



# Westside Wine Club

## 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 Newsletter

### Preliminary 2007 Calendar

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

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

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Speaker TBD

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Bordeaux

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
TBD

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

**June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Speaker: TBD

**Summer Picnic**  
July TBD

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Pinot Noir

**September TBD**  
Awards Gala

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Other Whites

**November TBD**  
Pinot Gris - Viognier

**December TBD**  
Speaker

### **Next Meeting: January 24<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 7:00PM**

**Place:** Oak Knoll Winery, Hillsboro

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

### **January Meeting:**

Yes, there is a meeting this month. Sorry for the short notice. This is an organization meeting to enlist help from everyone in setting the course for 2007. Please bring a bottle to share, we can't just can't seem to have a meeting without at least some tasting and commenting.

### **Note from the President: Jack Seigendall**

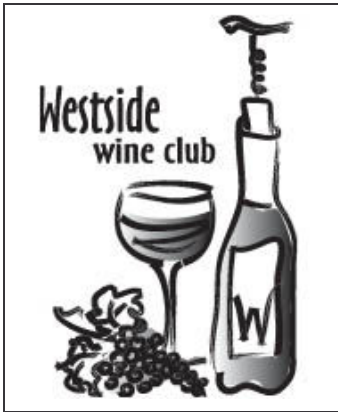
First off I would like to thank our outgoing Officers, Chairpersons and volunteers for their dedication and service to the Westside Wine Club. Without your selfless efforts, our club wouldn't be what it is. Above all I would like to thank Marj for not only offering us a place to meet but also her ongoing expertise. I would like to also thank the continuing service of Henry Morgan, who returns again this year as Secretary. In addition to myself, please welcome Bill Spiller, who volunteered to be the Treasurer for the upcoming year. (Dues are due).

There are people that have been members of the club longer than I. I think they'll agree that club has gone through a lot of changes over the year. In 2006 we saw quite a few new members join and there was also a lot of participation from the "Elders". They are only Elders in the respect of their experience, not their ages). We saw two of our members go "commercial". Let me take this moment to wish Dave Rizzo and Ron Heltzig all the luck in the world. But I digress. This year my mission statement would include education. Because of the new members, those of us who have only been making wine a few years and those who have been making wine for a long time, this is a very diverse group, in terms of expertise. This year our tasting nights should include some sort of short explanation of some aspect of the winemaking process. This is where you guys and gals come in. Bring your ideas and questions to the meetings. **DON'T BE SHY!** Its been my experience that if you have a question, but are afraid to ask, there's at least three other people that have the same question, but are also too shy to ask. The only advantage of the "Elders" is that they got a head start on the rest of us.

During the next year, I would like to discuss wine chemistry. We all know it happens but do we really understand what happens during the process from crush to bottling? I know it is not the most exciting of topics however it is very important to understand. You'll hear someone comment on a wine that it has "a little reduction". By the end of the year we will all know what that really means and why that happens (and how to prevent it). This is just an example of what's in store.

Henry, Bill and I are just captains of this ship. We steer it and take care of business. The ship belongs to you--the Westside Winemakers. Your participation is important. Which brings me to this final comment; there is still a need for Chairpersons and volunteers for our committees. **I'm asking for your participation. Get involved. Make a difference.**

- Jack



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#### 2007 Committees

Yes, we still need help in with volunteers. There are openings for:

Chairperson for Education,

Competition: Miriam is requesting help with the Chairing for Competitions

Tours: and we need folks to help in arranging tours and on-site visits.

Group Buys: We still need help arranging for Chandler Reach Vineyards.

#### February Meeting:

The February meeting will be on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We are working on arranging the speaker, but it will be educational and fun. More details to follow in the February Newsletter. Please mark your calendars.

#### Interesting Wine Facts:

**Q:** France is the biggest wine-consuming nation. Is that ever likely to change?

**A:** Yes, by 2008, France is expected to lose its historic lead as the country that consumes the most wine. The new Champ: The United States. Next year, the US will consume approximately 7.19 billion gallons of wine, putting it ahead of Italy (in the number tow position) as France drops to third place. But remember: This is total wine consumed. On a per capita basis, Americans don't consume anywhere close to the amount the French do.

#### OH Yes...

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but the DUES are due. You know there is no better deal on the planet than the Westside Wine Club. Good folks to hang out with, great discussions on one of your favorite topics, good wine to sample, and of course, a well suited learning environment. 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

*Next Meeting Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.  
Don't forget your wine glasses! .*

# Westside Wine Club

## 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**