

# Central Coast Home Vintners' Association

**JULY 2018**



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello All,

Both Mary Michael and I are pretty busy this month so this newsletter may be a bit shorter than normal. Please cut us a bit of slack, its summer time ☺.

Lots of upcoming events and I will go over the highlights for you here:

### **July 21<sup>st</sup> 1-4 PM      Beginning Wine Making Class**

Santa Maria Library  
RSVP to 805-925-0994 extension 8562  
Tell your Friends

### **August 11<sup>th</sup>, Noon      Summer Picnic**

Picnic Grounds on Top of Orcutt Hill  
RSVP by filling out form below  
Bring your Friends

### **September 1<sup>st</sup>      Grape Co-op Orders are Due**

*Grape availability list and prices will be out by the picnic*  
Contact Jim Ford [pjford412@verizon.net](mailto:pjford412@verizon.net)  
Share wine with your Friends

### **September 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM      “How to step it up” Wine Equipment Demonstration**

Jim Allen's House in Nipomo (see article below)  
RSVP to Claire Shoemaker [decshoe1@gmail.com](mailto:decshoe1@gmail.com)  
Make some new Friends

That's it! Enjoy your summer and I will see you in August at the picnic.

Fred Carbone  
Club President

PS..... I did an interview for a local public access TV show where I talked about the CCHVA and how it has helped me make better wine. You can watch it here:

<https://youtu.be/gKzwP6MQbv4>

# Summer Picnic is Coming!

August 11<sup>th</sup> is our next big get together on top of Orcutt Hill (see map below). This event is one of the Top 3 Events our Club hosts each year. Unlike the other two, there is no limit on the number of people who can attend so we ENCOURAGE you to bring guests. If you have someone who helps you make wine each year, an interested family member, or an out-of-town guest, bring them along! Fun can be had by all.

The venue has an extraordinary view of the Santa Maria Valley. It is nestled among the oaks trees, AND THE FOOD...New York Strip Steak and all the fixings, is exceptional. Where else can you eat and drink your fill for only \$22 per person while talking about our great hobby?

PLUS, in true CCHVA fashion a competition for the Best Wines Red or White/Rose' from our members will be held. No judging experience is necessary; pick the wines **you like best** and medals will be given to the top 3 winners. Long time members know it is often easier to get a medal at the fair then to be declared one of the 3 best at this picnic by your peers.

If that's not enough, "Best of Show" plaques will be awarded to those who won the Santa Barbara County Fair Competition. Definitely don't want to miss that.

Finally, for all of you that plan on making wine this year (and I know that's just about all of you), this is your best chance to talk to your fellow members to see what everyone is making and hopefully get enough people together for that all important 500# minimum coop order. Our mentors will be on hand if you want to find someone to help you this year and the grape coop order form should be out by our July newsletter.

The form to RSVP is attached, fill it out and mail it in before our deadline on August 7th. As always, to make this event a success, we need your help. Be sure to tell us on the form how you can best serve **YOUR CLUB** in whatever capacity you can.



**CCHVA Summer BBQ**  
(Please use this form for your reservation)

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P.O. Box 271  
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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS  
WITH A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO CCHVA

**Reservations Deadline is August 7th, 2018**

Location: Newlove Picnic Grounds, Orcutt Hills  
Date: August 11, 2018  
Time: 12:00-4:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$22.00 per person for full meal (No Meat: \$10.00 per person)  
Menu: **New York Strip Steak**, Beans, Salad and Bread  
Deadline: August 7th, 2018 (no refunds for cancellations after this date)

\_\_\_\_\_ # of persons @ \$22.00 per person guests are encouraged

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

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, wine glasses, and table settings. Plasticware will be provided if you forget yours.

**Wine Competitions: Bring your home made wine for the competition. We will have separate red and white wine competition and medals for the winners.**

**ALL wines for the competition must arrive at Newlove by 12:15 p.m.!**

**We need your help** this time around to continue bringing you these great events. Please check a line

<input type="checkbox"/> I can help with set-up	<input type="checkbox"/> I can help serve meals
<input type="checkbox"/> I can with the wine judging event	<input type="checkbox"/> I can help with the raffle
<input type="checkbox"/> I can help with clean-up	<input type="checkbox"/> other ( _____ )

Directions to Newlove Picnic Grounds: From Highway 101, exit Orcutt Hill Road (south of the Orcutt Clark Avenue interchange) and follow signs up the hill to the picnic grounds.

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In the video below, Club President Fred Carbone talks about how the CCHVA has helped him to become a better winemaker.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKzwP6MQbv4>

## *Winemaking 101 Seminar*

*Saturday, July 21 at 1 pm*

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 can you 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.

Once again we will be holding this event at the Santa Maria Public Library, to register for this event stop by the Second floor information desk at 421 S. McClelland St. Santa Maria, CA 93454 or call 805-925-0994 extension 8562. Class will start at 1 PM on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and be done by 4 PM. RSVP is necessary so we can print you up notes and outlines to take home.

## Taking it to the Next Level

CCHVA founding member **Jim Allen** has seen it all from the very beginnings of our club in the 1980's through today. Throughout his winemaking career Jim has always asked that question most of us have asked at one time or another..... "What Happens Next? How do I step up my Game to make even bigger and better tasting batches of wine with less effort?"

Well, Jim is going to be answering that question on **Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**. Jim will be talking about how you move from carboys, to tanks and barrels. How can you go from gravity racking to pumps. What does it take to bottle large volumes of wine? Each step has both its challenges and its benefits and Jim has tried it all. Jim will also be talking about how you can source your winemaking equipment at more reasonable prices than retail.

Jim anticipates talking to any and all interested Club members for about 2 hours after which he will be sharing some of his wine. The club will spring for cheese, crackers and munchies to match. No need to bring anything and no cost. For Club Members Only.

Location: 1305 La Quinta Dr., Nipomo Please RSVP to [decshoe1@gmail.com](mailto:decshoe1@gmail.com)

## CCHVA 2018 Events Calendar

*Get out your calendars and mark em' up!*

Updated 7-12-18

July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 1PM	Beginning Wine Making Seminar at SM Library
August 11 <sup>th</sup> , Noon	Summer picnic at Orcutt Hill
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Grape Co-op orders must be turned in and paid
September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10am	Beginnings of CCHVA to today @ Jim Allen's 1305 La Quinta Dr., Nipomo, CA 93444
October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2-5pm	Pizza Dinner and Wine Sharing @ the Bentivegna's.
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11:30-1:30	Tour of Hancock College Winery and Tasting.
December	Nothing. Way to busy drinking our wine for holidays.
January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Avila Members Meeting at noon.

## Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held the first week of the month on either a Wednesday or Thursday at a board members home. Meetings are open to the membership. If you would like to come at any time simply contact a board member for the date and location of the upcoming meeting.

## Your Club Board and Committee Chair persons for 2018!

### Contacts

\* = Board Member

*(Save this information as it will not be posted on the website)*

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