



Orange County Wine Society
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or neatly print:

Application is hereby made for membership into the OCWS for:

Single Membership (\$40.00 Enrollment Fee) Dual Membership (\$55.00 Enrollment Fee)

Note: Membership in the Orange County Wine Society is subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Dual membership is offered to two adults using the same mailing address. Your occasional guest does not qualify for dual membership. Memberships are non-transferable, and in the case of dual memberships, one person's membership privileges may not be transferred or substituted for another person until the expiration date of the dual membership. Any changes in membership status are subject to approval by the Board of Directors. All members joining, either single or dual, have an equal membership into the Society and possess equal voting rights. Membership gives OCWS permission to use photos taken at OCWS events in the Wine Press and on the OCWS website and OCWS photographer link.

NAME _____ NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY & ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

FAX PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

OCCUPATION(s) _____

(For internal use only)

Please sign the following affidavit:

"I/we certify that all information contained herein is correct and that I/we are over 21 years of age".

Signature and Date

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Mail completed application with appropriate enrollment fee (\$40.00 single, \$55.00 dual) payable to OCWS to:

OCWS Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 11059
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Please list your name(s) as you wish them to appear on your name tag(s).

NAME _____ NAME _____

Who introduced you to the Orange County Wine Society? _____

Occasionally, our mailing list is furnished to select businesses that support OCWS events, the Food and Beverage industry, and non-wine related businesses. There are three levels of releasing member information:

- Check here, if you do not wish your name to be released outside of OCWS.
- Check here, if you wish your name to be released only to businesses that support OCWS.
- Check here, if you wish your name to be released to any business that requests a list of our members.

After approval, your membership is valid for one year. Annual membership renewal fees are due and payable at the rate of \$35 (Single Membership) and \$50 (Dual Membership) by the last day of your membership enrollment month.

(OCWS Use Only) Date Appr. _____ Check No. _____ Name Tags Ordered _____

Overview of the Orange County Wine Society

The Orange County Wine Society, Inc., is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to promote the knowledge and understanding of wine. To this end, the Society functions to enhance the knowledge of winemaking, viticulture and the appreciation of wine. The Society acts as the co-sponsor and is the main support group for the Orange County Fair's world-famous Commercial Wine Competition and the Homewine Competition. During the Fair, the Orange County Wine Society proudly exhibits the award-winning wines and features the wines for tasting to the public at The Courtyard in the Orange County Fairgrounds.

The OCWS has two major fundraisers during the year. The Wine Classic, held in the summer, is designed to permit a large number of wineries to present their wines that won medals at the Orange County Fair. The Wine Extraordinaire, held in late February or early March, features those wineries with limited production and creates the opportunity for them to reach the wine enthusiast in Southern California.

Formed in 1976, the OCWS is a fully qualified, tax-exempt educational organization. The Society annually provides scholarships to deserving students of Enology at the University of California, Davis, students of Viticulture at California State University, Fresno, and to students in related fields at other colleges and universities.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Many special events, special wine dinners and tastings for OCWS members and their guests, and even wine cruises are announced periodically. Your membership in the Orange County Wine Society entitles you to attend our functions. At our scheduled monthly meetings, our guest speakers are usually winemakers who present their wines with an emphasis on sensory evaluation, microclimatic and regional variations, style and other educational aspects of wine and winemaking. Our membership programs, especially those devoted to wine education, are offered to members "at cost".

The OCWS conducts all of its activities and operations through the volunteer efforts of its members. As a member in good standing, you will have the opportunity to assist in the planning, organization, production, staging and operation of major publicized wine events in California. At the same time, whether you are a wine "novice" or an extremely knowledgeable "connoisseur", your participation will contribute to the education of wine to members of the public while enhancing your own expertise.

Many of our members are home winemakers. Their wines are routinely entered in the Orange County Fair Homewine Competition where they compete for coveted medals. As Society members, you will have the opportunity to sample the creations of your fellow members.

As you might expect, wine is served and consumed at our meetings and events. Moderation is expected and required from all of our members. If you want to have a good time and learn about wine, especially California wines and the California Wine Industry, we welcome your application.

