

Central Coast Home Vintners' Association

June 2023



President's Message

Greetings CCHVA,

Summer is just around the corner, and we have many fantastic wine tasting and educational events lined up to help you enjoy the nice weather and prep for harvest and winemaking this fall. We recently had another Tips from the Pros with Pali winemaker, Aaron Walker, and held our Spring picnic with live music from Three Martini Lunch. If you were not able to attend, we have upcoming opportunities at our summer picnic on August 5th (largest event of the year!) and Tips from the Pros with Ampelos winemakers, Peter and Rebecca Work, in their Sta. Rita Hills vineyard on August 26th.

We will also be hosting a Winemaker 101 class led by experienced winemaker and CCHVA member, Steve Rau, at Vice-President Fred Carbone's home on July 8th. This is a fabulous way to learn all the basics to begin making your own wine, and it's happening in advance of this year's Grape Co-op where you'll get the chance to order your own grapes in the varietal of your choice from local Central Coast vineyards.

As always, we are requesting volunteers to help with many of our events. First, we are seeking wine judges and club participants for the inaugural West Coast College & University Wine Festival at Allan Hancock College on June 10th. Additionally, we need judges, stewards, secretaries, and glass washers for the 2023 Santa Barbara County Fair Homemade Wine Competition to be held on Saturday, June 24th, from about 10:00 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be provided for volunteers, along with the opportunity to taste wines. This is a fun event that our club leads annually. If you have never participated, please give it some consideration. We are also recruiting volunteers for our Summer Picnic to assist with set up, BBQ crew, raffle baskets, raffle ticket sales, the club member wine judging and clean up. Please inform our Event's Chair Laura Atallah at lauraatallah37@gmail.com if you would like to help out.

Finally, we have an invite to join our sister club from LA, the Cellarmasters, on a Ventura Harbor Cruise followed by dinner on August 12th. I plan to attend and invite any interested CCHVA members to join me for this combined club event.

Thank you for joining our journey,

Jennifer Jeffries
CCHVA President

Pali Wines with Aaron Walker

On the morning of April 29, about a dozen CCHVA members toured the vineyard of Pali Wine Company in Sta. Rita Hills. We were guided by Pali's winemaker, Aaron Walker, and their vineyard manager, Walter Levicki of Coastal Vineyard Care Associates. We spent a couple hours touring the vineyard with wine glasses in hand while sampling various Pali wines. Their Gamay was a big hit! The topics that we discussed included irrigation, why certain grape varieties and clones are appropriate for the site, pest control, nutrients, spraying vines, and harvesting. Attendees were able to order Pali wines at a discount at the end of the visit. The event proved to be both educational and fun. We look forward to organizing other visits to vineyards in the future.—Art George



2023 Spring Picnic

About 15 CCHVA members and a similar number of guests joined up for a day of wine, music, and BBQ at Jeff and Rhonda Cardinals home on Sunday May 21st. Thank you to Jeff and Rhonda for a wonderful event. The Jazz trio that entertained us was top notch, the food off the grill excellent, and the wine delicious. Well, all except for that bottle of 2002 Fess Parker Riesling that was bought at a garage sale..... Of course CCHVA wine aficionados were able to notice!

Here's a quick thank you from the Band, "We had a wonderful time yesterday! The hospitality, the food, the wine, the venue, all the great people we met. Thanks again for inviting us to perform."

Best Regards,

Michael, Bruce & Darrell

Three Martini Lunch

"Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happy Hour"



Award Winners

Results are in from the Mid-State Wine Competition and CCHVA's own Jerry Shoemaker is the winner of Best of Show Overall for his 2022 Sauvignon Blanc. Congratulations Jerry for winning the Big Enchellada. Other winners are as follows (results are alphabetical and only current CCHVA members)

2023 CCHVA Medal Winners

Fred Carbone:	2022 Viognier	Gold
	2022 Petite Sirah Rose'	Gold
	2022 Syrah Rose'	Silver
	2021 Chardonnay	Silver
	2021 Dolcetto	Bronze
John Gilbert	2022 Sauvignon Blanc Stainless	Gold
	2022 Sauvignon Blanc Oaked	Gold
	2022 Syrah Rose'	Silver
	2022 Mourvedre Rose'	Silver

Jennifer Jeffries	2022 Sauvignon Blanc	Gold	
	2022 Pinot Noir Rose'	Gold	
	2021 Syrah-Greedy Goat	Silver	
	2021 Syrah-Escape Artist	Silver	
	2021 Merlot/Petite Verdot	Silver	
	2021 Pinot Noir	Bronze	
Melissa Moseley	2022 Syrah Rose'	Bronze	
Jerry Shoemaker	2022 Sauvignon Blanc	Gold	Best of Show/Best White
	2022 Syrah Rose'	Gold	
	2022 Pinot Grigio	Silver	
Linda Tedsen	2020 Malbec	Silver	
	2021 Chardonnay	Silver	
	2020 Chardonnay	Bronze	

Congratulations to all our CCHVA Winners. Full list of all winners can be found here:

<https://storage.googleapis.com/midstatefair-com/uploads/2023%20HW%20Results2.pdf>

Calling all Volunteers

Judges, Stewards, Secretaries, and Glass Washers:

The judging for the 2023 Santa Barbara County Fair Homemade Wine Competition will be on Saturday, June 24, from about 10:00 a.m. to noon, or so. Lunch will be provided for volunteers, along with the opportunity to taste wines. This will be our only "official" CCHVA Event for the month of June.

We expect 60-100 entries, and we will probably have four judging tables with 3-4 judges per table, along with secretaries and stewards. The kitchen crew will also be busy washing glassware. There is a lot to do, and we will be working quickly. For these reasons, this event is not open to the public and visitors are not encouraged.

The event will again be at the Santa Maria Fairpark but this year we will be in a different building: the Fountain Pavilion (NOT the Park Plaza building as in prior years).

Volunteers have been responding, and we would like to express special gratitude ahead of time to Justin Redmond and Laura Atallah for agreeing to help with the coordination of this very important CCHVA event.

We'll be in communication with all volunteers in the next few weeks. Any additional help will be appreciated. If you have not already responded, please send a note to John Larson. Cell phone: 805-235-8106 or E-mail: chemdem@sbcglobal.net

New Winemaker's Class

The winemaking 101 event with Steve Rau is scheduled for July 8 from 1 to 4 PM at Fred and Katherine Carbone's home, 4335 Carolyn Way, Santa Maria CA

If you are new to the club and have never made wine before, this is the event you don't want to miss. Veteran winemaker Steve Rau will be giving a 3 hour presentation on everything you need to know to make your first batch of wine from Grapes. All the basic aspects will be covered: How to source your

grapes, what equipment do you need and what you can borrow from the club, how do you accomplish Fermentation, Malolactic Fermentation, racking, aging, bottling, etc. If you are already an experienced winemaker, this is a good opportunity to introduce a friend or family member to your hobby. Many of our current club members are referred into the club by existing members. This is a good opportunity for someone to learn if winemaking is something he or she might like to do. Maybe you can help hook another sucker..... I mean enthusiast.

During the break, Fred will walk you through his wine cellar to point out the various types of equipment and supplies needed for both newbie and advanced winemakers. Wines on tap will be served as well to anyone interested. We will be taking RSVPs later so we can print out material to take home, but for now just save the date.

Summer Picnic

This is another 'Save the Date' for now, but our Summer Picnic will be August 5th in Los Alamos Park. This picnic has become the most strongly attended CCHVA event of the year and typically brings together 60-80 members and their guests. We hold a raffle, voter's choice wine competition, and BBQ. Like I said, save the date since you won't want to miss this one. We are looking for folks to help with the BBQ, so contact our Event's Chair Laura Atallah at lauraatallah37@gmail.com if you would like to help out.

Harbor Cruise with our Sister Club

Our sister club, Cellarmasters of Los Angeles, has a cool activity planned in August and they have invited us along. It's cruise of the Ventura Harbor with Island Packers on one of their boats. Cruise starts at 6pm on August 12th, the cost is only \$18 for adults, \$16 for 55+(Seniors). The Cellarmasters also booked the Greek at 7:00pm for 20 people....And we can bring a bottle of our own wines to share! They will also do separate checks at the Greek!! In the harbor, very cool restaurant.

Members can go to the website and book for themselves. Another option they offer is a 25% deposit for 20+ people, with the full amount due two weeks prior to sailing. They said that the cruise will be close to selling out within four weeks of sailing. The boat does hold 120 people total. There is no outside food or beverage, but snacks and drinks are available for purchase on board. Our Club president Jennifer is planning to attend, you can also talk to her about details.

More info: <https://islandpackers.com/trips/harbor-cruises/>

Tips from the Pro's

Our next Tips from the Pros is now confirmed for Ampelos Winery with Peter and Rebecca Work at 11:30 AM on August 26 at their vineyard located in the Santa Rita Hills. Ampelos vineyard is in the eastern end of the Sta. Rita Hills appellation—a cool climate area perfect for growing Pinot Noir, Grenache, Syrah, Viognier and Riesling. Their vineyard is one of the few vineyards that get the cool breeze from the Santa Rita Hills, Santa Rosa Hills and La Parisima Mountains. Ampelos is one of only a few vineyards that are certified Organic and Biodynamic. We will be meeting at the gate at Domingos Road, walk to the top of the vineyard, have a glass of Rose' there, talking and stopping along the way. We can then walk down to the big oak tree to have lunch with more wines. Details to follow in a future newsletter. But this should be a good one.....Save the Date!

West Coast College Wine Competition

Tickets are on sale now for the inaugural West Coast College & University Wine Festival at Allan Hancock College. Visit our website to purchase: <https://www.hancockcollege.edu/winery/festival.php> CCHVA is providing judges for this event and community participation is encouraged.

Allan Hancock College Winery

PRESENTS

WEST COAST COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

WINE FESTIVAL

The inaugural West Coast College & University Wine Festival will provide an opportunity for California universities and community colleges to showcase their wines and winemaking programs. Wine tastings will be provided by representatives from California colleges and local wineries! Small bites will be served by local restaurants.

Join us Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 1-4 p.m.

The festival will be open to the public and will take place at Allan Hancock College. Tickets are available for purchase for \$20 if purchased by June 9th.

Tickets will be available for purchase for \$30 at the door.

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

Participating Colleges:

Allan Hancock College
Cal Poly State University, SLO
Fresno State University
Las Positas College
Napa Valley College
Mira Costa College

Participating Wineries:

Amplify Wines
Brander Winery & Vineyard
Casa Dumetz Wines
Hitching Post Wines
Larner Vineyard & Winery
Rockets Red Wines
Turiya Wines

For more information visit our website: www.hancockcollege.edu/winery/festival.php
please contact Kelsie Norris at kelsie.norris@hancockcollege.edu.



Coming Events at a Glance!

CCHVA 2023 Events Calendar

(Current as of June 1st, 2023)

June 10th, 9AM-noon	CCHVA Judging for Allan Hancock 1st annual Wine Festival
June 24th, 10AM	CCHVA Judging event at 2023 Santa Barbara County Fair
July 8th, 1-4PM	Winemaking 101 led by Steve Rau, @ Carbone Family Vineyard, 4335 Carolyne Way, Santa Maria, CA 93455
(T) July 15 th	Bird netting Demo @ Rancho Luis, 648 Ballard Canyon Rd, Solvang, CA 93463
July 31st	RSVP & payment for Summer Picnic
Late Jul/early Aug TBD	Grape Co-op selections available
August 5th, 12-4pm	Summer picnic at Los Alamos Park, Pavilion A, 500 Drum Canyon Rd
August 26th, 11:30am	Tips from Pros with Winemakers Peter & Rebecca Work (Ampelos)
August 12th, 6pm	Ventura Harbor Cruise/dinner with LA Cellarmasters
September 1 st	Grape Co-op selections due to Jim Ford at pjford412@verizon.net
Oct 14, 1-4PM	Octoberfest, The Tedsens, 1149 Shady Glen Dr, Santa Maria, CA
Feb 3rd, 2024, 12-4PM	Annual Members Meeting, Makers Son in Los Alamos

T=tentative and TBD=to be determined. Some events are still evolving but this should give everybody some things to add to the family calendar.

Your Club Board and Committee Chair persons for 2022!

Want to volunteer? Give Jennifer a call!

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* = 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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Mildew

7:02

What do I do?

Go out to the Vineyard
and Spray.

7:03 still you'll find me
Wondering if it's too cold
To stray.

Out in the Fog
The cold cuts so deep.
LifeForce slipping away.

But I know that the Vines
Are a part of myself
Anchored and peaceful today.

I must get the job Done
The Sun will soon come
And the mildew won't get to Stay.

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