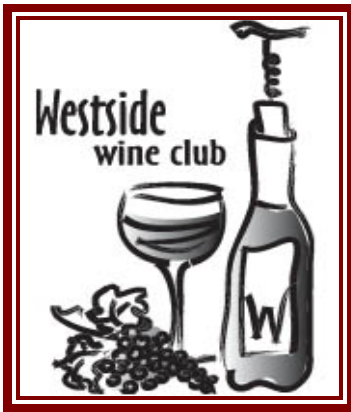


West Side Wine Club

November 2009



November 18, 2009
Pinot Gris / Viognier

December 16, 2009
Elections /Crush Talk

January 8, 2010
Awards Gala

January 20, 2010
Plan for the year

February 17, 2010
Bordeaux tasting

March 17 2010
Crush talk/Open

April 21, 2010
Other Reds tasting

May
Winery Tours

May 19, 2010
Monthly Meeting

June 16, 2010
Fruit Wine/Mead

July
Annual Picnic

August 18, 2010
Other Whites

September 15, 2010
Monthly meeting

October 20, 2010
Pinot Noir tasting

November 17, 2010
Pinot Gris / Viognier

December 22, 2010
Elections /Crush Talk

Next Meeting: Wednesday Nov 18th, 2009 at 7 - 9 p.m.
Place: Oak Knoll Winery
Subject: Pinot Gris/Viognier
Snacks: Barb and Ken Stinger
Website: <http://www.westsidewineclub.com/>
Message Board: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Westsidewineclub/>

Come visit with fellow winemakers and try some Pinot Gris and Viognier!

A few reminders:

- 1.) Please have your wines to taste at the meeting no later than 6:55 pm. Wines brought in after that time will be held in reserve to taste as time allows, No commercial wines
- 2.) Be sure to bring two bottles of the wine to be tasted and two glasses.
- 3.) Name tags are distributed before the meeting. Come a little early to help set up so that we can start promptly at 7pm and end by 9pm.
- 4.) Please print your own tasting score sheets prior to coming to the meeting., print enough to judge 10 wines. Go to: <http://www.westsidewineclub.com/docs/ScoresheetWSWC.pdf>
- 5.) For all our protection, a waiver will be signed every year by all members.
- 6.) Meetings begin at 7pm and end by 9pm. If you can get there a little early to help set up, please do, and be ready to put away chairs and tables at the end.

October Meeting Notes

Don Robinson led the meeting (attended by 25 members) by opening with some brief comments. He thanked Sammy for coordinating all of this year's grape purchases and he thanked Marge for hosting the meeting.

Marge announced that she will be taking her first extended vacation in years by traveling to Mexico in February. The Club will need to find an alternate location for our February meeting. David Wall (a newer Member) offered to host the Feb meeting at their Milwaukie home. David's contact info is: 5832 SE Oetkin Rd- Milwaukie, OR 97267; 503-969-3841; abi33@msn.com.

We were able to get two Volunteers to help coordinate our January Awards/Holiday party: Barb Stinger and Sammy. Don Robinson and Mindy Bush also offered to provide some assistance. Our Club Treasurer, Bill Spiller, indicated we would have upwards of \$1,000 available from our Club coffers and admission at the door for the party—similar to the amount used at last year's Gala.

Barb and Ken Stinger generously volunteered to provide the snacks for the November meeting.

Don Robinson offered to host a Crush Talk informal gathering at his home in early December—perhaps Friday, December 4th at 6:30pm. More details to follow.

Bill Spiller opened the floor for members to briefly discuss what they were doing for this year's Crush.

Willamette Valley Grape Growers Group

Meetings are open to everyone who finds it useful. There are no official memberships or dues. They meet the first Tuesday night of the month for a no-host dinner at 6pm, with a speaker at 7pm.

Meetings are held at MiNas Restaurant at McNary Golf Course
155 McNary Estates Drive, Keizer, OR
503-393-4111

For more information contact Growers Groups Program Director Betty O'Brien at eltonvines@yahoo.com

WSWC Annual Awards Gala Set For January 8, 2010

Barbara Stinger and Sammy Nachimuthu, with the help of many veteran event chair people, are coordinating our clubs great annual event – the awards Gala/Holiday Party. This year we are holding one event to celebrate the holidays and recognize the many awards our club members have earned.

Jan 8, 2010, 7pm – closing
Portland Wine Storage
\$5 per member/\$10 non member

This will be a potluck event with live music, scrumptious food, and a wide variety of our clubs wines! Please select your finest wines to bring and set aside this date! Look for more information to come in the invitation.



Discounts at Bernards Brew Shop

We received the following email from Bernard's Brew Shop:

Hello, my name is Marlo See. I work for a brew supply store called Bernards brew shop. We are located near Hood River, Oregon. We are hopeful to expand the home brewing community. We would like to offer wine clubs and their members a special discount. Please visit our site at www.bernardsbrewshop.com. If you would like to order something, first send us an e-mail stating what you/or your members would like. We can then inform you as to what kind of discount we can provide.

Cheers: Bernards brew shop

Bernards Brew Shop
1-888-896-2307
www.bernardsbrewshop.com
Monday-Friday 8 AM ~ 5 PM

President's Musings

It's hard to believe that just as soon as the harvest season gets going the end of the calendar year comes. For our club that means party planning and elections! I would like to thank everyone that helped out with this year's events, from tours to tastings, web updates, competitions, and education there are a lot of people at work making this club Portland's Greatest Wine Making Club. As a novice this year on the leadership team I found that there are many club members who are willing to help you through the ropes of planning and preparation, and it has been very enjoyable for me to become more connected with the club.

With that being said, you may be able to tell I'm leading up to recruiting for the elections that will be held at December's meeting. I encourage you to find a niche where you can become more involved in the club, even if it means creating a new position in our Leadership Team. Please check out the Leadership Team List on the following page and let me know if there is anything you would like to volunteer for. Most of our work is done with a few bottles of wine and friends so no 'real' work is involved!

At our next meeting we will be tasting Pinot Gris and Viognier, which I am looking forward to. And I have seen the beginnings of the Jan 8th Gala planning and I already have it marked off on my calendar. If you have not been to one of our annual events at Portland Wine Storage you are in for a real treat. They are very classy with *really* great food and wine.

Hope to see you all soon.
Cheers,

Dana Blizzard
President, West Side Wine Club



West Side Wine Club Leadership Team – 2009

President: **Dana Blizzard** danablizzard@comcast.net

- o Set agenda for the year
- o Establish leadership team
- o Assure that objectives for the year are met
- o Set up and run meetings

Treasurer: **Bill Spiller** nrac@msn.com

- o Collect dues and fees, update membership list with secretary
- o Pay bills

Secretary: **Open Position**

- o Communicate regularly about club activities and issues
- o Monthly newsletter on first Wednesday
- o Prepare meeting agenda
- o Keep updated list of members, nametags and other data
- o Club message board invitations

Chairperson of Education: **Jon Kahrs** jekahrs@aol.com

- o Arrange speakers for our meetings

Chairs for Tastings: **Craig Bush** pnoir1@verizon.net

- o Conduct club tastings
- o Review and improve club tasting procedures

Chairs of Winery Tours: **Mike Smolak** SmolakM@DimensionResources.com

- o Select wineries to visit
- o Arrange tours
- o Cover logistics (food and money)
- o Winery Tour 1
- o Winery Tour 2

Web Content Editor: **Rick Kipper**

Webmaster: **David Ladd**

Chairs of Group Purchases

The chairperson makes the arrangements to purchase, collect, and distribute.

- o Chandler Reach Vineyard –**OPEN**
- o Del Rio Vineyard – **Craig Bush** pnoir1@verizon.net
- o Supplies – These should be passed to the President for distribution

Chairwoman of Competitions: **Miriam Schnepf**

- o Work with Washington County Fair staff
- o Encourage club participation in County Fair
- o President will be the contact for the Oregon State Fair.

Chairs for Social Events: **Barbara Stinger and Sammy Nachimuthu**

- o Awards Gala/Holiday Party