

Central Coast Home Vintners' Association

November 2022



President's Message

Season's Greetings, CCHVA!

As we approach Thanksgiving and count all our blessings, I am truly grateful for the many wonderful members of the CCHVA who make this club so special. Thank you for all your contributions throughout the year to support our amazing events.

We are looking forward to another exciting, fun-filled year of activities in 2023, and are taking member suggestions on events right now. If you have ideas, please email us at cchva2014@gmail.com We will kick things off with our annual member meeting on Saturday, February 4th, to be held at new venue – the Maker's Son in Los Alamos.

In the meantime, while you are enjoying the fruits of your labor and sipping on some wine this holiday season, please give some consideration to stepping up as a CCHVA board member or committee lead. We have a few openings and could always use more assistance with our all-volunteer club. If you would like more information on getting involved or have any feedback or suggestions on how to improve our club, please reach out to me at (719) 659-8893.

As a reminder, club dues for 2023 will be coming due in February. If you know someone who may be interested in joining, please have them check out our webpage and membership form available at www.cchva.org. Or better yet, you may consider gifting a membership this holiday season.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Join our journey,

Jennifer Jeffries
CCHVA President

After Harvest Celebration

A big thank you to Donna and Jerry Lucido for hosting our End of Harvest Celebration at their wonderful home overlooking the Vineyards of the Santa Maria Valley. About 25 members and guests were treated to exceptional homemade wines, traditional Italian appetizers and a wonderful Italian meal of baked ziti, salsiccia (sausage) and polpette (meatballs). See the photos below.

Annual Membership Meeting Announcement

I'm pleased to announce that we have a place for our Annual Membership Meeting on February 4th. We will be meeting at noon at the Maker's Son in Los Alamos. Thank you for everyone that sent in suggestions on where we could hold this important event and rest assured your Board picked what we believe is the Best Spot. They have both indoor and outdoor facilities and CCHVA will be the only group allowed that day. While we are still finalizing both price and menu options, know that we will be having a Vegetarian and Chicken option for those that do not eat beef. Look for registration and pricing information in our next newsletter.

Calling all Volunteers

Two of your CCHVA Board members are rolling off this year which means there is an opportunity for a couple of you to step up and join our Board. We are an all-volunteer organization and can always use more help. With most of our meeting involving a ZOOM option, attending meetings have never been easier. We also need a few people to help out with our BBQ committee. Talk to Jennifer for details.

Grape Growing Online Boot Camp

Winemaker Magazine is offering a 4 hour grape-growing boot camp with local wine master Wes Hagen. The date is January 20th and you can register here https://winemakermag.com/product/2023-backyard-grape-growing?mc_cid=cb7c2ff748&mc_eid=6b51e2e6e0

Wes will lead you through all the steps a small-scale grape grower needs to know: Site selection, vine choice, planting, trellising, pruning, watering, pest control, harvest decisions plus more strategies to successfully grow your own great wine grapes. With your registration you will also receive a free download digital edition of Wine Maker's Guide to Growing Grapes, an 80-page special issue Wes authored. If you are at all interested in planting a Vineyard, this is an excellent opportunity. Price is only \$99.

Carbone Open House

Finally, I want to share with all of you an event that Katherine and I enjoy hosting each year which is our Carbone Family Holiday Open House. While this is not strictly a CCHVA event, we like to invite everyone we know to stop by our home on 4335 Carolyne Way on December 17th between the hours of 3 and 8 PM. We will be serving a variety of our Homemade wines including some Double Magnums of our Reds that are now over 10 years Old. It's a true Open House so come by if you can, spend as little or as much time with us as you are able and let's reflect on our Blessings for the year. No RSVP or 'gift' necessary, your presence is your present.

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>
February 4 th	Annual Membership meeting at Maker's Son noon-4 pm.

Watch for this space to grow as New Events become finalized before our February Meeting. Have an idea of what we should do as a club? Send us a note and we will see if it is possible.

Your Club Board and Committee Chair persons for 2022!

Want to volunteer? Give Jennifer a call!

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

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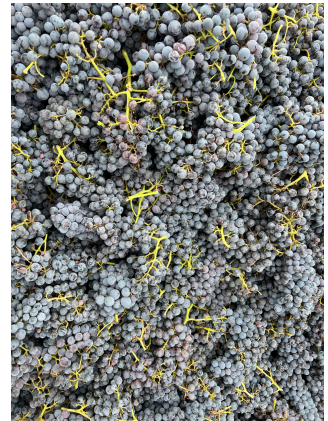
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*End of Harvest Celebration
at the Lucido's
Nov. 5th*



Harvest/Crush Oct. 2022

Top to Bottom: Carbone Family Vineyard, Santa Maria. Jennifer Jeffries @ Rancho Luis, Ballard Canyon & Sandoval Ranch, Los Olivos district. Jim Ford, John Redmond @ Lucas & Lewellyn, Valley View Vineyard, Los Olivos District, Orcutt Crush Pad, Quaglino Harvest, Santa Maria. Art George- Home Vineyard, Los Olivos District, Justin Redmond- making room for 2022 vintage, John Gilbert, Home Vineyard, Happy Canyon







Please send in any Harvest/Crush Photos you may have and we will add them to our Website "Events Photo" pages.