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# President's Message: Jim's Journal

The Board of Director elections are right around the corner. Greg Hagadorn is the Election Chairman this year. Please see Greg's subsequent article if you have any interest in declaring your candidacy for the upcoming Board term. We have three Board members, Liz Corbett, Brian McDonald and Bill Redding, who will be completing their three-year term this year. I encourage everyone to consider running for the OCWS Board. Your three-year term will be very rewarding, and it will provide you an opportunity to meet and work with many wonderful volunteers. If you are uncomfortable around a crowded setting, a Board term offers an excellent opportunity to hone your speaking and leadership skills.

#### **Commercial Wine Competition**

The 2017 Commercial Wine Competition had 23 4-Star Gold winners. There were 2,457 entries this year, 140 more entries than last year. Please refer to Dennis Ess-

linger's article listing the 4-Star Gold and Best of Show winners. Medal results from this year's Commercial Wine Competition can also be found online at www.WineCompetition.com. This year, we had eight judges return their stipend checks as donations to the OCWS scholarship fund. See Fran Gitsham's article thanking these judges for their generous contributions.

In addition, please refer to the subsequent Commercial Wine Competition article giving thanks to our membership volunteers.

#### **Home Wine Competition**

The 2017 Home Wine Competition had 596 entries. Please see Kevin Donnelly's article for more information. In addition, the results of this year's competition can be found at www.HomeWineCompetition.com.

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## The Courtyard at the 2017 Orange County Fair

The 2017 OC Fair is fast approaching, and The Wine Society is geared up to proceed with its most important fundraising effort of the year, The Courtyard. The Fair will be open Wednesdays through Sundays, beginning on Friday, July 14 and concluding on Sunday, August 13. This year's Fair theme is "Farm Fresh Fun."

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In exchange for running the OC Fair Wine Competitions (Commercial and Home Wine), the Orange County Fair and Events Center affords us the opportunity to manage The Courtyard and realize the income derived from it. The

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# President's Message: Jim's Journal

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Leadership Group would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make the 2017 Home Wine Competition a success.

#### **Volunteer Recognition Program**

Many members have expressed an interest in learning how volunteer points are calculated each year. George Cravens has submitted an article in this edition of *The Wine Press* regarding the volunteer recognition program. This article will appear in the July and August editions of the newsletters as well as being permanently posted on the OCWS website.

#### The Courtyard

As of June 14, we have 278 volunteers signed up to work at The Courtyard, and there are still shifts to be filled. If you have not sent your shift requests, please do so as soon as possible by logging in to the OCWS website. The Courtyard is a great opportunity to work with many of our members and have a great time tasting new wines.

#### **Mini-Tasting**

Our Gold Medal Mini-Tasting,

scheduled for July 8, has sold out.

#### **Dine with Wine**

Our next Dine with Wine is scheduled for July 12 at Moulin Bistro (in celebration of Bastille Day). Please refer to Rich's subsequent article for more information on this event.

#### **Winemakers' Group Activities**

If anyone is interested in the home winemaking process, two hours of winemaking seminars will be offered to the public every Saturday during the Fair.

The Winemakers' Group Quarterly Meeting & Potluck took place at Robin McCormick's home on Saturday, July 1. Robin's home is always a fun-filled meeting place with a breathtaking view of the ocean.

For more information on all Wine-makers' Group events, please log in to the OCWS website at ocws.org.

In closing, the OCWS Board Members encourage everyone to drink responsibly and use a designated driver at all of our events. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

- Jim Beard, President

# New Member Corner





The Orange County Wine Society extends a warm welcome to its newest members! Membership for the following members was approved by the Board of Directors at the June 13 meeting:

Danielle Blunt & Eric Williamson 

Robin Fry 

Scott Poms

Deborah & Gregory Reynolds 

Matt Olthoff 

Margie Starks

Parker Reuter 

Don Sowers & Ami Vearrier

As of July 1, the Orange County Wine Society had 971 members.

- Brian McDonald, Membership Chair

# Gold Medal Mini-Tasting



Saturday, July 8, 2017 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm Various Host Sites

The Gold Medal Mini-Tasting is sold out. This is the largest and most popular Mini-Tasting of the

year. It is a chance to taste many of the Gold Medal wines from this year's Commercial Wine Competition. The tasting

will feature different varietals that won Gold Medals, and we try to obtain as many Four-Star and Chairman's Award winners as possible.

To be placed on the **waitlist**, please contact the OCWS office at office@ocws.org.

- Bon Appétit, Bill Redding

# Dine With Wine: A Bastille Day Dinner Celebration

Wednesday, July 12 @ 6:30 pm Moulin Bistro 1000 Bristol Street North Newport Beach, CA (Corner of Bristol and Jamboree)

This popular OCWS event is nearly sold out. Moulin Bistro is one of the newest and brightest stars in our local culinary scene. Owner Laurent will be preparing a gourmet French dinner in celebration of Bastille Day. The price for this Parisian dinner is \$50 for members and \$55 for guests, all-inclusive. Please see the June's edition of *The Wine Press* for more detailed information on this event, including menu selection and mem-

ber particulars, or log in to the OCWS website.

Space will be limited to 40, with a seating arrangement of 10 persons per table.

The last day to sign up and/or cancel is Sunday, July 2. Don't be left out, sign up immediately to attend at ocws.org. In the event of a sell out, a waitlist will be taken by contacting the OCWS office at Office@ocws.org.

Bon Appétit!

- Marcia Vaughan and Rich Skoczylas, Director

# Graber Olive House, Longtime Supporter of the OCWS



The Wine Society would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Graber Olive House for their friendship, generosity and continued support over the years.

Graber Olive House has provided their specialty olives to the Commercial Wine Competition for many years. As you know, palate assault can be extreme even though wine judges may expectorate every sip. The acidity in white wines and tannins in red wines can be a painful experience after a full day of tasting. A small cup of Graber olives placed along side each judge neutralizes the elements in both reds and whites, and works wonders for the palate and tastes fantastic, too.

C.C. Graber purchased land in Ontario and discovered olives, cured by the early ranchers, to be one of the finest food delicacies of California. It was the tradition of early Californians to

set their tables with plenty of fruits, wine, and olives. Mr. Graber began to cure several barrels himself after a successful growing season.



Graber olives are different from typical olives sold in grocery stores. Graber olives are hand-picked when they've ripened to a cherry-red color, then "cured in covered vats without being oxidized," according to Graber Olive House. After the curing and canning

processes, the olives are of varying shades of nut-like color.

Graber Olive House is located in quiet, serene surroundings. Visitors will be delighted to discover a bit of early California when they visit. Along with olives, Graber Olive House offers many other products, such as crisp California almonds and pistachios, California dessert fruits, olive oils and elegant gift baskets. When in or driving through Ontario, visit Graber Olive House and pick up a few cans of olives and other items. You can also visit their website at GraberOlives.com to have products shipped directly to you.

Graber Olive House is located at 215 E. Fourth Street, Ontario, CA 91764.

## The Courtyard at the 2017 Orange County Fair

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income received from The Courtyard directly funds both wine competitions, provides funds for our Scholarship Program as well as annual office expenditures. It is of the utmost importance to The Wine Society that The Courtyard

be a huge success!

Whether you are a new volunteer or a veteran at The Courtyard, this is your opportunity to support the fundraising efforts of The Wine Society. In addition to hosting The Courtyard at the Fair, some of the most knowledgeable and experienced OCWS members will be conducting wine seminars on Saturdays and Sundays. Check out the seminar schedule on the OCWS website and come learn something new about wines and wine pairings that you may not know you don't already know.

Don't miss coming out and having some Farm Fresh (Wine) Fun at the Fair!

If you have any questions, please contact The Courtyard Executive Committee via email at Courtyard@ocws.org. Looking forward to seeing you at the Fair!

- The 2017 Courtyard Committee

## Volunteers Needed: Clean Up, Set Up & Tear Down of The Courtyard



Clean Up & Set Up: On July 8 at 9:00 am, the Saturday prior to the start of the OC Fair, we plan to begin clean up and set up of The Courtyard in preparation for the OC Fair. We are seeking OCWS members to assist in

hanging signage and various needed tasks. If you would like to help, please contact Brian McDonald at Brian@ocws.org. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers, along with a bottle of wine as a token of our appreciation.

We are aware that the Gold Mini-Tasting is scheduled later in the evening — we promise to be done by 2:00 pm.



**Tear Down:** On Monday, August 14, the day after the OC Fair closes, we will be tearing down The Courtyard. We are seeking another crew to assist in removing OCWS items from The Courtyard and placing

those items into storage for use next year. If you are available to assist, please contact Jim Beard at Jim@ocws.org. We plan to start at 9:00 am and finish by 3:00 pm. Lunch will also be provided to all volunteers, along with a bottle of wine for your contribution.

Any assistance a member can provide will be welcome and greatly appreciated.

- Brian McDonald, Director

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## 2017 Commercial Wine Competition: Judges Giving Back



The support of the judges at the Commercial Wine Competition knows no bounds. With the exception of a small stipend, competition judges pay their own way to attend and participate in the judging pro-

cess. Each year a handful of judges donate their stipends to create a Judge's Scholarship, which is then granted in their honor by the OCWS. This year we extend our heartfelt appreciation to those judges who collectively donated \$1,600.00 toward our mission of scholarship fundraising for grants in enology, viticulture, and culinary arts.

Special thanks to the following judges for their kindness and generosity:

Tondi Bolkan, Francis Ford Coppola Winery

- Onodine Chattan, Geyser Peak Winery
- John Kane, Fetzer Vineyards
- Steve Lohr, J. Lohr Winery
- Lisa Russell, Korbel Champagne Cellars
- H. Marty Spate, Blossom Hill
- Fred Weibel, Jr., Weibel Family Vineyards and Winery
- Evelyn Taft, Taft Street Winery

We urge all our OCWS members, whose paths may at times cross with these generous people in their travels, to please thank them personally and relay to them just how much their caring ways mean to all of us.

Thank you!

- Fran Gitsham, Director

# 2017 Annual OCWS Business Meeting

2017 OCWS Annual Business Meeting Friday, September 8, 2017 @ 7:00 pm OC Fair & Events Center Baja Blues Restaurant

The Annual Business Meeting, which is free to all OCWS members, will be held this year on Friday, September 8, be-



ginning promptly at 7:00 pm at Baja Blues located within the fairgrounds. There is no limitation on the number of members who may attend, however, the meeting is strictly for members only. There is no charge to attend, alt-

hough any member who signs up and does not attend will be charged \$25. The OCWS is required to pay for the number of meals confirmed which is based on the actual number of members who have signed up.

Please sign up at the OCWS website. All reservations must be received no later than Friday, September 1. The OCWS is required to have an accurate count to the caterer shortly thereafter.

This is the most important member meeting of the OCWS year as it offers an overview of the year's activities and a financial summary of the 2016/17 OCWS Board year. Volunteer awards will be presented after the business presentations. Thereafter, the current OCWS Board of Directors will be avail-

able to answer questions and listen to any comments from the general membership. The meeting is conducted in accordance with OCWS Bylaws and government regulations for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.



After presentations and an OCWS question and answer session, candidates for the 2017/18 Board year will be introduced and will present their qualifications and interests as potential OCWS Board members. This meeting provides the

best opportunity for members to meet the candidates and learn about their interests and objectives for the next Board year.

Please note that no food or drinks will be served until the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting (approximately 90 minutes). We will conclude the evening with a light catered meal, accompanied by wines from the OCWS cellar. Some members choose to bring their own wines to this event and, if you do so, we ask that you please refrain from opening your wine until the meal has commenced following the end of the meeting.

Your 2016/17 OCWS Board of Directors look forward to seeing you as we review our 41st year and look forward to our 42nd.

- Fran Gitsham, Director

### Winemakers Newsroom

We have had a busy time in the OCWS Winemakers' Group! As you will read below, we completed our Homewine Competition in grand style.

**Homewine Competition: The Stats** 

Wines Judged: 596

Best of Show = 4 Double Gold = 72

Gold = 70 Silver = 227

Bronze = 150 Hon. Mention = 55

This year hanging medals will be presented which can be displayed on wine bottles.

#### Homewine Competition: In Appreciation

The Cook's Caucus, led by Bill Forsch and Bob Topham, provided a fabulous breakfast and lunch for 210 people! This was an exhausting process and truly appreciated by all!





Thanks to all the judges, stewards, scoring team, administration, glass washers, liaisons, and other miscellaneous volunteers. I want to give special thanks to our Leadership Group, which includes Jerry and Kim Guerin, Robin Lang, Jim Downey and Mike Paz, and to the Cook's Caucus.





Thanks again to everyone who participated and to the winemakers who submitted their wines.

#### Best. Zip-lining. Day. Ever.

On May 19, 17 members of the OCWS went zip-lining at Margarita Vineyards in Santa Margarita, home of Ancient Peaks Winery. Everyone rode the 6 zip-lines for a total of 1.5 miles of flying! It was a lot of fun watching a few of our "Old Timers" zip-lining! Robin McCormick was particularly entertaining!



On the vineyard tour to the top, where we started "flying," Karl Wittstrom gave a great history of the vineyard, the ranch and entire surrounding area. We found out that Frank and Jesse James had been short time

residents of another nearby ranch which was owned by their uncle.



After zip-lining we had a picnic lunch and Ancient Peaks wine tasting under the Oak trees, hosted by co-owner Doug Filipponi. Doug gave a great talk about their vineyards and their winemaking process.

Ancient Peaks winemaker, Mike Sinor, presented his knowledge of winemaking, as half our group were also winemakers.

At the end of our adventure, we retired to the tasting room for a little more wine tasting followed by a group dinner at a restaurant nearby called The Range. Excellent food and highly recommended if you are in the area.

Quite a few members stayed at the Carlton Hotel in Atascadero, which is a great place to stay in the area. We stepped into their beautiful courtyard before retiring to taste some additional wines.

The next day, a group of us attended the Paso Wine Festival Food & Wine Tasting event. A great time was had by all! Approximately 70 wineries provided wine tastings, and nearly 20 restaurants served sample dishes from their restaurants.

All in all, it was a fantastic weekend. An event surely not to be missed next time around!

# Winemakers' Quarterly Meeting & Potluck Wrap Up

The Winemakers' Group Quarterly Meeting was held on July 1 at the beautiful home of Robin McCormick which overlooks the ocean in Laguna Beach. Robin hosts this party every year,



and it is always the party of the year. This year was no exception with the beautiful weather, ocean breeze and spectacular view! Thanks to the McCormick Family for hosting us this year.

We look forward to seeing you all at The Courtyard at the OC Fair!

- Kevin Donnelly

## Volunteer Recognition Guidelines: Get Involved, Be Rewarded

#### **General Guidelines:**

Volunteer recognition points are granted to members who are organizing, working or hosting an OCWS event. Attendance at an event does *not* qualify for Volunteer recognition points. Board members are not eligible to receive points.

The organizer of an event will send a list of members' names and points earned to the OCWS Board member responsible for volunteer recognition. A template (spreadsheet) is available for event organizers to use.

#### **Point Tracking:**

One point will be recorded for each hour worked at an event or while participating in an event organizing committee activitv.

# Events Generating Points Include the Following (not an exhaustive list):

- Teaching or preparing TIPS training
- Cataloging wines for competition
- Commercial or Home Wine Competitions
- Conducting wine testing
- Wine Auction
- Annual BBQ; Champagne Brunch; Chili Cook-Off
- Dine with Wine
- Election Committee
- Hosting Mini-Tastings & Potlucks
- Field Trips
- Preparing OC Fair Badge Lists
- Monthly Newsletter preparation
- Conducting Winemakers Judging Seminars
- Monthly Tastings
- Courtyard during the Fair; cleanup, etc.
- Octoberween
- Wine Education (Wine 101)
- Holiday Dinner Dance
- Equipment Maintenance

# Additional points will be awarded per session or event for labor intensity or Technical Skills. Examples are shown below:

#### 1 point per session or event:

- Activities that involve more responsibility
  - ✓ Examples: Competition steward, courtyard cashier

#### 2 points per session or event:

- Higher-intensity activities
  - Examples: Event set-up/tear down, courtyard prepa-

ration; clean-up for Fair

#### 3 points per session or event:

- Heavy physical or technically skilled activity or higher responsibility activities
  - Examples: Moving wine cases, working grill, graphic design, courtyard manager/assistant manager or steward, mini-tasting hosts, wine seminar host/ moderator

#### Three tiers of Volunteer Award Coupons will be provided:

The point threshold for each of the three award levels will be set by the Board before the annual meeting. Award coupons are non-transferable, valid from October 1 to September 30 of the following year (distributed at the Annual Business Meeting). The award coupons can be applied to any OCWS event unless the OCWS is not directly paying for the event. Coupons are not valid for dues and merchandise purchase.

The three award levels are \$10, \$25, and \$50 coupons.

#### **Other Recognition Awards:**

#### President's Award:

- A. This award is presented by the President at his/her discretion as evidenced by personal observation of the recipient's contribution to the OCWS.
- B. May be presented to more than one member.
- C. Name badge with the year of the President's Award, e.g., 2008 President's Award.
- D. Does not need to be presented each year.

#### President Emeritus Award:

- A. This award is presented by the President with Board recommendation, as a special designation to acknowledge the dedication, time and effort given to the OCWS by those who have served as OCWS President, and who have continued to volunteer countless hours for many years after their term of office has concluded.
- B. Those awarded this designation receive a continued invitation to the OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition Judges' Dinner, without consideration of the amount of time volunteered during the given year.
- C. The invitation to the Judges' Dinner includes an invitation for spouse or significant other.

#### **Distinguished Service Award:**

A. Awarded to a non-member who proactively supports the roles and objectives of the OCWS for many years (strong booster and supporter), e.g., OC Fair Staff, restaurant or purveyor, as evidenced by:

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# Volunteer Recognition Guidelines: Get Involved, Be Rewarded

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- 1. A willingness to assist when and wherever needed.
- 2. Promoting the Wine Society to non-members.
- B. Board should use its discretion in evaluating award criteria in presenting this award.
- C. May be presented to more than one person.
- D. Does not need to be presented each year.

- George Cravens, Director

# In Memoriam: Tony Kies



It is with sadness the OCWS announces the passing of OCWS member Tony Kies. An avid Cabernet lover, Tony and his longtime companion, Judy Harp, were active volunteers and participants in the Wine Auction. They also dried many glasses over the years for the Commercial Wine Competition. We extend our deepest sympathy to Judy.

their family and friends on the loss of their beloved Tony. OCWS members, Bart and Shilo Bartlett, expressed that "Tony had a love of life that will be greatly missed."

# 2017 Commercial Wine Competition: Wrap Up

The 2017 Commercial Wine Competition was held June 3 and 4 at the Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa. OCWS's 41st year celebration of this event was a great success, and it was all due to the outstanding efforts of our many volunteers! Each year, the Judges tell us how organized our event is and look forward to returning next year. This year, 2,457 wines were entered.

We would like to the thank the 2017 Commercial Wine Competition Committee members, all of whom spent hundreds of hours in preparations prior to the event itself:

- Facilities: Lora Howard & Bill Redding
- Director of Judges: Dennis Esslinger and Steering Committee Chair
- Assistant Director of Judges: Kevin Coy
- Label/Bottle Competition: Sam Puzzo
- Office Coordinator: Janet Hammond
- Wine Verification & Scoring: Linda Mihalik
- Volunteer Coordinators: Ken and Irene Scott
- Administrative Services: Fran Gitsham
- Computer Systems: Andrea DeWitt and John Carnes
- Sorting, Bagging, Moving & Liaison: Greg Hagadorn, George Cravens, and Terry McLean

- Wine Administrator: Carol Esslinger
- eServices: Stacey Taylor

This committee represents just a few of the many people who help make this event a success. 466 volunteers performed thousands of hours before, during and after the event. Some individuals worked more than one shift:

- Tue., Wed. and Thur. bagging parties = 106 volunteers
- Fri. move wine to hotel and hotel setup = 46 volunteers
- Sat. and Sun. stewards = 143 volunteers
- Sat. and Sun. glass drying, score input, score verification, computer score verification, traffic control, and kitchen crew = 107 volunteers
- Mon. move wine back to fairgrounds = 16 volunteers
- Wine sort and medal mailing = 48 volunteers

Without our membership participation, there would be no competition. We cannot thank everyone individually; however, no matter what the job performed, you were all critical to another successful event! We hope to see you all at the 2017 OC Fair and join us in a taste of wine from this year's competition.

- Jim Beard, Chair Commercial Wine Competition

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# OCWS Board of Directors: Call for Candidates



Have you thought about getting more involved with the OCWS outside of volunteering for or attending various OCWS-related events? Have you thought about where the direction of the OCWS is headed in the next 5 to 10 years? Would you like to be

a part of navigating the OCWS into the future? If you are innovative, open-minded, possess good interpersonal skills, are results oriented and a problem solver, then a position as a Director of the OCWS just might be right for you.

The beginning of a three-year term of the nine members of the Board of Directors, according to the Bylaws, shall be staggered such that three members' terms will expire each year. The three vacated Board positions will be filled each year by a vote of the OCWS membership, following the Annual Business Meeting in September.

The overall time commitment for a member of the Board of Director varies, based on assignments and participation. All Board Members are expected to attend the monthly Board Meetings. Board members are also expected to organize and manage certain events and projects as assigned by the President. These responsibilities will generally require several hours per month of your time. Additionally, Board Members are expected to attend as many OCWS events as possible and are granted free attendance at most events for their participation.

It is not a one size fits all mentality that makes a successful Board Member. It is the ability to accept an exchange of differing ideas and a combination of differing skills that has been the culture, legacy and success of the OCWS.

A candidate should possess some of the following skills and experience as well:

- General knowledge of OCWS events and activities
- Experience as a volunteer in some events; involvement with event committees
- The ability and time to organize events during the year
- Selected event and budget management skills
- Be a member in good standing

To declare your candidacy for a position on the Board, the candidate must present their Declaration of Candidacy in writing, by mail or via electronic media to the Election Chair no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the scheduled Annual Business Meeting. The last date to declare candidacy for this year's election is **Friday**, **August 25**, **2017**.

During the Annual Business Meeting, you will have the opportunity to speak to the membership and present your qualifications. A written Statement of Qualifications must be presented to the Election Committee no later than five (5) calendar days after your Declaration of Candidacy.

If being an OCWS leader interests you, feel free to contact Greg Hagadorn with any questions related to Director responsibilities, the election process or anything related to the election. Greg can be reached at 714.388.8803 or at Greg@ocws.org. Involvement as a Director of the OCWS can be both personally and professionally rewarding.

- Greg Hagadorn, 2017 Election Chair

# Save the Date for Upcoming Events

Annual OCWS Membership BBQ
The Courtyard, OCFEC
Sunday, September 24 — 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Come and join your fellow OCWS members at a traditional western BBQ. There will be great BBQ prepared by our own Cook's Caucus, as well as wine, beer, music and dancing.

Request for Volunteers: As with all our events, our success is dependent upon members volunteering to help in the planning and staffing. All members interested in helping, please contact either George Cravens at George@ocws.org or Terry McLean at Terry@ocws.org.

Be sure to mark your calendars now!

- George Cravens & Terry McLean, Event Co-Chairs

OCWS Holiday Dinner & Dance
The Atrium Hotel, Irvine
December 1 — 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm



The *Three 2 Sevens* will again provide entertainment for this festive occasion. We have always enjoyed this band, and they have been a great hit the past two years. Details of this event will be posted in future editions of *The Wine Press* and on

the OCWS website at ocws.org.

Be sure to mark your calendars now!

- Brian McDonald, Director

# 2017 OC Fair & Event Center Commercial Wine Competition: Best of Class Awards

#### **Red Varietals**

<u>Premium</u>

J. Lohr

2013 Meritage Red 'Cuvee ST. E', Paso Robles

#### <u>High</u>

#### **Cedar Mountain**

2015 Zinfandel

Livermore Valley, Del Arroyo Vineyard, Reserve

#### Medium

#### **Blacksmith Cellars**

2013 Meritage Red 'The Companion' Napa Valley, Atlas Peak

#### Low

#### Ménage á Trois

2015 Pinot Noir California

#### **White Varietals**

<u>Premium</u>

#### **Two Arrowheads**

(Francis Ford Coppola Winery) 2014 Rhone Style Blends - White Paso Robles

#### <u>High</u> **Zocker**

2015 Gruner Veltliner Edna Valley, Paragon Vineyard, Estate

#### Medium Klinker Brick Winery

2016 Albarino

Lodi

#### Low

#### **Stone Cellars**

2015 Chardonnay California

#### **Dessert Wines**

**Premium** 

Eberle

2016 Muscat

Paso Robles, Estate Vineyard

#### High

#### Van Roekel Estate

2003 Sherry

Crème Sherry Style, 'Sweet Shaylee'
California

#### Medium

#### Macchia

2015 Zinfandel 'Flirtatious', California, Late Harvest

#### Low

#### Crane Lake

2016 Gewurztraminer California

#### **Sparkling Wines**

<u>Premium</u>

# Goat Bubbles

(Flying Goat Cellars)
2014 Sparkling Wine
Brut Cuvee, Santa Barbara County
Méthode Champenoise

#### High

#### Gloria Ferrer

NV Sparkling Wine 'Sonoma Brut', Sonoma County Méthode Champenoise

#### Medium Korbel

NV Sparkling Wine Brut, California Champagne Méthode Champenoise

#### Low

#### **Barefoot Bubbly**

NV Sparkling Rose Pink Moscato, California, Charmat Method







# 2017 OC Fair & Event Center Commercial Wine Competition: Special Recognition — 4 Star Gold Medal Awards

#### **Barefoot Bubbly**

NV Sparkling Rose Pink Moscato, California Charmat Method

#### **Blacksmith Cellars**

2013 Meritage Red 'The Companion' Napa Valley, Atlas Peak

#### **Carol Shelton**

2014 Carignane Alexander Valley, Oat Valley Vineyards

#### **Cedar Mountain**

2015 Zinfandel Livermore Valley, Del Arroyo Vineyard Reserve

#### **Eberle**

2016 Muscat Paso Robles, Estate Vineyard



#### Francis Coppola Director's 'Wizard of Oz'

2015 Merlot Sonoma & Monterey County

#### **Frank Family**

2014 Pinot Noir Carneros

#### J. Lohr

2013 Meritage Red 'Cuvee ST. E', Paso Robles

#### **Kirigin Cellars**

2016 Malvasia Bianca Santa Clara Valley, Estate

#### Klinker Brick Winery

2016 Albarino Lodi

#### Korbel

NV Sparkling Wine Brut, California Champagne Methode Champenoise



#### **Loma Prieta Winery**

2014 Pinotage 'Bodo's Blend', Lodi

#### **Naggiar Vineyards**

2014 Italian Style Blends - Red 'Il Nonno', Sierra Foothills, Estate

#### **Perry Creek Winery**

2013 Proprietary Red 'Hangtime', El Dorado County

#### Rancho de Philo

NV Sherry
Triple Cream Sherry, Cucamonga Valley

#### **Robert Hall**

2016 Rhone Style Blends - Rose 'Rose de Robles', Paso Robles



#### **Toasted Toad Cellars**

2012 Pinotage Lodi

#### **Tolosa Winery**

2015 Pinot Noir 'Primera', Edna Valley, Edna Ranch

#### Two Arrowheads

(Francis Ford Coppola Winery) 2014 Rhone Style Blends - White Paso Robles

#### **Van Roekel Estate**

2003 Sherry Cream Sherry Style, 'Sweet Shaylee' California

#### Windwalker Vineyard

2013 Petite Sirah El Dorado, Suttey Vineyard

#### Witch Creek Winery

2014 Barbera San Diego County, Warner Vineyards

#### Zocker

2015 Gruner Veltliner Edna Valley, Paragon Vineyard, Estate

AWARDS SUMMARY:		
4 STAR GOLD	23	
GOLD	363	
CHAIRMAN'S	56	
SILVER	831	
BRONZE	509	
TOTAL AWARDS:	1,726	
TOTAL ENTRIES:	2,457	

# OCWS Save the Date Calendar

July 1 Winemakers' Group Quarterly Meeting & Potluck

July 8 Mini-Tasting: Gold Medal Winning Wines

July 12 Bastille Day at Moulin Bistro Dine with Wine

July 14 - Aug. 13 Orange County Fair

September 8 Annual Business Meeting at Baja Blues

September 24 Annual OCWS BBQ

October 8 Annual Installation Dinner

December 1 OCWS Holiday Dinner & Dance



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