

# Central Coast Home Vintners' Association

*March 2022*



## *President's Message*

Welcome Spring, CCHVA Members,

As the warmer weather is approaching, so are many exciting wine events with the CCHVA. This Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, will be our second wine evaluation seminar to prep for the upcoming SBC Fair Wine Judging event on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be Burgundy varietals so please bring your homemade Chardonnays & Pinot Noirs for members to taste and hone their sensory evaluation skills.

Next up on the event calendar is the Exploring White Wine Panel Discussion which will be hosted at Carbone Family Vineyard. Come hear some of your fellow members share their white winemaking experience and techniques followed by an informative Q&A session.

Don't forget to submit your best wines by the April 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline for the CA Mid-State Fair Central Coast Home Winemaking Competition (\$7/entry) and by May 13<sup>th</sup> for the SBC Fair Homemade Wine Competition. Speaking of wine competitions, please check out the new link on our <http://www.cchva.org> website which highlights previous club medal winners. You will find this and several other notable and modern updates on our club website, including a member-to-member section where you may buy, sell and trade wine-related items or services. A special thanks to Melissa Moseley and Carmen Smyth for jazzing up the site!

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that our May 14<sup>th</sup> Spring Picnic will include a Trip-Tip BBQ with beans, salad and bread thanks to our awesome CCHVA BBQ Crew! Please submit your RSVPs and payment for the picnic by May 7<sup>th</sup>. Details on this and all our planned events for 2022 may be found in our newsletter so keep on reading.

***Join our journey!***

Jennifer Jeffries  
CCHVA President

## ***Wine Evaluation Seminars!***

We are changing the planned venue for our upcoming Wine Evaluation Seminars since SLO Wine and Beer is unable to support the time we desire at this point due to local permitting and

ordinances. There may be an opportunity for them to accommodate later this spring/summer, but for now, the time is not supportable for our needs.

From Aaron Farley, our coordinator for this event,

Hello CCHVA members. Are you ready to taste and help judge the Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays we have made? Our 2nd wine evaluation seminar is coming up this week on Thursday March 24, 630pm. I am hoping that as many CCHVA members as possible can make this event! It is time to visit the grapes of Burgundy, so please bring your favorite Pinot Noir and/or Chardonnay as we will be using our eyes, noses and tongues to evaluate these two amazing grapes.

We will be meeting in beautiful Ballard Canyon, just down the road from Hitching Post II. Turn onto Ballard Canyon to reach **Casa Luis at 648 Ballard Canyon, Solvang, CA 93463**, the house is roughly 1/2 mile down the road. It's on the right. Look for the grape vines and you are here. Looking forward to tasting and sharing. We will have a special surprise wine to sample at the end of our evaluation.

Cheers.

Aaron Farley

## *Exploring White Wine*

Ok Gang.....

Here's the info on the Live Event we have coming up on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry Shoemaker, Steve Rau, and John Gilbert will answer your questions posed by moderator Art George. Do you have a burning question you really wanted answered about White wine? Have you never made White wine before, and you just want to learn the basics, or are you just coming to Heckle Well, we've got you covered. Send your questions to Art by the 8<sup>th</sup> at the latest. [artlgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:artlgeorge@gmail.com) .

It's going to be at my place, Carbone Family Vineyard, and those that know me, know I can't keep my mouth shut when anyone's talking wine, so if you are attending, please don't expect THAT to happen any time soon. But I won't Heckle if you don't. And I know you know who I mean.

Address is: **Carbone Family Vineyard 4335 Carolyne Way, Santa Maria, CA**

Bring a bottle of YOUR White wine to share, CCHVA will bring some Food so no one gets too Hungry, and lets discuss all things White Wine Related. No Rose' or Reds allowed, but Home-Made Orange is OK and I'll share mine and how it was made.

April 9<sup>th</sup>, Noon-3

(Maybe later by invitation so ask me what's next if you intend to Stay. Hecklers most welcome)

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[DrFredCarbone@msn.com](mailto:DrFredCarbone@msn.com)

## *Spring Picnic*

May 14<sup>th</sup> the Day, Hacienda Decker is the Place, Noon to 4 is the time, only \$20 the Cost

## Your Presence is Requested

The Form on the bottom of this newsletter is Available for you to print and fill out, and we'll try to get a pdf version up on the Website soon.

## *Bottles, Bottles, Bottles.....*

By now everyone is aware that glass is becoming extremely difficult to come by with the price of new glass in the \$20-25 a case range. Fortunately, you have CCHVA members willing to help you out. Member Rhonda Cooper has 8 cases of Flint Burgundy bottles for sale at her cost of \$20 a case [rccgeo@yahoo.com](mailto:rccgeo@yahoo.com), John Gilbert is still looking for folks who want to go in on a group buy for a pallet, [jgilbert@ma-research.com](mailto:jgilbert@ma-research.com) and Fred Carbone has a source of 55 cases of FREE new bottles that have been stored outside for years (good bottles, crap boxes). But the guy who has them will only get rid of them as a group. 30 cases already counted for, but YOU can commit to the rest if you contact [dfredcarbone@msn.com](mailto:dfredcarbone@msn.com) ASAP.

And don't forget Mark Plassard can hook you up with corks for only \$.22 each while supplies last. [dilplass@aol.com](mailto:dilplass@aol.com) if you're in need of corks.

## *Website Upgrade*

We have been updating our website which now includes the 2020 and 2021 Member Medal Winners from the Central Coast Wine Competition and Winemaker Magazine International Home Winemaker Competition and Member Label Winners. The results are located in the pull down menu under the Member tab.

We are also creating a new Member Photo Gallery in addition to our Events Photos page. Submit your favorite, most creative wine-related images. These may include but not limited to your own vineyard, vineyards in our area, the winemaking process, enjoying wine etc. The gallery will be curated by Melissa and Carmen. Carmen and I have posted some of our images, hopefully for inspiration.

Please submit jpg files and include a caption for each image to: [mmoseley327@gmail.com](mailto:mmoseley327@gmail.com).

Finally, we have created a **Buy • Sell • Trade** page where members can post winemaking items to buy, sell or trade. Contact Melissa Moseley if you want to make an addition.

## 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>
March 24 <sup>th</sup> : 6:30 PM	Wine Evaluation, Casa Rancho Luis, 648 Ballard Canyon Rd.
April 9 <sup>th</sup> , Noon	Exploring White Wine Panel Discussion, live event starts noon Carbone Family Vineyard.
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , Noon	Spring Picnic, outside event Hacienda Decker
May Date TBD	Wine Evaluation Seminars (last chance to know it all)
Jun 11 <sup>th</sup> 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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### **What is the event all about?**

The overall goal of the competition is to give the opportunity for wine making hobbyist to showcase their wines and receive great feedback to better them.

### **Who are these judges?**

We are happy to welcome back our Chief Judge Mike Jones who is putting together an extraordinary group of local judges for the annual competition. Judges are qualified based on their experience in the wine industry through multiple forms.

### **How do I enter?**

Entering is quick and easy by clicking the link below and following steps 1-6 at the top. Registration closes Friday, April 22. Entry Fee is \$7 per wine.

### **When is the competition?**

The judging is Friday, May 13 with results to be released the following week.

### **Why should I enter my wine?**

- Exposure to the wine industry
- Press release of award winners to media outlets in and out of the industry.
- The competition will be showcased at the California Mid-State Fair (July 20-July 31) for all to see.
- Awesome prizes up for grabs from some amazing supporters (see below) plus award ribbons.
- Bragging rights for the year!

**ENTER NOW**

## CCHVA Spring BBQ – NEW LOCATION!

(Please use this form for your reservation)

Central Coast Home Vintners' Association  
P.O. Box 271  
Santa Maria, California 93456

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL ALONG WITH A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO CCHVA TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS

### Reservations due by May 7, 2022

Location: Decker Hacienda  
5925 Olivera Canyon Road,  
Santa Maria, CA 93454  
Date: May 14, 2022  
Time: 12:00-4:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$20.00 per person  
Menu: Tri-tip, Beans, and Salad

\_\_\_\_\_ # of persons @ \$20.00 per person

Member(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

What to bring: A-L – bring a dessert  
M-Z – bring an appetizer  
**Everyone** – bring your best bottle of homemade wine or a commercial wine of your choice to share with the group ***in addition*** to any wine you may want to serve at your own table, please bring your own wine glasses, and table settings

**Directions to Event:** Take Clark Ave exit from the 101, head East to end of Road. Turn Left on Dominion then first right on Orcutt Garey Road so you are again headed East. Right Turn on Foxen Canyon Road will take your THROUGH the town of Garey, stay on Foxen Canyon when it turns left at the stop sign and then a Right turn on Olivia Canyon Road right near River Bench Winery. Gate Codes to follow.

### **Other important club info!**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Members who have not paid dues by February 28<sup>th</sup> 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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