

Central Coast Home Vintners' Association

May 2022



President's Message

Greetings CCHVA,

As the world is emerging from the lockdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic with fully vaccinated and boosted populations, it seems as if everyone is trying to make up for lost time. And the CCHVA is no exception. You will see that we are offering many and varied events to present opportunities for members to participate as their availability and interest permit. Please do not feel obligated to attend all events we arrange as there are many. We do hope you feel welcomed to participate in the ones you desire as your schedule accommodates. We have several upcoming activities and will continue to send out notices to highlight the approaching venues.

Please read on to hear about all the great things your CCHVA club is doing including member recognition in home winemaking competitions, evaluation seminars to prepare for the upcoming Santa Barbara County Fair wine judging, a movie screening, tips from pros, a jazz & swing wine social, and our annual summer picnic at Los Alamos Park to name a few.

We look forward to seeing you when and where you can plug in.

Join our journey,

Jennifer Jeffries
CCHVA President

CCHVA in the News

Did you catch the article in the Santa Maria Times talking about CCHVA members winning top honors in the Paso Mid-state Fair Wine Competition? You can read it here:

https://santamariatimes.com/news/local/northern-santa-barbara-county-residents-shine-in-home-winemaking-competition/article_526c7dd1-2c97-5cb3-801e-b8dbd851d892.html

Congratulations to John Gilbert, of Santa Ynez who captured the coveted Best of Show Overall as well as the best white wine awards for a Sauvignon Blanc, along with three gold and three silver ribbons plus an honorable mention for some of his other wines.

Brad Bunkelman, of Santa Maria, took home the award for the best Rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon, plus six gold and nine silver ribbons for other wines entered in the competition.

Other North County award winners included Fred Carbone, of Santa Maria, whose wines earned two gold and two silver ribbons, and Cheryl Decker, also of Santa Maria, who picked up one silver and one bronze ribbon.

Wines from Jennifer Jeffries, of Solvang, earned one gold, five silver and one bronze ribbon along with two honorable mentions, and Melissa Mosely, of Los Olivos, picked up a silver ribbon.

Jerry Shoemaker, of Santa Ynez, brought home one gold and two silver ribbons, Linda Tedsen, of Santa Maria, collected two silver ribbons, and Mark Cotta of Paso Robles earned 2 silvers and an honorable mention.

All together CCHVA members earned 44 medals. Full list available on our website.
<http://www.cchva.org/home-winemaking-competitions.html>

Wine Evaluation Seminars!

Hello CCHVA members! Are you ready for the Italians? Varietals that is. Sangiovese. Nebbiolo. Barbera. Vermentino. Arneis. Dolcetto. Cortese. Which is your favorite? Which do you want to make? Ah, the possibilities. Which will you bring to join in the festive and final Spring Wine Evaluation Seminar? Perhaps a surprise...

This Thursday, May the 26th. 6pm. It will be hosted by Fred Carbone at **4335 Carolyne Way, Santa Maria, CA 93455**. The Italians are here. The usual suspects will be identified. Clarity. Oak vs non oak. What is on the nose vs. the palette? Good times and good wines await. Looking forward to seeing all of you. Let's fill Fred's home with raucous noise.

This will be the last chance to polish your pallet before our wine Judging event in June. We will be looking at Italian Varieties so bring samples of Pinot Grigio, Dolcetto, Nebbiolo, Barbara and of course Sangiovese. We can also take a look at "Super Tuscan Wines" which are a blend between Italian Varietals and more traditional French Varieties. There is ample parking on the street. We look forward to seeing you!

Movie Screening

We have an invite for the members of the Central Coast Home Vintners Association to a special screening of *Tiny Vineyards*, an award-winning feature-length documentary on home winemaking. The film follows a dozen backyard viticulturists and home winemakers through the triumphs and disasters of an entire year of grape growing and winemaking. Blending science with alchemy, agrarian zeal with ingenuity, these amateur enophiles can sometimes make wine rivaling that of the best commercial wineries . . . and, sometimes not! If you've already been making your own wine for years, or you just harbor a secret desire to do so, you

will love this movie!

As I'm sure you are aware, *Winemaking Magazine* is holding their annual Conference in San Luis Obispo this year during the first week of June. As a filmmaker turned winemaker I've been asked to give a talk at the conference about my experience, and to screen the film for conference attendees and the general public at the historic Palm Theater in San Luis Obispo on Thursday evening, June 2nd. The screening will include a special wine-tasting reception where the audience can taste the very wines they'll see being made in the film. You do not need to be registered for the conference to attend the film.

Here are all the details: Date: Thursday June 2nd at the Palm Theater 817 Palm Street in the historic San Luis Obispo. Tickets \$15, payable at the door. Film length 93 min, Seating is limited to 120. Wine reception (included in the cost of your ticket) begins at 7:00pm, film begins at 7:30 Q&A with filmmaker follows the film.

Film Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/312218934>

Best regards,
Joseph Daniel
Film Maker

Tips from the Pros

On June 18th, Sonja Magdevski of Casa Dumetz Wines will be hosting our first Tips from the Pros of the year. Typically we host this event earlier in the year between January-April, however, Sonja is offering this educational opportunity in mid-June so we want to extend an invite to all members. Sonja will be hosting a vineyard tour followed by wine tasting and Q & A. We will meet up at Casa Dumetz in Los Alamos at 11:00 AM. The vineyard tour will start at Robert Ray Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills. Robert Ray has dedicated a portion of his vineyards just for Sonja and a number of varietals from which she wants to make wine. What is particularly interesting is the numerous experiments with varying trellising methods that will be showcased—bilateral, unilateral, head trained to include pruning variations, shoot thinning or no shoot thinning, etc. and how each of these affect the fruit and eventually the wine. Then we move to Spear Vineyard which is an amazing architectural winery with established vineyards of primarily Pinot and Chardonnay. Finally, we return to Casa Dumetz in Los Alamos for a private tasting with Sonja.

This event proves to be not only interesting and informational but also a lot of deliciousness and fun! The event will be just \$20.00 per person, a 50% discount of her normal vineyard tour fee. Please RSVP by June 11th to mmoseley327@gmail.com for tips event if you plan to attend.

JAZZ and Wine Event

The date is July 9th. The Place is the Cardinal's Music Pavilion in Orcutt California. Jeff Cardinal's band "The Amigos" has been confirmed and the Dance Floor reserved. Plan on bringing your dancing shoes,

wine and a Party Atmosphere as CCHVA shakes it up to a mix of Swing & Jazz from the 30's, 40's and 50's. You will find the music very danceable and the mood will take you back to the Good 'ol Days. Doors will open at 11:00am, band plays from 12:00 to 1:00, then a lunch and the band plays their second set again at 2:00. Please come join us for music, dancing, wine and merriment!

Summer Picnic

Our Spring Picnic was a roaring success! Thank you to Cheryl and Larry Decker for hosting and CCHVA's own BBQ crew, Jim Ford, Ron Redman, Steve Rau, and Vern Veglia for a wonderful tritip meal. Our Summer Picnic is still developing but we can give you a "SAVE THE DATE" for August 13th in Los Alamos Park.

Santa Barbara County Wine Competition

Planning is well 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.

We still need help in the following positions:

- 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 (around 1PM), provided for all volunteers. The leftover wines will be available for consumption during lunch, starting with the Gold Medal wines and working down. 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.

Contact John Larson if you can help.
Cell phone: 805-235-8106
E-mail: chemdem@sbcglobal.net



Website

Our Member Photo Gallery is continuing to grow. You can now see pictures from our recent picnic in the members section of our website. <http://www.cchva.org/photo-gallery.html>

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>
May 26 th , 6:30PM	Wine Evaluation Seminar, Carbone Family Vineyard 4335 Carolyne Way, Santa Maria.
June 2 nd , 7PM	Screening of "Tiny Vineyards" in SLO (not a CCHVA event)
Jun 11 th 10AM	2022 Santa Barbara County Fair Wine Judging
Jun 18 th 11AM	Tips from the Pros, Case Dumetz, Los Alamos
July 9 th , 11AM	Jazz & Wine, Cardinal Musical Pavilion, Santa Maria
August 13 th , Noon	Summer picnic, Los Alamos Park

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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