



Westside Wine Club

March 2007 Newsletter

Next Meeting: March 21st 2007 at 7:00PM

Place: Oak Knoll Winery

Snack: Luna Hauser

Web Site: www.westsidewineclub.com

2007 Calendar

January 13th

Holiday Party

January 24th

Organizational Mtg

February 21st

Sensory Evaluation

March 21st

Bordeaux

April 18th

TBD

May 23rd

Other Reds

Tours

June 20th

Speaker: TBD

Summer Picnic

July TBD

August 16th

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.

February Meeting Recap

Activity - Step One: Wine Sensory & Aroma Characteristics.

Wow, what a meeting. The first our Educational Meetings went very well. It was a full house with over 50 folks attending. Excellent job by Rick, Craig, and crew in keeping everything organized and on track. From everyone I talked to, the session was a resounding success and everyone learned something new. The kits the club bought will be at the tastings to come, so the benefit will be long lasting.

March Meeting (3/21)

It's time for Bordeaux wine tasting. Ok, what wines are considered to be of the Bordeaux variety? I've asked our club wine experts and they say:

Bordeaux varietals include Merlot, Cab Sauv, Cab Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, and Carmenère. Additionally: "Blended red wines similar to those of Bordeaux are also known in America as "Meritage" (rhymes with "heritage"). A red Meritage is made from a blend of two or more of the following varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Carmenère, St. Macair and Gros Verdot."

As the tastings are aimed at helping members learn and be more confident in developing pallets and having fun. Craig and Rick are planning to use judging sheets for each wine. The tasting will be monitored so to speak and ensure that everyone gets a chance to speak. 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 if you bringing wine to taste. Several times we have had too big a group for one bottle to make it around for all to try. For example, we had over 50 people attend the February meeting. If we don't need it, you have it to take back home (or you could give it to another deserving club member). ☺

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2007 Committees

This is not a typo. 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

Just a friendly reminder that our meetings start at 7pm and end at 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...

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 (Club Treasurer) or Henry at any meeting or snail mail your checks to:

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

If you know of anyone that wishes to join, or just wants more information about the club, please have them contact Henry.

And if you have info you would like to pass on the club or have included in the newsletter, please it along to Henry as well.

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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 (assistance is requested)**
 - 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**