



West Side Wine Club

September 2008

Website: <http://www.westsidewineclub.com/>
Message Board: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Westsidewineclub/>

2008 Calendar

January 16th

Plan for the year

February 20th

Wine Faults and Flaws
Pat Lundeen

March 19th

Bordeaux tasting

April 16th

Other Reds tasting

May 8th

Barney Watson at
Chemeketa

May 10th

Chemeketa Tour

May 21st

Rick Mafit of Mystic Wines

June 18th

Michael Brown from
Sokol Blosser

July 13th

Sokol Blosser Tour

July 20th

WSWC Annual Picnic!

August 20th

Steve Anderson and
Other Whites

September 19th

Awards Gala!

October 15th

Pinot Noir tasting

November 19th

Pinot Gris / Viognier

December 17th

Speaker?

January 17, 2009

Holiday Party!

WSWC September Awards Gala!

Annual celebration of WSWC award winning wines
Friday, September 19th, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
at Portland Wine Storage at 306 SE Ash Street in Portland

Menu - Mediterranean food catered by Tom Harvey and Joe Padulo,
with passed hors d'oeuvres and a buffet including some vegetarian options.

Live music by guitarist Jason Okamoto

Festive attire!

Bring bottles of your best wines to share!

If your wine won an award, put a note on the label.
Please email Craig Bush at pnoir1@verizon.net with details of your awards.

Invitations were sent by mail, so if yours didn't arrive then we may not have your current mailing address on file. Please RSVP now to Hauserwine@comcast.net.
More about PWS at <http://www.portlandwine.com>

August Meeting Notes

Steve Anderson, head winemaker at Eola Hills Winery, was our guest. President Don Robinson opened the meeting. Craig Bush led the tasting and judging of Other Whites, and Steve gave professional criticism and advice. There was a valuable question and answer period at the end of the meeting. We hope to have Steve back again, as he clearly has a lot of information we can use.

Thanks Steve and Nancy!

Ken and Barb Stinger volunteered to bring snacks for the October Pinot Noir Tasting. Dana Blizzard and Elissa Fenske will chair the WSWC holiday party.

Welcome new members!

Romy Benton and Leslie Goodwin
Greg and Margaret England

Reminder: No meeting in September. Next meeting is October 15th at Oak Knoll, where we will be tasting and judging Pinot Noir.

Newsletter photos by Mike Hauser

The 2008 Oregon Wine Competition Winners



Miriam announces winners

2008 Washington County Fair WSWC Winners

Best of Whites Craig & Mindy Bush
2007 Gewurtz

Best of Reds Mike & Luna Hauser
2006 Pinot Noir

Dana Blizzard
2nd prize Chardonnay 2007

Craig & Mindy Bush
2nd Prize 2006 Pinot Noir
2nd prize 2007 Viognier
3rd prize 2007 Pinot Gris

Don Hoffard
1st prize Cab Sauv 2006
2nd prize 2007 Cote Rotie Syrah
3rd prize 2004 Cab Sauv

John Hooson
1st prize 200 Cote Rotie Syrah 6
2nd prize 2007 Cab Sauv
3rd prize 2007 Pinot Gris Rose

Rick Kipper
1st prize 2006 Chardonnay
1st prize 2006 Niagara Grape

Scott Nelson
1st prize 2007 Viognier

Michael Smolak
1st prize 2007 Barbera

Bill & Jane Spiller
3rd prize Merlot/Cab Blend

Barb Thompson
1st prize 2/3 Merlot/Cab Blend
2nd prize 1/3 Merlot/ Cab Blend

Elissa Fenske
2nd prize label Chard

Blue Ribbon Winners

Other Red Variety (specify) 2004 Randall Carrier Tigard

Red Ribbon Winners

Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 Andria Shirk Portland
Marechal Foch 2007 Juliet Cardinal Portland
Pinot Gris 2006 Donald G Hoffard/John O. Hooson Aloha
Pinot Noir 2002 Gene Lynard Portland
Pinot Noir 2006 Gene Lynard Portland
Syrah 2006 John O. Hooson/Donald G. Hoffard Beaverton
White Riesling 2007 Donald G Hoffard/John O. Hooson Aloha
Zinfandel 2006 Randall Carrier Tigard

White Ribbon Winners

Any other berry 2003 Luna Hauser Portland
Any Other Red Variety (specify) 2007 Michael Smolak Lake Oswego
Any Other Red Variety (specify) 2006 Mike and Luna Hauser Portland
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Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 Donald G Hoffard/John O. Hooson Aloha
Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 Gene Lynard Portland
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Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 Gene Lynard Portland
Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 John O. Hooson/Donald G. Hoffard Beaverton
Chardonnay 2007 Dana Blizzard and Elissa Fenske Multnomah
Gewurztraminer 2007 Gene Lynard Portland
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Pinot Gris 2007 John O. Hooson/Donald G. Hoffard Beaverton
Pinot Gris 2007 Randall Carrier Tigard
Pinot Noir 2006 Andria Shirk Portland
Pinot Noir 2006 Donald G Hoffard/John O. Hooson Aloha
Pinot Noir 2006 Gene Lynard Portland
Pinot Noir 2005 John O. Hooson/Donald G. Hoffard Beaverton
Pinot Noir 2006 Mike and Luna Hauser Portland
Pinot Noir 2006 Robert Savage Banks
Pinot Noir 2003 S. Jenika Portland
Syrah 2005 Andria Shirk Portland
Syrah 2004 Donald G Hoffard/John O. Hooson Aloha
Syrah 2007 Donald G Hoffard/John O. Hooson Aloha
Syrah 2003 Gene Lynard Portland
Syrah 2005 Nancy Davis, Julie Gordon, Lori Prichard, Portland



Randy Carrier awarded a blue ribbon

Greetings from your WSWC Board Members!



WSWC board meeting in August

The WSWC holiday party –The party will be Saturday January 17, 5-10pm at Bill and Jane Spiller’s house. Party fee is \$5 per membership, either couple or single, and \$10 per person for guests.

Memberships and fees- Club fees for gala, picnic and holiday parties may vary in amount, but will apply to a “membership”, whether single or couple. Couple memberships continue as \$25, and singles \$15.

2009 officers -If you are interested in becoming a 2009 officer or board member, take a look at the Leadership Team positions on page 5 and contact Don Robinson at don_robinson_pdx@yahoo.com 971-219-1553.

Mentor Liaison Chair- A new position open in 2009. This chair person will coordinate volunteer mentors for the club.

First Annual WSWC Amateur Wine Competition- Craig Bush will head the research and development of the 2009 First Annual WSWC Amateur Wine Competition, with entries limited in 2009 to club members and delivered to Oak Knoll.

Mike Yamrick’s Recipe for Limoncello

Ingredients:

Zest only of 3 organic lemons
300 ml of grain alcohol (Everclear)
400 ml water
300 ml sugar (all ml measurements using a standard measuring cup)

Procedure:

1. Place the zest and alcohol in a 1 qt mason jar. Cover and let sit for 2 weeks. The alcohol will become a beautiful lemon color.
2. Boil the water, add the sugar, stir to dissolve the sugar, & let cool.
3. Remove the zest from the alcohol; add the sugar syrup to the alcohol, filter, and let age 1 week.
4. Bottle and store in freezer.



When I make Limoncello, I, at a minimum, quadruple the recipe. After bottling, I store one in the freezer and set the others aside. They keep a long time.



President's Musings

Greetings to my fellow WSWC Winemakers!

We live in troubled times. Bad wine and inconsistent judging at wine competitions are everywhere. But I sense the winds of change are coming.

Believe me; I know that making good wine consistently is most difficult. But let us not wallow in the valley of despair, my friends. Someday, all WSWC members will create wines in a more perfect union: wines with a superb balance of tannins, TA, and PH; and wines with exceptional color, nose, and finish.

Whether your wine preference is white, red, rosé, blush or sparkling, you will always be welcome into the family of winemakers. I have a dream...that one day all winemakers of all creeds and wine preferences will learn to work with each other in harmony.

I also see the day when: no more wines are animal tested; no wines come in a box; no wines are served at incorrect temperatures; and where all vineyards and vintages are organic, LIVE certified and sustainable!

Inconsistent judging at amateur wine competitions appears to be an ongoing problem, but change won't happen quickly unless each and every one of us does something about it. One of the more effective tools of change is to send letters and emails to the event sponsors and event organizers. Kudos to our members this year for our letter writing campaign to the Newport competition organizers!

So far in 2008, I am proud to report to you that some of our members are starting to answer my clarion call to winemaking excellence. Many of you have received recognition for making outstanding wines. I encourage all members to attend the WSWC Gala on Friday, September 19th, where the award-winning wines and winemakers will be featured.

But, we must not rest until all WSWC members have been liberated from the tragedy of winemaking mediocrity! So, I ask of you award winners to consider giving back to the amateur winemaking community. Reach out to your brothers and sisters: give them insight; give them hope; and let them know, "Yes They Can" make better wine!

God Bless you, and God...Bless...the WSWC!

Don Robinson
President, Westside Wine Club 971-219-1553



Newsletter Submissions

If you have a piece you wrote and would like to share in the newsletter, please send it to:
Luna Hauser
WSWC Secretary
HauserWine@comcast.net

Westside Winemakers Club

Leadership Team – 2008

President: **Don Robinson** don_robinson_pdx@yahoo.com 971-219-1553

- 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

Webmaster: **David Ladd**

Web Content Editor: **Rick Kipper**

Secretary: **Luna Hauser** Hauserwine@comcast.net

- 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

Chairs of Group Purchases

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

- o Chandler Reach Vineyard – **Mike Fredd** Split_cane@netzero.net
- o Del Rio Vineyard – **Craig Bush** pnoir1@verizon.net- **CANCELLED**
- 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.

Chairperson of Education: **Don Robinson** don_robinson_pdx@yahoo.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 – **Chemeketa**
- o Winery Tour 2 – **Sokol Blosser**

Chairs for Social Events:

- o Summer picnic – Oak Knoll **Craig and Mindy Bush** pnoir1@verizon.net
- o Awards Gala – **Craig and Mindy Bush** pnoir1@verizon.net
- o January Holiday Party at Bill and Jane Spiller's – **Dana Blizzard and Elissa Fenske**