

The Wine Press

Dennis' Dialogue...

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As I write this article, we have just started the Orange County Fair and by the time you receive the newsletter, we will be in the final days of a month long intensive "work party." I know it will have been successful due to the excellent participation and countless hours by the OCWS volunteers. I'd like to thank the support crews for the tremendous effort getting The Courtyard ready for opening day. Another major effort in readying The Courtyard is the Sorting Party which takes place between the Competition and the Fair. This group of volun-

teers helped sort over 18,500 bottles of wine into award and non-award varietal groups, transported it to The Courtyard, and then cleaned the area where the cataloging took place. Moving all this wine is one of the more strenuous tasks for our volunteers.

You won't want to miss our Wine Classic on August 16, where we will feature only those wineries that won medals at the Commercial Competition. Kevin Coy and his committee have a great group of wineries and restaurants lined up for your enjoyment.

As this year's "Board Year" draws to a close, I'd like to remind everyone about our Annual Business Meeting scheduled for Friday, September 11. This meeting is probably the most important meeting of the calendar year. It is our only meeting that affords you the opportunity to review the previous year's business and hear the presentations from the candidates desiring to serve on the next year's Board of Directors. The officers and directors will be on hand to address your questions, concerns, and

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California Gold: An OCWS Wine Classic Event

The Wine Classic is this month and is just a few short days away!

Just a few more days left to purchase your tickets and to send in your volunteer form.

This is an event not to miss! Close to 100 wineries; many quality vendors; and nearly 15 restaurants.

You can't beat this opportunity to enjoy outstanding food and award-winning wine for three hours on a Sunday afternoon. Come out and enjoy, come out and experience. Take a sip and relax...


Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, tell those sitting next to you at wine tastings and at restaurants.

Don't let any opportunity go untold—that the OCWS hosts the BEST wine tasting event in Southern California, at the BEST price around!

Ticket prices were supposed to go up for members after July 31, but we've decided to extend the mem-

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The Courtyard activities!

August

- 1-9 The Courtyard activities at the OC Fair & Event Center
- 16 Wine Classic ~ Anaheim Hilton Hotel ~ Anaheim

September

- 11 Annual Business Meeting ~ Baja Blues ~ OC Fair & Event Center
- 26 Catalina Women's Forum Wine Festival ~ Catalina Island
- 27 Membership Barbecue ~ Memorial Gardens Picnic Area ~ OC Fair & Event Center

October

- 11 Installation Dinner ~ Orange County Food & Wine Center ~ Costa Mesa

December

- 4 Holiday Dinner & Dance ~ DoubleTree Hotel ~ Details TBA

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suggestions. The most productive comments are those which provide concise, crisp suggestions for improvement. Whenever possible, the officers and directors will attempt to respond to members' input on the night of the meeting. The event is complimentary for our members; however, if you sign up and then don't attend, you will be billed for the event. Baja Blues will provide the dinner and we will be serving wine from the cellar. There is no limit on the number of members desiring to attend, so send your sign-up sheet to the office.

I look forward to seeing you August 16 at the Wine Classic and remember to always drink responsibly at our events.

Dennis Esslinger

Fun Facts on California Wine...

The California Wine Institute reports that there are...

- ◆ Currently 2,843 wineries in California.
- ◆ 4,600 wine grape growers.
- ◆ Over 110 different grape varieties grown.
- ◆ 526,000 acres of wine grapes planted in California that take up only 1% of the state's terrain.
- ◆ By volume, Chardonnay remains the leading varietal wine from California, followed by Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, White Zinfandel, and Pinot Grigio.

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ber price of \$45 for OCWS members until the conclusion of the OC Fair on Sunday, August 9. After this extended date, member price will be \$60. So get those tickets now! Prices for non-members will also continue to be \$50 throughout the OC Fair with the price remaining the same for designated drivers at \$20. We're continuing the special group rate of \$45 per person with groups of 10 or more through this extended date as well.

By now, you should know the Wine Classic's purpose. It's a great venue to feature the award-winning wineries from the annual Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Judging Competition. Of course, there will be plenty of Gold Medal California wineries serving at this event.

If you've been working at The Courtyard, please continue to wear your, "Ask me about the...Wine Classic" buttons and please continue to keep selling those Wine Classic Tickets. Remember, we'll be giving away two Wine Classic tickets to the two top Wine Classic salespersons at The Courtyard. It's not too late to start selling. You can be that special someone who earns free tickets for being a top seller.

Calling All Volunteers!

Our Wine Classic Volunteer Coordinator is still looking for additional volunteers. Please fill out the volunteer application and send it in today. You'll get a \$20 rebate for working a two-hour slot. For additional information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Agnes Grogan, at vgassoc@verizon.net.

Just a reminder, that all volunteers must pay for their ticket to the event before their volunteer request will be processed. Please make sure to list your e-mail address on the sign-up form as it is much easier to send your assignment confirmation via e-mail. Also, please do not discount your ticket price when purchasing your ticket. Rebates will be sent to volunteers after the event.

Ticket Information

Now a special extension through Sunday, August 9
OCWS Members - \$45
Non-Members - \$50
Group Sales - \$45 per person with groups 10 or more
Designated Drivers - \$20 (no group sales rates)

After Sunday, August 9 (At the door price)
Members/Non-Members - \$60
Designated Drivers - \$25

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Please refer to page 11 for the Volunteer Sign-up Form and the last pages of the newsletter for the Event Sign-up Form. For additional questions regarding the event, please contact Event Chair Kevin Coy at kevin@ocws.org.

With your help, we'll make the 2009 Wine Classic an outstanding event! Please see me or Christine Hanley for additional flyers to pass out at work, to your neighbors, or to events that you attend.

See you at the Wine Classic!

Kevin Coy

"Last Call" - Election 2009

There is still time! The deadline for declaring candidacy for this year's election to the OCWS Board of Director is August 28. The qualifications are quite simple:

- ◆ An appreciation of wine. You need not be an expert; just have an interest in learning about and enjoying wine.
- ◆ A commitment to the OCWS. Help the OCWS achieve its objectives as a non-profit educational organization.
- ◆ Teamwork. Work with 8 other Board Members to share the effort, make decisions, and provide direction to the OCWS.
- ◆ A desire to have fun. After all, we are a social organization. So, if it's not fun, none of us would be here.

Does this describe you? Then why not consider a leadership role in OCWS?

As always, three board positions will be filled by a vote from the OCWS membership following the Annual Business Meeting on September 11. To declare your candidacy for a position on the Board of Directors, simply present your Declaration of Candidacy to the Election Committee in writing no later than August 28. The Declaration of Candidacy should be accompanied by a simple written Statement of Qualifications.

"Election Central" has once again been added to our web site at www.ocws.org. Go there to meet the candidates and learn their platforms and qualifications. Better yet, become a candidate and have your picture and statement added to "2009 Election Central."

Involvement as a Director of the OCWS is personally and professionally satisfying. I hope many of you will consider your candidacy for the Board of Directors. If you have any questions related to the election—director responsibilities and benefits, the election process, etc.—please contact me at 714.692.9463 or jobobyl@aol.com.

Bob Prill
2009 Election Chairman

A “Courtyard ‘Thank You’”

Thanks to the tireless efforts of all our volunteers, the OCWS will realize a very successful year at the Orange County Fair! A lot of varietal wines, house wines, splits, seminars, and award tastes were poured. Details of our various sales will be presented at our Annual Business Meeting on Friday, September 11.

The Courtyard Committee (Leslie Brown, Rochelle Randle, Chris Cunningham, Charlie Owen, Karen Ward, Dennis Esslinger, Jim Beard, Janet Hammond, and Larry Graham) would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who worked before, during, and after the Fair to make this year such an enormous success:

- ◆ Our 284 members who volunteered to work during the 23 days, 102 shifts of the Fair, some for one shift and some who worked 15+ days of the Fair.
- ◆ Charlie Owens, Wayne Huson, Jack McManus, and Dennis Esslinger for their Courtyard restocking and work efforts during the four Monday and Tuesdays the OCF was closed.
- ◆ Charlie Owens, Wayne Huson, Kevin Coy, Jim Beard, Claude Fusaro, Tom Jones, Karl Marchionna, Tom Noad, Richard Wolsfelt, Dean & Robin Strom, Dave Muggee, Erik Peal, Sam Wozniak, Bill Clark, Richard Ward, and Dennis Esslinger who helped clean and set up the Courtyard.
- ◆ Charlie and Vivian Owen, Chris and Arnold Gregg, Kathy and Jim Hume, Janet and Megan Peal, Ronna and Craig Rowe, Marge and Bob Trout, and Virginia Kawai for the Displays and Label Posters.
- ◆ John Goodnight for all the new signs.

To everyone, a huge “Thanks” for a job very well done! It is your volunteer efforts during the Commercial Wine Competition and the Courtyard that enables the OCWS to continue providing wine education to both our members and the community.

Chris Cunningham
Courtyard Committee Chair

Catalina Tasting ~ “Last Call”

Saturday, September 26, 2009
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Pavilion Hotel Courtyard
Catalina Island

For the eleventh year, the Orange County Wine Society will be offering discounted tickets for the Catalina Island Wine Tasting sponsored by the Catalina Island Women’s Forum. All proceeds from the event support victims of domestic violence, the Woman’s Wellness Program, student mentoring, and scholarship programs.

The tasting will be held in the Courtyard of the Pavilion Hotel, located in downtown Avalon on Crescent Street. There will be a large number of wineries, hand-passed appetizers, live music, and a silent auction with a variety of items. The discounted price for tickets for OCWS members is \$70, a portion of which is tax-deductible. No reservations will be accepted after August 25. Tickets will be mailed to you in mid-September.

For transportation options to and from the Island, please contact Catalina Express at 800.481.3470 or visit the Catalina web site at www.catalina.com. Senior discounts are available for transportation. For additional information, please call me at 714.326.8014 or e-mail to leslie@ocws.org.

Leslie Brown
Catalina Event Coordinator

Gold Medal Mini-Tasting “Wrap” ...

The third Mini-Tasting of the year was held on Saturday, June 27, at seven host sites throughout Orange County. Fifteen wines were tasted by 119 members, guests, and hosts. All wines received votes as indicated below.

To our members who graciously open their homes for this event—a very big “Thank You”! Without your support, our Mini-Tasting program would not exist. At each Mini-Tasting, members seem to out do themselves on the wonderful dishes they bring to share. Respective Chef’s-of-evening are...

SITE	HOSTS	CHEF OF THE EVENING	DISH
Huntington Beach	Bob Topham & Beverly Genis	Carol Frank Dan Deeble	Boneless Pork Ribs Enchiladas with Green Chili Sauce
Costa Mesa	Chris Cunningham	Ronna Rowe Carol Bostwick	Chicken Tortilla Casserole Mushroom Casserole
Laguna Niguel	Wendy & Stacy Taylor	Dawn Bohle	Sweet and Sour Carrots
Laguna Niguel	Sterling & Gina Wallace	Dorothy Ewald	Hot Crab Casserole
Orange	Armen Shahbazian	Armen Shahbazian	Chocolate Cake with Cream Cheese
Anaheim Hills	Dave Walser & Barbara Greenfield	Kathy Kampman	Barbecued Ribs
Irvine	Alan & Candy Scott	Jim Burk	Assorted Smoked Appetizers

WINERY	YEAR	VARIETAL	DESCRIPTION	POINTS	RANKING
Justin	2006	Meritage	Isosceles	135	1
Granite Springs	2006	Zinfandel	Fair Play, Estate	107	2
Ranchita Canyon	2006	Petite Sirah	Paso Robles, Old Vine, Estate Bottled	95	3
Used Automobile Parts	2005	Meritage	Napa Valley	59	4
RustRidge	2006	Zinfandel	Napa Valley, Chiles Valley, Estate Bottled	57	5
Deer Ridge	2004	Cabernet Sauvignon	Livermore Valley	52	6
Robert Rue	2006	Zinfandel	Russian River Valley, Wood Road, Century Old Vines, Reserve	41	7
Buehler	2006	Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley, Estate	37	8
Cambiata	2008	Albarino	Monterey, Estate Grown	30	9
KJ Reserve	2007	Chardonnay	50% Santa Barbara, 50% Monterey, Grand Reserve	30	9
Armida	2007	Zinfandel	Sonoma Valley, One Oak Vineyard	29	10
Frank Family	2007	Chardonnay	Napa Valley	24	11
Incognito	2008	Viognier	Lodi	21	12
Saddleback Cellars	2008	Viognier	Clarksburg	19	13
Tangent	2008	Albarino	Edna Valley, SIP Certified Sustainable	6	14
Laetitia	2005	Sparkling Wine	Cuvee M', Arroyo Grande, Estate Grapes, Methode Champenoise	Aperitif	

I would like to thank Dean and Robyn Strom, Janet Hammond, Treeva Beard, and Chris Cunningham for helping organize and plan this event. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable tasting and look forward to meeting members again at the next Mini-Tasting event.

Jim Beard

Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting of the OCWS will be held on Friday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Baja Blues building at the OC Fair & Event Center.

This meeting brings the Wine Society's fiscal year to an end and gives you an opportunity to learn about the "State of the Society." During this meeting, President Dennis Esslinger, along with the Officers and the Directors, will present a review of the social and business activities from our 2008-2009 business year. These presentations will be followed by a Question and Answer period where the entire Board of Directors will be present to field your questions, accolades, gripes, or just plain requests for information. Since the question period can be time consuming, members are requested to frame their questions and comments in a concise, articulate manner to expedite the responses. This meeting will be conducted in accordance with our bylaws and the rules set forth by the federal government for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

After the Q & A, the candidates for the 2009-2010 Board of Directors will be introduced and allowed to present their qualifications, interests, and platforms. Their presentations will serve as your best opportunity to learn about the candidates and to determine who you would like to see involved in running the business of the society for the next term. Please contact Bob Prill, our 2009 Election Chairperson, if you are interested in declaring your candidacy for the Board of Directors. Bob's home phone number is 714.692.9463 or you may email him at jobobyl@aol.com.

The Business Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and all attending members are requested to be seated at that time. As in the past, no food or wine will be served prior to or during the meeting. The business portion of the meeting should take about one and a half hours. The evening will culminate with complimentary wine and a light meal.

There is no limit to the number of members (no guests, please) who may attend this meeting, and there is no charge for attendance. Reservations, however, are required and you must be present during the business portion of the evening to partake in the social activities afterwards. As we do pay on a "per person" basis for the meeting, all "no shows" will be billed \$25 for the evening.

This is probably the most important meeting of our year, and again it is free to all members. Call the office now to make reservations. We ask that all reservations be made by Wednesday, September 9, so that we can make the appropriate arrangements with Baja Blues.

Dennis Esslinger

Annual Business Meeting
Friday, September 11
7:00 p.m.
"Baja Blues" Building
Orange County Fair & Event Center
Costa Mesa

Member _____
Co-Member _____
Address _____
City & Zip _____
Day Phone _____
Night Phone _____
Email _____

Number of reservations (OCWS members only) _____

~ Payment ~

This event is complimentary to OCWS members only. By virtue of signing up for this event, each member declares that they are aware of and agree that in the event they have confirmed reservations and are "no shows", they will be billed by the OCWS at the rate of \$25 per person and will reimburse the OCWS accordingly.

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, September 9 . All reservations must be confirmed by the OCWS office. There is no limit to the number of OCWS members wishing to attend. Members must attend the business portion of the meeting in order to be able to partake of the complimentary snacks and beverages. For information, call the OCWS office at 714.708.1636.

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS
Annual Business Meeting
P.O. Box 11059
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Membership ~ “Who’s New?”

The OCWS would like to welcome the following new members whose membership in the organization was approved by the Board of Directors at the July Board meeting.

*Judye Belger
Jason and Jessica Brandstetter
Sandra Ferro and Bruce Blake
Jim Hurst
Linda Jacob*

We are pleased to welcome you to the OCWS and encourage you to attend as many of our functions as your time permits. Most new members really get to know the Society and its members by volunteering to help with one or more of our events. Some of the upcoming events include the Wine Classic on August 16 and the Membership Barbeque on September 27. More information and sign-up forms are available in this newsletter as well as on the website. As of the July Board of Directors’ Meeting, there are 951 members consisting of 377 dual memberships and 197 single memberships.

Leslie Brown
Membership Chair

Save The Date!

This year, the OCWS annual Holiday Dinner & Dance will be held on Friday, December 4, at the DoubleTree Hotel where we hold our monthly tastings.

We will have the same great band and the hotel is working on a wonderful menu. We will begin with passed appetizers, followed by a sit-down dinner and dancing until the wee hours.

Be sure to mark your calendar and watch for the sign-up form in a future newsletter.

Leslie Brown
Event Chairperson

Winemaker Newsroom

2009 OC Fair Homewine Competition

This year, the OC Fair Homewine Competition held its 33rd Homewine Competition on June 13.

There were 177 winemakers from all parts of California who entered a total of 663 wines. They were awarded 593 medals, including...

- ◆ 4 "Best of Show"
- ◆ 24 - Double-Gold
- ◆ 78 - Gold
- ◆ 210 - Silver
- ◆ 199 - Bronze
- ◆ 82 - Honorable Mention

In addition, Award Certificates were given for the Wine Label Competition winners. The "Best of Show" winners receive a specially engraved plaque. Double-Gold awards are given to those wines that have been judged "Best of Show" quality and receive double-gold ribbons.

"A Big Thank You"

To the nearly 150 stewards and judges who provided the assistance, help, and experience to make this another successful Homewine Competition, the second largest in California.

The Competition Staff included...

- ◆ Jim Graver - Competition Chairman
- ◆ Kim Guerin & Patty Willis - Assistant Competition Co-Chairs
- ◆ Rich McCormick -Judging Chairman
- ◆ Rob & Germaine Romano - Chief Stewards
- ◆ Bob Miller - Wine Administrator
- ◆ Rich Veague - Assistant Wine Administrator
- ◆ Ed & Robin Szubielski - Scoring Chairmen
- ◆ Stan Matsui - Assistant Scoring Chairman
- ◆ Rich Skoczylas – Food Chairman
- ◆ Pat Matzke & Kim Placek – Reception

In addition, we want to thank Steve Vincent of Extreme Cuisine, who assisted our members with the food preparation; Cliff Graber, of Graber Olives for providing the olives for the judges to cleanse their palates; Jeff William and Staff, of O'Shea's Brewing, for receiving the wine shipments; and finally, to all of the wine supply stores and winemaking organizations that assisted in promoting and collecting the wines.

Fruit for Making Wine

There are a number of members of the Homewine Group who make wines from various types of fruit besides grapes. Now summer is going to be over soon and various types of fruit will be ripening in many backyards. Many times, there is an excess of fruit that people cannot use that would be good for making wine and generally goes to waste.

If any OCWS member has fruit or knows of someone who has excess fruit that they would like to give to a winemaker, contact Jim Graver at 949.581.9599 or e-mail to winemas-ter72@earthlink.net and that information will be passed on to one of the winemakers. We use all types of fruit. Maybe you can trade your fruit for some of the wine.

Calendar of Events & Activities for 2009

August	Pre-Crush Meeting Quarterly Potluck & Wine Tasting Sulfur Dioxide Wine Testing
August 2 - 6	Russian River Campout Winery Tours / Cassini Ranch
September / October	The "Great Group Grape Crush"
November	Post Crush Roundtable / Wine Lab Quarterly Potluck & Wine Tasting
December	Christmas / Holiday Potluck & Wine Tasting

Annual Membership Barbecue ~ “It’s A Wild, Wild West!”

Sunday, September 27, 2009

3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Gardens Picnic Area

Orange County Fair and Event Center

Yeeeeehaaaaw!

You don’t want to miss the 2009 OCWS Membership BBQ:
It’s A Wild, Wild West!

Come join your OCWS friends for delectable homemade Barbecue and Ol’ Western favorites, decadent desserts, festivities, Wild West costumes, drinkin’, and music. And as always, the Barbecue Posse will have a few surprises in store for you!

The OCWS Annual Membership Barbecue is a long-standing tradition that brings together long-time and new members of the OCWS; don’t miss this annual bash. Even during these tough times, we have a lot of celebrating to do! Step back in time, from the California Gold Rush, to the streets of Tombstone, wear your ol’ western duds and leave your troubles (and horse and pistol) at the gate. Awards will be given for the best Wild West Costumes, so come as your favorite sheriff, outlaw, damsel, saloon keeper, saloon girl, or Wild West character.

This year’s Wild West Show will include all your favorite barbecued meats, salads, side dishes, bread, beer, and of course wine. And you won’t want to miss the incredible desserts. Just ask anyone who has attended our previous Membership Barbecues—no one leaves this event hungry!

Tickets for the event are still a great deal: Members are \$35 and guests are \$45. Price includes food, wine, beer, and entertainment. Your deadline for sign-ups is Wednesday, September 23. Don’t forget to purchase raffle tickets while you are in town; the sheriff has some exciting things in store.

As with all our events, volunteers are always needed. Join the Barbecue Posse in the party preparations as a cook, decorator, steward, server, or helper (shifts available before, during, and after the event). For more information, please contact Madame Carolyn Schoff at ocwsschoff@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2009 OCWS Membership Barbecue: *It’s a Wild, Wild West!*

See ya’ll there!

Carolyn Schoff

2009 Wine Classic Volunteer Sign-Up

Member _____	Co-Member _____
Address _____	City & Zip _____
Day Phone _____	Night Phone _____
Email address _____	

Please complete and mail/fax to the OCWS office (fax 714.546.5002). Volunteer shifts will be filled in the order they are received. Ticket purchase must accompany volunteer sign-up (see back of newsletter for ticket purchase form.)

Select the shift(s) desired. Choosing more than one shift increases chances. Circle M for Member or C for Co-Member

1st 2nd	M	1st 2nd	C	AREA	ASSIGNMENT	SHIFT HOURS	SHIFTS REQ'D
	M		C	Guest Check-In	Guest Check-In	1:00 - 3:00	6
	M		C	Guest Check-In	Guest Late Check-In / Clean-Up	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Parking Assistance	12:00 - 2:00	2
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Food / Winery Check-In	1:00 - 3:00	1
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Wine / Food Escort	12:30 - 2:30	3
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	10:45 - 12:45	2
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	12:30 - 2:30	3
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	4:00 - 6:00	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Ticket Sales	1:30 - 3:30	5
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Ticket Sales	3:30 - 5:30	5
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	3:30 - 5:30	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant / Clean-Up	4:00 - 6:00	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Restaurant Set-Up	11:00 - 1:00	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Cheese/Bread Set-Up	12:30 - 2:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Restaurant Server	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Supplies (Re-stock)	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Supplies (Re-stock / Clean-Up)	3:30 - 5:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Clean-Up / General Clean-Up	4:00 - 6:00	2
	M		C	Security	Security	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Security	Security	3:30 - 5:30	2
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant	12:30 - 2:30	2
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant	3:30 - 5:30	6
	M		C	Wineries	Wine Pourer	1:30 - 3:30	4
	M		C	Wineries	Wine Pourer	3:30 - 5:30	8
	M		C	Wineries	Winery Relief	3:30 - 5:30	2

Dine With Wine...

I really can't believe it is August already. Just amazing how time flies...

Looks like we took a vacation from the Dine With Wine Program for another month. There were some scheduling problems with one of the restaurants. The date was scheduled and rescheduled a couple of times—and then there was all the planning for the Wine Classic. It really is amazing how time flies!

I will be scheduling additional Dine With Wine events in the coming months. Keep looking for those e-blasts!

For more information about our Dine With Wine Dinners with our supporting restaurants, please feel free to contact me at kcmagnum@aol.com or kevin@ocws.org.

Kevin Coy

Wine Extraordinaire Supporting Restaurants

- ◆ Abbondonza Bistro & Catering – Newport Beach
- ◆ Carvao Grill – Brea
- ◆ Dave & Busters – The Block at Orange
- ◆ First Cabin at the Balboa Bay Club – Newport Beach
- ◆ Mad Mike's Sausages at Booster's Sports Grill – Mission Viejo
- ◆ Olive Garden – Irvine
- ◆ Pacific Whey Café – Costa Mesa
- ◆ Pavia – Hilton of Anaheim
- ◆ Sage at Eastbluff and Sage On The Coast – Newport Beach
- ◆ The Hobbit – Orange
- ◆ The Melting Pot – Brea and Irvine
- ◆ Orange County Wine & Food Center – Costa Mesa
- ◆ VINDUVIN Wine Tasting Cruises – Newport Beach

Laws of Certainty...

1. *Law of Mechanical Repair* - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.
2. *Law of Gravity* - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
3. *Law of Probability* - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. *Law of Random Numbers* - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.
5. *Law of the Alibi* - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.
6. *Variation Law* - If you change lanes (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).
7. *Law of the Bath* - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
8. *Law of Close Encounters* - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
9. *Law of the Result* - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
10. *Law of Biomechanics* - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
11. *Law of the Theater* - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.
12. *The Starbucks Law* - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
13. *Murphy's Law of Lockers* - If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
14. *Law of Physical Surfaces* - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.
15. *Law of Logical Argument* - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
16. *Brown's Law of Physical Appearance* - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
17. *Oliver's Law of Public Speaking* - A closed mouth gathers no feet.
18. *Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy* - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.
19. *Doctors' Law* - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

Installation Dinner

New Board, New Venue, New Friends...

Come welcome the new Board of Directors, thank the outgoing Board for their hard work, and meet other members while having a great dinner at a new spot. The dinner is on October 11, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Orange County Wine & Food Center.

The Installation Dinner is one of the premier dinner events held each year, and this year we are moving to the Orange County Wine and Food Center in Costa Mesa. This was previously the Mondavi Wine and Food Center, and if you have been there before, you know what a wonderful facility it is. They have been supporting our Society at the Classic and Extraordinaire the last couple of years; have an obvious wine focus; and it is a great venue for our event. They even have a demonstration vineyard of classic Vitis Vinifera grape vines, the fruits of which our home winemakers may get access.

We have been working with Chef Paul at the OCWFC to come up with an exciting menu—one that we are sure will be the best Installation Dinner yet. Seating is limited and reservations will have to be limited to the first 100 members and guests, or until October 5. Mail or fax your reservation with payment using the signup form on the adjacent panel or sign up on the OCWS website as soon as possible. As this is a catered affair, we will need to let the chef know how many of each entrée to prepare. Please make your entrée selection when you make your reservation.

The Menu

Passed Hors D'oeuvres In the Rose Garden and Grand Park

Herb Profiteroles with Goat Cheese and Pesto
Hawaiian Ahi Tartare
Moo Shu Muscovy Duck Confit

First Course

Roasted Chioggia Beets, Pistachios, Mache and Warm Goat Cheese, Meyer Lemon Vinaigrette

Entrée (Select one of the following)

Tenderloin of Beef
Swordfish "Schnitzel"
Sonoma Goat Cheese Tortellini with Lamb Bolognese

Dessert

Meyer Lemon Ricotta Cheesecake
with Blueberry Compote

Coffee and Tea Service

Don't miss this fabulous evening with great food and great wine. Your price is \$70 and is all-inclusive (wine, tax, and gratuity) and is available only to members and their guest.

Dressy business attire is appropriate for this occasion.

Ron Gottesman

Installation Dinner
Sunday, October 11
6:00 p.m.
Orange County Wine & Food Center
1570 Scenic Avenue
Costa Mesa

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Attendees @ \$70 each _____

~ Payment ~

- Personal Check
 Credit Card
 Credit Card number on file

Card Number _____

V Code _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Total Enclosed _____

~ Entrée Selection ~

- Tenderloin of Beef
 Swordfish
 Tortellini

As this event is strictly limited in attendance, we strongly recommend you call in your reservation with payment to the OCWS as soon as possible. Deadline for reservations is Monday, October 5 or 100 attendees, whichever comes first. At this time, all reservations will be placed on a standby list, first-come, first-served. All reservations must be paid in advance, either by check or credit card and may be made by mail, phone, or fax, or via the OCWS web site. All phone, fax, and web site reservations are credit card only.

Mail/fax reservation to:

OCWS Installation Dinner
P.O. Box 11059
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

On The Lighter Side...

Boudreaux and Clarence...

Boudreaux live across de bayou from Clarence, who he don like at all. Dey all de time yell across de bayou at each other. Boudreaux would yell to Clarence, "If I had a way to cross dis bayou, I'd come over dere an beat you up good, yeah!"

Dis went on for years. Finally de state done built a bridge across dat bayou right by dere houses; and Boudreaux's wife, Marie, say, "Now is you chance, Boudreaux. Why don you go over der an beat up dat Clarence like you say?"

Boudreaux say, "OK," and start across de bridge, but he see a sign on de bridge an he stop to read it and den he go back home.

Marie say, "Why you back so soon?"

And Boudreaux say, "Marie, I dun change my mind 'bout beatin' up dat Clarence. You know Marie, dey got a sign on dat dere bridge dat say, 'Clarence 13 ft. 6 in.' You know, he don look near dat big when I yell at him across de bayou."

The Confessional...

Catholic guy goes into the confessional box. He notices on one wall a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On the other wall is a dazzling array of the finest Cuban cigars. Then the priest comes in.

"Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting these days."

The priest replies "Get out. You're on my side."

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter." Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance." To this, Esther replied, "Morris that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, fifty dollars is fifty dollars!"

Annual Membership Barbecue
Sunday, September 27
3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Memorial Gardens Picnic Area
Orange County Fair & Event Center
Costa Mesa

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

~ Ticket Information ~

Number of Member Tickets @ \$35 _____

Number of Guest Tickets @ \$45 _____

~ Volunteer Sign-Up ~

I can help if you need me. Sign me up as a
 Cook Cook's Helper

I can't even light a gas grill, much less a
campfire. Sign me up for

Registration Set-Up
 Food Server Tear-Down
 Decorator Wine Steward

~ Payment ~

Personal Check
 Credit Card
 Card number on file

Card Number _____

V Code _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Total Enclosed _____

*Deadline for reservations is Wednesday,
September 23. Since all food must be pur-
chased in advance, no refunds will be made
after this date. All reservations must be paid
in advance, either by check or credit card,
and may be made by mail, phone, fax or web
site. All phone, fax, and web site
reservations are credit card only.*

Mail / fax reservation to:

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

Catalina Island Wine Festival
Saturday, September 26
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Pavilion Hotel
Catalina Island

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

~ Ticket Information ~

Number of Member Tickets @ \$70 _____

Number of Guest Tickets @ \$70 _____

~ Payment ~

Personal Check
 Credit Card
 Credit Card number on file

Card Number _____

V Code _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Total Enclosed _____

*Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, August
25. All reservations must be paid in advance,
either by check or credit card and may be
made by mail, phone, website, or fax. All
phone, website, or fax reservations are credit
card only. For information, call the OCWS
office at 714.708.1636.*

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS
Catalina Island Wine Festival
P.O. Box 11059
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

2009 Wine Classic
Sunday, August 16, 2009
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Hilton Anaheim Hotel
777 Convention Way
Anaheim

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

~ Ticket Information ~

Now through August 9...

Number of Member Tickets @ \$45 _____

Number of Non-Member Tickets @ \$50 _____

Designated Driver @ \$25 _____

August 10 to Event Date...

"At the Door" price for everyone @ \$60

Designated Driver @ \$25

~ Payment ~

Personal Check
 Credit Card
 Credit Card number on file

Card Number _____

V Code _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Total Enclosed _____

~ Volunteer Sign-Up ~

Please complete the Volunteer Sign-Up form
on page 10 and send in with your ticket pay-
ment.

Mail / fax reservation to:

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