

Central Coast Home Vintners' Association

July 2023



Greetings CCHVA,

Summer has arrived and is finally starting to bring some warmer weather our way. This should be invigorating to the grapevines! In speaking with many of our club members, most vineyards are about 3 weeks behind schedule for fruit set compared to the norm. Not to worry as we have many club events lined up as we wait for veraison to approach.

Next Saturday, July 8th, we will be holding a Winemaking 101 instructional class at our club V.P.'s home. This presents a great opportunity for new winemakers and those looking to brush up on their skills to learn from some of our club's award-winning homemade wine producers. Read on for more details.

We have reserved Los Alamos Park for our annual summer picnic on August 5th. We are very excited to announce that you can now sign up for this event on our club website. We have been making several upgrades to our cchva.org website to include placing it on a secure https: domain which enables us to accept payment for events online. In the next 3-6 weeks, club members should be receiving an email with a request to create a login and password on our website. This will allow you to see information and RSVP for member-only paid and free events, reserve use of club equipment, order corks, and much more. I want to extend a special thanks to Quentin Fleurat (new website manager) and Laura Atallah (events coordinator) for all their cooperative efforts to improve and modernize our website with online payment options. Please stay tuned for more updates along this front in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming club events.

Thank you for joining our journey,

Jennifer Jeffries
CCHVA President

Award Winners

Santa Barbara County Fair

We had 26 wines considered for judging this year. The awards were as follows: 2 Gold Medals, 10 Silver medal wines, 7 Bronze medals and 7 Honorable Mentions.

Because of the relatively low number of wines, and other considerations, the table captains did not meet to evaluate Best in Class or Best in Show.

Evaluation sheets have been delivered to the Santa Maria Fairpark office for distribution to the entrants. You should be receiving your medals and sheets in the next few weeks.

Laura Attalah took the Gold and Silver award winning bottles for use in the fair booth-display which will be up in the pavilion during the County Fair July 12-16th.

It was an interesting and educational morning, and there were some pretty good wines. Thanks to everyone for all your help.

John Larson

2023 Santa Barbara County Fair Homemade Wine Entries						
2023 FLIGHT SHEET						
Name	Class	Class	Description	Vintage	Varietal or note	AWARD
702 - Div 702 White Wine 9 records						
J	Ford	4	Pinot Gris	2021	Pinot Grigio	H. Men.
J	Shoemaker	4	Pinot Gris	2022		Silver
S	Gregg	3	Viognier	2022		Silver
J	Ford	1	Chardonnay	2021		Bronze
L	Tedsen	1	Chardonnay	2020		Silver
A	George	1	Chardonnay	2021		Bronze
L	Tedsen	1	Chardonnay	2021		Bronze
J	Larson	1	Chardonnay	2022		Silver
J	Jeffries	2	Sauvignon Blanc	2022		Bronze
J	Shoemaker	2	Sauvignon Blanc	2022		Silver
701 - Div 701 Rose Wine 3 records						
S	Gregg	1	Any	2022	Syrah (Rosé)	H. Men.
J	Shoemaker	1	Any	2022	Syrah (Rosé)	Silver
J	Jeffries	1	Any	2022	Pinot Noir (Rosé)	H. Men.
700 - Div 700 Red Wine..... 10 records						
J	Jeffries	6	Pinot Noir	2021		H. Men.
A	George	3	Syrah	2021		Bronze
V	Quaglino	3	Syrah	2021		Silver
H	Guerra	3	Syrah	2018		Gold
J	Jeffries	3	Syrah	2021		Silver
J	Jeffries	3	Syrah	2021		Bronze
L	Tedsen	9	Malbec	2020		Silver
J	Jeffries	2	Merlot	2021		Silver
J	Ford	13	Other Red (specify	2018	Petit Verdot	Bronze
J	Larson	5	Zinfandel	2021		Bronze
703 - Div 703 Dessert Wine/Port 1 record						
J	Ford	2	Port	2021	Malvasia Bianca	Gold
J	Ford	2	Port	2008-19	Blend	H. Men.
J	Ford	2	Port	2019	Zinfandel	H. Men.

We also had two members enter and receive awards from Winemaker Magazine's International Wine competition.

Silver:

Arthur George • Solvang, CA, 100% Santa Maria Valley Chardonnay 2021

Bronze:

Jennifer Jeffries • Solvang, CA, 80% Merlot, 20% Petit Verdot 2021

Jennifer Jeffries • Solvang, CA, 100% Estate Syrah 2021

New Winemaker's Class

The winemaking 101 event is scheduled for July 8 from 1 to 4 PM at Fred and Katherine Carbone's home, 4335 Carolyn Way, Santa Maria CA. Because of a possible conflict, we will be having 2-3 experienced winemakers giving the presentation this year. You will hear insights from Jennifer Jeffries, Art George, and Steve Rau will join us if his schedule permits.

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 has put together a 3 hour presentation on everything you need to know to make your first batch of wine from Grapes. Many of our veteran winemakers have taken Steve's excellent class over the years and most of them are now getting medals in competition. 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. If you know someone who might want to see if winemaking is something he or she might like to do, this is a great introduction.

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. RSVP can be made with our Event's Chair Laura Atallah lauraatallah37@gmail.com.

Summer Picnic

Every August CCHVA members and guests get together for a fun afternoon of barbeque, friendship and wine. This picnic has become the most strongly attended CCHVA event of the year and typically brings together 60-80 members, family, and guests. The raffle we hold each year is always lots of fun and there will even be a mini wine contest where you will get to be the judge!

We will gather this year at Los Alamos Park, Section A on August 5th from noon to 4pm. On the menu is BBQ Steak & Chicken, Beans, Salad and Bread. All this food for only \$25 per person, \$20 for the no-meat option. Members will bring either an appetizer or desert to share depending upon the first letter of their last name. You'll bring wine for the share table, wine for your dinner table, and, if you wish, a bottle of your best Wine(s) to enter into the "You Be the Judge" contest. Wine for the contest must be at the table by noon. Members and Guests will then vote for their favorites. We will be awarding Medals in 2 categories: Best Red/Red Blend and Best White/Rose 'wines.

We could use some help this year on the BBQ. So please contact our Event's Chair Laura Atallah at lauraatallah37@gmail.com if you would like to help out

Don't forget to bring your wine glasses, dishes, silverware, and steak knives, and maybe a lawn chair to enjoy the sun and shade in Los Alamos Park! We're starting to take reservations now and will close reservations on July 31st. This year we will be doing the bulk of our reservations online through our new and improved website using Square. Please click this link: [Summer Picnic August 5, 2023](#) and follow the directions.

Harbor Cruise with our Sister Club

Here are the details to sign up for the combined CCHVA and Cellarmsater's harbor cruise. Jennifer Jeffries will be attending along with Aaron Farley as well. There is a group dinner scheduled for the Greek restaurant afterwards where members may bring their own wines to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

Island packers has a Harbor Cruise at 6pm on August 12th, the cost is \$18 for adults, \$16 for 55+(Seniors)

Members can go to the website and book themselves. 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.

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!

2023 Hancock Hosted Wine Festival - in the bag!

The 2023 West Coast College & University Wine Festival competition is done. The attached table contains the complete list of 24 entries, and their awards. Four college programs submitted wines for evaluation:

Fresno State University
Santa Rosa Junior College
Allan Hancock College
Las Positas College

As a general statement, the overall quality of the wines was very good: there were no “no awards” – every wine submitted got at least an Honorable Mention. That’s a first in my (John Larson) experience.

The distribution of awards was as follows:

Gold:	2
Silver:	7
Bronze:	12
Hon. Mention:	3

Suzanne Levy and the staff and student volunteers at Allan Hancock organized and supported the event, which was very successful. Over 200 people attended the festival, and got to taste the wines submitted, plus other wines from college programs and regional wineries. A lot of good food was also provided.

We extend a very special thanks to Paul Klock (for keeping all the judges and paperwork in order) and to Jerry Shoemaker (for stepping in as a judge and Table Captain at the last minute).

And thanks to the other CCHVA members and friends who served as judges (Jennifer Jeffries, Rhonda Cardinal, Linda Tedsen, Art George, Aaron Farley, Amit Sen, Jerry Lucido, and Greg Larson).

Coming Events at a Glance!

CCHVA 2023 Events Calendar

(Current as of June 1st, 2023)

July 8th, 1-4PM	Winemaking 101, @ 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 12th, 6pm	Ventura Harbor Cruise/dinner with LA Cellarmasters
August 26th, 11:30am	Tips from Pros with Winemakers Peter & Rebecca Work (Ampelos)
September 1st	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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We are an all-volunteer organization. Join us and have some fun!

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