

Central Coast Home Vintners' Association

April 2022



President's Message

Hello CCHVA Members,

Spring is here! Just as bud break is sprouting a bunch of new vine growth, the CCHVA is blossoming with a bunch of new activities. If you have not paid your 2022 dues yet, please do so soonest so you do not miss out on the loads of “grape” fun!

We just held our third wine making panel focused on exploring white wines. For those of you who missed the live educational session with our seasoned club experts, we have a link to the Zoom recording. Upcoming this Thursday, there will be a Bordeaux wine evaluation seminar to train our club judges for the Santa Barbara County Fair wine judging to be held June 11th. We need volunteers in other roles as well, so please plan to participate in this annual event.

The Spring Picnic is just around the corner on May 14th so don't forget to RSVP for the Tri-Tip meal and festivities no later than May 7th. Perhaps we'll even do a Toga theme – YOU decide!

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that the CCHVA has been featured in the Spring issue of the Santa Barbara Edible, complete with the below group photo spread so keep an eye out for a copy at local stores and tasting rooms. A special thanks to club member and photojournalist, Carmen Smyth, for all her hard work on this feature and for capturing the photo below.

CCHVA in the News

Did you catch the excellent article on our very own CCHVA published in this month's Santa Barbara Edible Magazine? It was written by CCHVA Board Member and photojournalist Carmen Smyth and is VERY flattering to our club. I'm sure we will be getting plenty of interest from perspective members now and into the future. In case you missed the Paper version, here is the link to the digital one:

https://issuu.com/ediblesb/docs/ediblesb_spring22_issu?fr=sMWMzNzQ3ODY4MTU



Wine Evaluation Seminars!

Our next wine evaluation seminar will be on Thursday April 21st at 6:30PM. It will be hosted by Justin Redmond and located at **3374 Willow Street, Santa Ynez, CA 93460**. We will be venturing into the realm of Bordeaux. For those of us here on the Central Coast that primarily means Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc. Other varietals commonly found are Merlot (Cab Sauv's 1/2 brother) and his father Cabernet Franc. Malbec, Petit Verdot and Carmenere (if you can find it) are the other Reds. And on the White side, Semillon is produced in small quantities as well.

We will begin at 630p as usual. Please bring your Home Vino or a Local favorite to share. We will be looking for clarity, smell for that elusive perfection, and taste for je ne sais quoi.

Justin will be providing light snacks and you are welcome to bring something as well but it is not necessary. Your presence and positive attitude will be plenty for us to have a great time!

There is ample parking on the street. We look forward to seeing you!

In Vino Veritas,
Aaron & Justin

Exploring White Wine

If you missed our Awesome Making White Wine Panel this month, the Video is now posted on our website and can be viewed on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/kQlw7HUQ7pY>

Spring Picnic

Our Spring Picnic is rapidly approaching on May 14th. This Annual Event will be hosted this year by Cheryl and Larry Decker in their lovely home at 5925 Olivera Canyon Road, Santa Maria and will run Noon-4PM. We intend to make this a wonderful Social Event where our members can have a chance to share wines, unpack the past couple years, and just socialize. CCHVA has also decided to absorb some of the cost this year and only charge \$20 per person for a full Santa Maria Style TriTip BBQ. Members and their guest are invited to participate.

The Registration Form has been attached to the email and is due to our PO Box by May 7th so we can purchase the proper quantity of Food. Don't miss this opportunity. The next big social gathering will not be until August.

MidState Fair Wine Competition

Registration is rapidly closing for you to enter your wines in the Midstate Fair. Deadline for Entry is Friday, April 22nd. Entry must be made online here: <https://cmsfw.fairwire.com/>

There has been a rumor that wines may be dropped off at Doc Cellars in SLO, but I called Doc's and they confirmed that while they can handle beer submissions they have not been authorized to accept wine entries. Because of this I will be making up a run up to Paso Robles on Thursday April 28th. If you want me to drop off your wines you need to contact me and get them to my house before then. A small donation to help offset my gas prices would be appreciated. DrFredCarbone@msn.com or 805-264-0611. I'm also planning on stopping at Vintners Vault (A winemakers Candy Store if you have never been) if anyone wants to ride Shotgun.

Santa Barbara County Wine Competition

Right now the Santa Barbara County Fairpark is about 1 month behind Midstate Fair for getting information out. Nothing is easy to find online but below is an excerpt from the 2022 Santa Barbara County Fair Exhibitor Handbook. The Fairpark staff don't yet have an obvious direct link to this on their website - it's in with "livestock information."

Here is a link to the full Handbook:

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=SantaMariaFairpark&f=2022_SBCF_Exhibitor_Guidebook_FINAL_\(2\).pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=SantaMariaFairpark&f=2022_SBCF_Exhibitor_Guidebook_FINAL_(2).pdf)

Under Homemade Wines The Handbook says:

ONLINE ENTRIES: May 13, 2022
LOCATION: Administration Building
ENTRY ARRIVAL: May 9 - 13, 2022

Supposedly, we can enter on-line now, and the last day for entry will be May 13 (but I haven't found or tested that yet). Wines must be delivered at the FairPark between May 9 and May 13.

YOUR Help is needed to run this event.

Planning is underway for the 2022 Santa Barbara County Fair Homemade Wine Judging, at the Santa Maria Fair Park – set for June 11, 2022.

Due to COVID, our last judging event was in 2019. So, not surprisingly, Central Coast Home Vintners' Association and the Santa Barbara County Fair staff are excited to be back in action this year. John Larson and Brad Bunkelman are organizing the event for CCHVA.

This is an 'all hands on deck' type of event for us and we need volunteers for the following positions, **ALL** of which are important:

- Judges – evaluating the wines
- Secretaries – tallying and recording the results
- Stewards – bringing glasses to judges and returning empties
- Kitchen help – washing and rinsing glasses

Apprentice judges are also welcome.

The judging event will be on Saturday, June 11 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch, provided for all volunteers. This event is not open to the public, and visitors are not encouraged. We have a lot to do in a short time to do it! We expect 60-100 entries, and we will probably have four judging tables with 3-4 judges per table.

Please send me a note (or call, or leave voice message) if you can help with this year's judging event in any capacity, and let me know your preferred role.

We will again use the CCHVA judging sheet, with a 20-point scale resulting in one of four awards – Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Honorable Mention – for each wine. We'll be sending more information with procedures and other details about the event soon.

In the meantime, take advantage of the remaining CCHVA wine evaluation seminars conducted by Aaron Farley. They are a great opportunity to learn more, and to practice your evaluation skills. The remaining ones for this year are scheduled for April and May 24 – with locations to be determined. See the CCHVA web site, Events Calendar, or newsletter for more details.

Thanks,
John Larson

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Website

Our Member Photo Gallery is continuing to grow with a few of you sending in photos. Please continue to do so! Photos can include but not limited to your own vineyard, vineyards in our area, the winemaking process, enjoying wine etc. The gallery is being curated by Melissa and Carmen and we would love to see more of yours.

Please submit jpg files and include a caption for each image to: mmoseley327@gmail.com.

Coming Events at a Glance!

Mark your calendars for the following events. As of this date, here is what we're working on.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
April 21 st , 6:30 PM	Wine Evaluation, 3374 Willow Street, Santa Ynez, CA 93460
April 22 nd	Last Day to enter wines for Mid-State Fair
May 14 th , Noon-4PM	Spring Picnic, outside event Hacienda Decker
May 24 th , 6:30PM	Wine Evaluation Seminar, Location TBD (last chance to know it all)
Jun 11 th 10AM	2022 Santa Barbara County Fair Wine Judging

Your Club Board and Committee Chair persons for 2022!

Want to volunteer? Give Jennifer a call!

Contacts

* = Board Member

(Save this information as it will not be posted on the website)

We are an all-volunteer organization. Join us and have some fun!

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CCHVA Membership Application

New Members and Renewals with Information Changes

Member 1

Name:

Phone:

E-mail address:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Updated Contact Information? YES NO *(Please circle)*

Member 2 (Same Household as Member 1)

Name:

Phone:

E-mail address (required):

Updated Contact Information? YES NO *(Please circle)*

Amount Enclosed:

Comments:

*Important Notes:

- E-mail address is **REQUIRED** as all CCHVA communication is via e-mail only
- Annual membership dues are \$40.00 (California residents) and \$20.00 (out-of-state) for one year membership that includes two people from the same household
- Membership year is February 1st – January 31st
- Members who have not paid dues by February 28th will be dropped from the membership list and **WILL NOT** receive future newsletters or club communications

Mail the completed form with annual membership dues to:

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