downey will be the Chief Steward and will be managing the stewarding functions. If you want to serve as a steward, complete the sign-up page in this newsletter and mail it to Jim, or copy the form to another file, fill it out and attach it to an e-mail to Jim at jedowney@inbox.com. To all of those that served last year, thank you and we listened to your comments. This year there will be chairs for each server to relax in when they are not serving the judges. So if you volunteered last year, try it again. It is fun for all.

CALL FOR NEW JUDGES! The Competition needs new judges every year. If you are an experienced winemaker or have a discerning palate and would like to learn how to become a wine judge, please contact Rich McCormick, Judging Chairman, at rdmccormick@cox.net. There will be a mandatory Judging Seminar for all new judges, and those who need to hone their skills at a time and location to be determined. This fun event includes a mock judging using real wine and our score sheets in a panel setting. Contact us now to participate!

For those existing judges, the 2015 Judges' Invitation will be emailed out shortly.

Winemakers' Group Pot Luck

On February 21, the OCWS Winemakers' Group had its quarterly potluck and meeting with over 60 people attending. A special thank you to Mike and Blythe Paz for opening their house to us for this wonderful event, and giving the group a tour of Mike's fabulous new wine cellar.

2015 Wine Extraordinaire

Come taste OCWS Winemakers' homemade wines with us at the Wine Extraordinaire!

Upcoming 2015 Planned Events

April 12: Winemaker Table at Wine Extraordinaire

May 16: Quarterly Potluck & Wine SO2 Testing

May: Homewine Competition Judging Seminar

June 6: Homewine Competition

June 20: Kit Wine Making Class

July – Quarterly Pot Luck & SO2 Testing

July 17 – Aug. 16: OC Fair: Saturday Winemaker Seminars

October: Quarterly Pot Luck & SO2 Testing

December: Homewine Christmas Pot Luck

May Winemaker's Potluck and Wine Tasting

Saturday, May 16, 2015

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Hosted by Ed Reyes & Debbie Renne

26121 Talega Avenue, Laguna Hills

The Winemakers' Group plans to have its next Potluck on Saturday, May 16, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. As with all Winemaker's Group activities, this event is open to ALL OCWS MEMBERS. Come and learn about the Winemakers' Group, and taste some fabulous home wines!

Bring your favorite main dish, appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert and a bottle of wine to share. Plates, napkins and tableware will be furnished. We will be able to heat up any food if needed. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Kevin Donnelly at kjd_ca@hotmail.com or 714.457.7229. Don't wait, make your reservation now. You can always cancel later if need be.

Sulfur Dioxide SO2 Wine Testing

May 16, 2015 at the Reyes' & Renne's Residence

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Our next SO2 wine testing will be on the same day and location as the potluck. This continues to be a very important service we do for the group so each winemaker knows how much sulfite to periodically add to the wines for protection against unwanted bacteria and yeast. Please let Jerry Guerin (949.642.8682, jeromeguerin@earthlink.net) know if you are going to have wine tested and the quantity. This is important to insure that we have enough supplies to do the testing.

The normal fee continues to be \$3.00 per sample for those who give Jerry advance notice of the number of samples to be tested. There will be an additional charge of \$2.00 for any additional wines tested, but not originally scheduled as time and supplies allow.

- Rich Skoczylas, Vice President



39th Annual Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition



Please contact Robyn Strom at 562.822.3382 or via email to strompharms@earthlink.net with any questions.

NOTE: To be a steward, you must volunteer to work a task from both Task List #1 and Task List #2

**COMPETITION ~ Saturday, May 30, 2015 and Sunday, May 31, 2015
Hilton Hotel, Costa Mesa, CA**

Member	Co-Member	Task	Day	Date	From	To
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewarding	Saturday	May 30th	7:30 a.m.	5:00 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewarding	Sunday	May 31st	7:30 a.m.	5:00 PM

TASK LIST #1

(Check all dates that you are available)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bagging	Tuesday	May 26th	6:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bagging	Wednesday	May 27th	6:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bagging	Thursday	May 28th	6:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.

TASK LIST #2

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Move wine to hotel	Friday	May 29th	9:00 AM	1:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Set-up hotel ballroom	Friday	May 29th	2:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Move wine to Fairgrounds	Monday	June 1st	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sorting	Saturday	June 27th	9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Assigned	Assigned	Ribbon Mailing	Saturday	June 27th	Assigned	Assigned

TASK LIST #3

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass Drying	Saturday	May 30th	7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass Drying	Sunday	May 31st	7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Computer Input	Saturday	Assigned	11:00 AM	5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Computer Input	Sunday	Assigned	10:00 AM	4:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Verification	Saturday	May 30th	11:00 AM	5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Verification	Sunday	May 31st	10:00 AM	4:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen Help or Traffic Control	Saturday	May 30th	7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen Help or Traffic Control	Sunday	May 31st	7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRINT

Member	_____	My first Competition?	Yes	No
Co-Member	_____	My first Competition?	Yes	No
Address	_____	City & Zip	_____	
Day Phone	_____	Night Phone	_____	
Email Address	_____			

**Deadline for sign-up is Thursday, April 17, 2015
Assignments will mailed out the first week in May**



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2015 OC Fair & Event Center Wine Competition

Sponsored by the Orange County Wine Society



Homewine Competition **STEWARDS RESPONSE**

Saturday, June 6, 2014

7:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

The Courtyard - OC Fairgrounds



Yes, I am interested in serving as a Steward at this year's Homewine Competition

No, I am unable to serve this year, but wish to remain on your mailing list

Please remove my name from the mailing list

NAME: _____ CO-MEMBER _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

DAY PHONE _____ EVENING _____ CELL _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Do you have experience stewarding at an OCWS Commercial or Home Wine Competition?

If "yes" Commercial or Home Wine? _____

If "yes" how many years? _____

Have you served as a Best of Show Steward? Yes No

If selected, will you serve as Best of Show Steward? Yes No

Yes / No (Circle One) I am willing to receive future communications via email to help reduce competition costs

Please E-mail or mail this response form to:

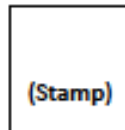
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Sign-Up Sheets

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 6
Cancellation Deadline: April 6

May Winery Program
Siduri Winery
Wyndham Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts
Costa Mesa, CA
Friday, May 15, 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: May 11
Cancellation Deadline: May 11

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.

Zinfandel Mini-Tasting
Locations TBA
Saturday, May 9, 2015
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____
 Number of Members @ \$25 each _____
 Number of Guests @ \$30 each _____

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: April 27
Cancellation Deadline: May 1

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



Registration for
 all events is
 available online
 at
www.ocws.org

Check back next
 month for
 sign-ups for
The Courtyard!

OCWS Save the Date Calendar

April 10	Winery Program: Macchia Winery
April 12	Wine Extraordinaire
April 18	Annual Wine Auction
May 9	Mini-Tasting: Zinfandel
May 15	Winery Program: Siduri Winery
May 16	Winemakers Group Quarterly Potluck
May 26, 27, 28	Commercial Competition: Bagging of Wines
May 30-31	Commercial Competition
June 6	Homewine Competition
June 27	Commercial Competition: Sorting of Wines
July 17 - Aug. 16	OC Fair
July 11	Mini-Tasting: OC Fair Gold Medal Winners
Sept. 13	Membership Barbeque
Oct. 11	Installation Dinner - New Location!
Oct. 18	Chili Cook-Off
Nov. 14	Mini-Tasting: Cabernet Sauvignon



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