



# Westside Wine Club

## February 2007 Newsletter

**Next Meeting: February 21<sup>st</sup> 2007 at 7:00PM**

**Place: Oak Knoll Winery**

**Web Site: [www.westsidewineclub.com](http://www.westsidewineclub.com)**

### 2007 Calendar

**January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Holiday Party

**January 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
Organizational Mtg

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Sensory Evaluation

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Bordeaux

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
TBD

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Other Reds  
Tours

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Speaker: TBD

**Summer Picnic**  
July TBD

**August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Other Whites

**September TBD**  
Awards Gala

**October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Pinot Noir

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Pinot Gris - Viognier

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Speaker TBD

**ATTENTION:** We are moving the meeting dates. The monthly club meetings are now set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of each month (with some exceptions). Please see the masthead on the left side for all the dates and event themes.

### January Planning Meeting Notes:

We have started 2007 with a whirlwind of activity. Thanks to all who attended. Everyone was very outspoken and had a lot of ideas on what we should in 2007. It was a resounding consensus to focus on wine education, especially in making better wine. The discussion led us back to the starting point that in order to make better wine, we need to know what we taste. So, that foundation, we are starting with series of sensory education meetings. We will taste and evaluate each others wines... you bet. However, we all felt that the feedback will get better and better as we all have a 'safe' environment to learn the basics.

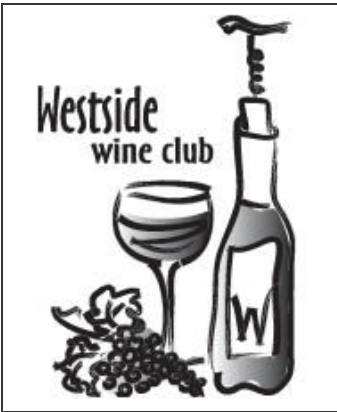
With that we also talked about the tastings and judging formats. Most folks like the 'panel of judges' format, so we'll that continue, but it sounds like Craig and Rick have a few new ideas to try as well. All are aimed at helping members learn and be more confident in developing pallets and having fun. Again, the club is about improving your wine making skills. Another item for the tastings; with the size of the club, please bring two bottles of your wine to taste. Several times we had too big a group for a bottle to make it around for all to try. If we don't need it, you have it to take back home (or you could give it to another deserving club member ☺).

### February Meeting (2/21):

Activity - Step One: Wine Sensory & Aroma Characteristics.

Please join us for the February Club meeting as we focus on the topic of wine sensory characteristics. Our evening activities will include: basic tasting exercises designed to identify some of the components of taste and "mouth-feel" (i.e. sweet, salt, bitter, acid) as well as their "residence" within our palates, identification and sampling of several aromatic characteristics found in Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon, identification and sampling of aromatic characteristics found in flawed wine, i.e. brett, TCA (corked wine), VA (volatile acidity), oxidation, H<sub>2</sub>S, and several more. This promises to be a very fun and educational meeting. We hope to see you here."

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### 2007 Committees

We still need a few volunteers for Committee Chairs. Don't be shy. These are not only fun positions, but contribute the experience of being a Westside Wine Club member. Check the list on Page 3 for the current openings and let Jack know if you interested.

### Meeting Start Time:

Our meetings are from 7 to 9pm. We always seem to have a full 2 hour agenda, so we will be starting on time at 7:00 'Sharp.' If you would like to visit, please be a bit early and kick things around while we setup. We've been a little lax in the past and we want to make sure we can get the most out of our 2 hours. Thanks....

### Ask Your Wine Questions:

Have a problem you don't how to handle? You can send you questions (about wine that is) to the Henry (Club Secretary) and it will be routed to right person for help. In fact, please don't hesitate to send questions, comments, or suggestions to any of the club officers. Their email addresses are listed in each newsletter.

### Dues and Such...

With the costs of the supplies the club is buying for some of the events, we will be charging visitors/non-members who attend a \$5 fee. AND...If you haven't paid your dues, now is the time. The amount is the same as last year (that's right, 0% inflation) at \$15 for individuals and \$25 for couples. Please see Bill or Henry at the meeting or mail your checks to:

Westside Wine Club  
16192 SW 72nd Ave  
Tigard, OR 97224

### Holiday Party Fun



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Don't forget your wine glasses! .*

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## Westside Wine Club Leadership Team – 2007

- **President and Secretary : Jack Seigendall and Henry Morgan**
  - Set agenda for the year
  - Establish leadership team
  - Assure that objectives for the year are met
  - Set up and run meetings
  - Monthly newsletter
  - Communicate regularly about club activities and issues
- **Treasurer: Bill Spiller**
  - Collect dues and fees
  - Pay bills
- **Chairperson of Education: Open**
  - Sets agenda of topics for year
  - Arranges for speakers for our meetings
  - Develops topics of interest as they arise throughout the year
- **Chairmen of Winery Tours: Miriam Schnepf**
  - Selects wineries to visit and arranges tours
  - Covers logistics (food and money)
  - Winery Tour 1 – **Open**
  - Winery Tour 2 – **Open**
  - Winery Tour 3 with picnic lunch - **Open**
- **Chairs for Social Events: Lori Prichard**
  - Holiday Party – **Hosted by Fred and Avon Holmes**
  - Summer picnic – **Hosted by Mike and June Yamrick**
  - Awards Gala – Lead: **Randall & Mary Frances Vermer**
- **Chairmen of Group Purchases**
  - Chandler Reach Vineyard – **Open**
  - Del Rio Vineyard – **Craig Bush**
  - Supplies – **These should be passed to the President for distribution**
  - The chairperson with the leads makes the arrangements to purchase, collect, and distribute.
- **Chairwoman of Competitions: Miriam Schnepf**
  - Work with Washington County Fair staff
  - Encourage club participation in County Fair
  - **President will be the contact for the Oregon State Fair.**
- **Chairmen of Tastings: Rick Kipper**
  - Review and improve club tasting procedures
  - “Train” club members
  - Conduct club tastings

Webmaster: **David Ladd**