



Westside Wine Club

June 2007 Newsletter

Next Meeting: June 20th 2007 at 7:00PM

Place: Oak Knoll Winery

Snack: Lori Pritchard

Web Site: www.westsidewineclub.com

2007 Calendar

January 13th

Holiday Party

January 24th

Organizational Mtg

February 21st

Sensory Evaluation

March 21st

Bordeaux

April 18th

Speaker

Tours

May 23rd

Other Reds

Tours

June 20th

Speaker: TBD

Summer Picnic

July 21st

Hosted by

Mike & June Yamrick

August 15th

Other Whites

September TBD

Awards Gala

October 17th

Pinot Noir

November 14th

Pinot Gris - Viognier

December 12th

Speaker TBD

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

June Meeting

The June Meeting will be a bit different. In order to acquaint the Club with wine made from group purchases of the past few years, our next meeting will be a tasting of member wines made from group purchases. These will include a variety of wines made from Chandler Reach, Del Rio, Courting Hill, Chateau LeBeau (Scott and Wanda Schroeder), and any other vineyards which the Club and it's membership as a whole have the opportunity to purchase fruit from. For those who are interested in possible purchase of fruit from these group sources, this represents an excellent opportunity to taste the wines and get in on the fun.

Winemakers with wines to bring: Please bring at least two bottles, and for Club members to reference, a written synopsis (with several copies) of the wine including the basics such as; vineyard, varietal, year, brix at harvest, TA and PH at harvest, yeasts used, oak, and anything else germane to your winemaking process for that particular wine. Reds and whites, bring them all.

For members attending: This is not going to be a formal tasting as such i.e. no panel, scoresheets or the like. Simply an opportunity to taste some of the group purchase wines and hob-nob with fellow wizards regarding the wines and such. Bring your own wine glasses!!!

Wine Competition

The Oregon Amateur Wine Competition held on July 18 and 19th. I just wanted to drop you a note to assure that your winemakers of the West Side Wine Club get an opportunity to enter their wines. Entry forms and rules can be found at www.oregonstatefair.org then link on Food and Wine. The forms have a return date of June 20th.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Elaine Drongowski

Oregon Wine Competition Coordinator

503-780-2762

Summer Picnic

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the summer picnic. Hosted by Mike and June Yamrick on July 21st.

President: Jack Seigendall, email jseigend@comcast.net
Secretary: Henry Morgan, email henry@storymountain.com
Treasurer: Bill Spiller, email bill@nationalrentacomputer.com



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Winery Tour Recap

We had a very informative tour of Boyd Teegarden's Natalie's Winery and Vineyard on Saturday, June 9th. When the skies cleared we walked in the vineyard to see how the fruit sets and when and how to prune. We then retired to the tasting room, full of the art pieces used for their labels. With the fireplace flickering, we sampled his Chardonnay, Meritage, a red blend, called stable 39, his La Pines Merlot and Elephant Mountain Cab. Luckily, we had brought plenty of bread and cheese to fortify us, as we then proceeded downstairs to his cellar. He was kind enough to answer all our questions while he served up a peachy Viognier and a fine Syrah to us from the barrels. Boyd gave us lots of tips on yeasts, fermentation and using some American oak for a full, mid-palette wine. His wines in barrel will be available during the Thanksgiving weekend. – Contributed by Miriam Schnepf

Grape Buys

Now is REALLY the time to get your orders in. It is much to be early than late. You should be getting your club group grape purchase orders to the Group Buy Chairs. If you want fruit from Del Rio or Chandler Reach vineyards, it is time to get you order info to Craig Bush (Del Rio) and Randy Carrier (Chandler Reach). Don't be disappointed...Don't wait!

Update from Craig Bush: A brief re-cap of how the group buy with **Del Rio** works:

- 1.) This buying opportunity is for West Side Wine Club members only. Do not refer non-members to me that have grape requests. If people want grapes, have them join our wonderful little group...
- 2.) Orders are in full totes only. Totes range anywhere from 700-900 lbs – we have no say in their weight from the vineyard. If you don't want a full tote of fruit, feel free to split it with other club members. For 2007 there is a varietal minimum of two (2) totes for the Club **i.e. the Club must order at least two totes of Syrah if we are getting Syrah in 2007.** For the last three years our combined orders have been between 4.5 – 6 tons (13-18 totes) each year. This is the **minimum** level we need to purchase in order to make it worth while for everyone involved.
- 3.) Down payment of 60% – 75% of the estimated cost of the fruit is required at time of ordering. The remaining balance is due upon receipt of fruit. Only in cases of **extreme** emergency will your deposit may be refunded if you cannot take the fruit. Cost for this year is estimated at between \$2,400 and \$2,500 per ton however we will have final numbers within a few weeks.
- 4.) Delivery is FOB Lafayette, Oregon. You must pick up your tote in a vehicle that can handle a tote of grapes - tote size is 48" x 48" x 24" tall – a macrobin picking tote that I am sure you have all seen during your winery visits. If you are splitting the tote, you must do that elsewhere – not at the pickup site.
- 5.) There is no option as to when we receive the fruit. We get our fruit the same day as Ken Wright, Penner-Ashe, Sam Tannahill, Argyle, Bethel Heights, & Elk Cove.
- 6.) Each tote(s) needs a contact person that I contact via phone or email. When the call comes to get your fruit, there is usually only a 24 hour (sometimes less) heads up. You must be ready to go when it arrives – which is generally early in the morning.

I will be happy to answer questions in detail at the next wine club meeting.

As it now stands we will probably cut off orders around early-mid August.

Contact for **Randy Carrier** for purchases from Chandler Reach. 503-639-2255

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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: Jack Seigendall (Acting)**
 - 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 – **Randy Carrier**
 - 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 and Kathy Morgan assisting**
 - 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, Craig Bush**
 - Review and improve club tasting procedures
 - “Train” club members
 - Conduct club tastings

Webmaster: **David Ladd**