

# The Wine Press

## Brown's Bits & Bytes...

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We are already half way through our thirty-fifth year as an organization. We have enjoyed some wonderful events during the previous six months and there are many more in the planning stages, including some new and different types of events that we hope you will enjoy and support.

During April, there are two important dates to circle on your calendars. Friday, April 8, and Sunday, April 17. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> year at a tasting meeting featuring the wines from Gallo Sonoma Estates. Marcello Monticello, Winemaker of the estate wines, will be our speaker. This is an

evening not to be missed. Please see Chris' article for more information regarding the tasting in this newsletter. Join us at the Anaheim Hilton Hotel on Sunday, April 17, for the Wine Extraordinaire. We are expecting to feature over 85 boutique wineries pouring their great wines as well as many restaurants including old favorites and some new ones sure to become favorites. Don't miss out on a chance to bid on silent auction items or be the holder of a winning raffle ticket. I have seen a couple of the auction items and they are pretty impressive. Our best advertising for this

event is our members so please sign up now and invite some friends.

Scheduled during the next few months are several very important events. Don't forget to volunteer for the Commercial Wine Competition as well as The Courtyard. A sign up form and article are in the newsletter and on our web page. If you plan to volunteer at The Courtyard and have been contacted to renew your TIPS training or are a new member and need TIPS training, please see Karen Ward's article and sign up in

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## Wine Extraordinaire ~ "Last Call"

This will be your last chance to purchase tickets for the 2011 Wine Extraordinaire.

This event is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Hilton Anaheim. This fabulous afternoon features over 85 small-lot producing wineries, delectable sample foods from many local restaurants, an exciting raffle and silent auction, and a souvenir

Riedel wine glass for tasting.

The OCWS and Family Wine-makers have joined forces to promote this great event. This promises to be a fabulous event and one not to be missed! All these items are included for the amazing price of \$50 for advance purchases or \$60 at the door. Designated drivers are also welcome to attend for only \$25.

OCWS members are asked to donate a few hours of your time to the event and receive a \$25 rebate. Tell and bring your friends. You won't find a better deal anywhere!

Enjoy the afternoon sipping wine, eating delectable nibbles, and talking to many new and old friends.

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## April

- 8 35th Anniversary Tasting ~ DoubleTree Hotel ~ Santa Ana / OC Airport ~ Gallo Sonoma Estates ~ 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Wine Extraordinaire ~ Anaheim Hilton Hotel ~ 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 24 Happy Easter to all!
- 30 Winemakers Group Quarterly Potluck / Wine Tasting and SO2 Wine Testing ~ Details in newsletter

## May

- 7 Wine Auction ~ Building 16, OC Fairgrounds & Event Center ~ See newsletter article ~ 12:00 noon
- 14 Homewine Judging Seminar ~ See newsletter for details ~ 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 22 PYOL ~ Hangar Building, OC Fairgrounds & Event Center ~ See newsletter article ~ 10:30 a.m.
- 28 Mini-Tasting ~ Meritage Wines ~ OCWS Members' Residences ~ 6:00 p.m.
- 31 Wine Bagging Parties ~ Details TBA

## June

- 1 - 2 Wine Bagging Parties / Move wine to Hilton Hotel / Set-Up for Commercial Competition ~ Details TBA
- 4 - 5 Commercial Competition ~ Hilton Hotel ~ Costa Mesa

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this newsletter. The Courtyard volunteer form will be in next month's newsletter. All of these activities provide a fun experience—a way to become better acquainted with the Wine Society and a chance to interact with some pretty great people—our members!

I look forward to seeing you at our two April events!

**Leslie Brown**

## 2011 Wine Extraordinaire

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### Ticket Information

*Now through Friday, April 15, 2011*

OCWS Members - \$50

OCWS Guests - \$50

Designated Drivers - \$25

(No group sales rates available)

*April 16 to April 17, 2011*

(at the door price)

Members/Non-Members - \$60

Designated Drivers - \$25

Come join us for the 2011 Wine Extraordinaire and help the OCWS fulfill its mission statement to promote the knowledge and education of wine. Please refer to the Volunteer Sign-up Form on the next page. Use this month's form as it has been updated to show only those shifts still unfilled as well as some other minor changes. For additional questions regarding the event, contact Chris Cunningham, Event Chair, at [cab4cwc@ca.rr.com](mailto:cab4cwc@ca.rr.com) and for volunteer questions, please contact Christine Hanley, Volunteer Coordinator, at [celinnenburger@cox.net](mailto:celinnenburger@cox.net).

If you have any wine-related items (wine, books, etc.) that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, contact Delorie Thurner at [d.thurner@verizon.net](mailto:d.thurner@verizon.net). We can furnish you with a receipt for tax purposes if needed.

See you all there!

**Chris Cunningham**

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# Mini-Tasting ~ Meritage Wines

**Meritage Wine Mini-Tasting**  
**Saturday, May 28**  
**6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**  
**OCWS Members' Homes**

The next Mini-Tasting will be held on May 28, and will feature Meritage wines and their components. A Meritage-designated wine is California's version of a French Bordeaux and consists of a blend of at least two varietals including: Cabernet, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petite Verdot. For this Mini-Tasting, five Meritage blends and one each of the component's varietals will be served.

Host sites and directions will be announced to those attending approximately one week prior to the event. We try to place you at the location nearest your home or to accommodate your site-specific request. However, your assigned host site is also based on the order in which your sign-up is received in the OCWS office. If you are interested in hosting the event, have attended at least one Mini-Tasting and can easily accommodate 16 people plus yourself, call Janet Hammond at 714.708.1636. If you serve as hosts, you attend the Mini-Tasting for free. The cost to attend this tasting is \$35 for members and guests.

Each person attending is requested to bring a potluck dish (appetizer, entrée, side dish, or dessert) to serve at least 8 to 10 people and designed to match the theme of the tasting (couples may need to double the recipe). Please call your host site with your food selection to assure diversity in food pairings with the wines. As usual, there will be a special bottle of wine that evening as a prize for Chef-of-the-Evening. Our winning Chefs-of-the-Evening may have their recipe published on the OCWS website.

To attend, just complete the sign-up in this newsletter or on the OCWS website. We are planning a maximum of six sites so the limit is 96 attendees. Due to advance purchase of wines you will not be refunded your money if you cannot attend unless there is a waiting list. The cut-off date for event sign up or cancellation is Wednesday, May 18.

Due to high attendance at our Mini-Tasting Programs we encourage you to sign-up early as some sites tend to fill quickly.

Bon Appétit,

**Sam Puzzo & Jim Beard**  
**Co-Chairpersons**

# 2011 Wine Extraordinaire Volunteer Sign-Up

Member _____	Co-Member _____
Address _____	City & Zip _____
Day Phone _____	Night Phone _____
Email address _____	

*Please complete and mail/fax to the OCWS office (fax 714.546.5002). Volunteer shifts will be filled in the order they are received. Ticket purchase must accompany volunteer sign-up (see back of newsletter for ticket purchase form.) Select the shift(s) desired. Choosing more than one shift increases chances. Circle M for Member or C for Co-Member*

The following is a list of those volunteer positions that are still unfilled. If you have not submitted your volunteer sign-up, please do so now! We need to finalize all of the volunteer positions before the event.

Thanks,

**Christine Hanley**

1st 2nd	M	1st 2nd	C	AREA	ASSIGNMENT	SHIFT HOURS	SHIFTS REQ'D
	M		C	Guest Check-In	Guest Late Check-In / Clean-Up	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	4:00 - 6:00	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Ticket Sales	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Ticket Sales	3:30 - 5:30	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	1:30 - 3:30	4
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	3:30 - 5:30	3
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Supplies (Re-stock)	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Supplies (Re-stock / Clean-Up)	3:30 - 5:30	2
	M		C	Security	Security	1:30 - 3:30	1
	M		C	Security	Security	3:30 - 5:30	2
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Security	3:30 - 5:30	1
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant - Clean-Up	4:00 - 6:00	2

## Membership ~ “Who’s New?”

The Orange County Wine Society welcomes our new members whose membership was approved by the Board of Directors at the March Board meeting...

*Gloria Gandara  
Lisa Lockerman and Steve Hankla  
Bonnie Del Medico  
Victoria Rivera  
Heather Schnaebeler and Donald Thorpe  
Jillian Schnaebeler and Brett Downing  
Kern Vogel*

Newcomers get to know us by attending and volunteering at our many events. Two major events are coming up, the Wine Extraordinaire on April 17, and the Commercial Wine Competition during the June 4 – 5 weekend. These events offer many opportunities to meet other members and see how the OCWS works. Look for sign-up forms in this month’s newsletter.

As of the March Board of Directors’ meeting, there are 941 members with 368 dual and 205 single memberships.

The OCWS is looking to sign up a few good members, 100 to be exact, between now and June 30. Sign up the most new members during our Spring Membership Drive and win two tickets to this year’s Annual Barbecue and two tickets to the 2012 Wine Extraordinaire. To get credit, your name must appear on the membership sign-up form as the person who recruited them.

Watch for more updates in upcoming issues of *The Wine Press*. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you at our events!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and on Yahoo! Groups. Sign up at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OCWineSociety/>

**Ed Reyes**  
**Membership Chair**

## Commercial Competition Volunteers

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to volunteer at one of our most important events of the year—the 2011 Commercial Wine Competition. During the first weekend in June, we will be pouring wine, entering judges’ scores, and drying wine glasses while having the pleasure of sharing breakfast and lunch with some of our favorite winemakers!

There are many areas where volunteer help is needed—stewarding, glass washing and drying, and computer input and verification. A sign-up form is included in the newsletter that identifies stewarding days, bagging nights, and other work parties. In order to qualify for stewarding, please sign-up for two additional work parties including one of the bagging nights and one of the other work parties such as moving to and from the hotel, set-up, sorting or ribbon mailing. Saturday, June 18, has been confirmed as the date for the Sort and Ribbon Mailing work parties. We will have hired help to assist with the heavy lifting for the moves to and from the hotel as well as the sort. New members, this is a wonderful introduction into the workings of the Wine Society as well as an opportunity to meet members and make new friends. No training is necessary as newer members will be teamed with competition veterans.

The Commercial Competition provides us with the wine inventory that is served at the Orange County Fair and revenue from those sales offsets the cost of conducting the Competition and also helps to support the goals of the Wine Society. The deadline for signing up is April 26 with assignments mailed out the second week in May. You may fax your form to OCWS at 714.546.5002 or mail to PO Box 11059, Costa Mesa, CA 92627.

If you have any questions, please feel free to phone me at 714.326.8014 or e-mail at [leslie@ocws.org](mailto:leslie@ocws.org).

We look forward to you joining us for this important event.

**Leslie Brown**  
**Volunteer Coordinator**



# 35th Annual Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition



Volunteers are needed to bag bottles, move wine boxes, serve wine, verify scores, or whatever else it takes for a successful Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition. If a full day of stewarding is too much, try Verification or Computer Input (we are always short of volunteers). This sign-up is only for the jobs noted below. If you are interested in some other job, please contact Carol Esslinger for cataloging or Maia Pehrson to Wine Verification / Scoring Administration. Participation is limited to OCWS members only. Please complete the following, fold, and mail to the OCWS office or fax to 714.546.5002. Any questions? Contact Leslie Brown at 714.326.8014 or [leslie@ocws.org](mailto:leslie@ocws.org).

**NOTE: To be a steward, you must volunteer to work a task from both Task List #1 and Task List #2**  
**COMPETITION ~ Saturday, June 4, 2011 and Sunday, June 5, 2011**  
**Hilton Hotel, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA**

MEMBER	CO-MEMBER	TASK	DAY	DATE	FROM	TO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewarding		Saturday	June 4	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewarding		Sunday	June 5	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**TASK LIST # 1**  
*(Check all dates that you are available)*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bagging		Tuesday	May 31	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bagging		Wednesday	June 1	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bagging		Thursday	June 2	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**TASK LIST # 2**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Move wine to hotel		Friday	June 3	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Set-up hotel ballroom		Friday	June 3	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Move wine to OC Fairgrounds		Monday	June 6	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sorting Party		Saturday	June 18	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ribbon Mailing		Saturday	June 18	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**TASK LIST # 3**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass Drying		Saturday	June 4	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass Drying		Sunday	June 5	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Computer Input		Saturday	June 4	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Computer Input		Sunday	June 5	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Verification		Saturday	June 4	1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Verification		Sunday	June 5	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen Help or Traffic Control		Saturday	June 4	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen Help or Traffic Control		Sunday	June 5	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Member	_____	My First Competition?	Yes	No
Co-Member	_____	My First Competition?	Yes	No
Address	_____			
Day Phone	_____	City & Zip	_____	
Email Address	_____	Night Phone	_____	

*Deadline for sign-up is Saturday, April 26, 2011  
 Assignments will be mailed out by May 10, 2011*

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**Orange County Wine Society, Inc.  
P.O. Box 11059  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627**

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**Orange County Wine Society, Inc.  
ATTN: Competition Stewards  
P.O. Box 11059  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627**

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# 2011 Wine Auction & PYOL

My apologies to everyone for last month's Wine Auction newsletter article. The Fairgrounds asked to change the PYOL date and venue and I failed to update my newsletter article.

**OCWS Wine Auction**  
**Saturday, May 7**  
**Building 16**  
**OC Fair & Event Center**  
**12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.**

**\*\*\* Please expect to be present for the entire event.**  
**No early check-outs! \*\*\***

We have to make room for the 2011 incoming Commercial Wine Judging Competition wine. Come out and get great wine at great prices!

~ The Wine Auction ~

**Silent Auction:** 4-bottle Silent Lots of wine in every varietal imaginable; hundreds to choose from.

**Verbal Auction:** Premium 4-bottle lots for your verbal bidding pleasure.

A fine selection of wines will be poured for your pleasure and snacks will be provided to keep your stomach from grumbling.

Bidder catalogues will be available the week before and during check-in at the Wine Auction.

**OCWS PYOL**  
**Sunday, May 22**  
**Hanger Building**  
**OC Fair & Event Center**  
**10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**The PYOL (Pick-Your-Own-Lot):** You must attend the Wine Auction to participate in this event. The PYOL offers all of the wine remaining in the OCWS wine cellar at \$5 per bottle! A great way to pick up some everyday wines at a very reasonable price.

Please see the sign-up form in this edition of *The Wine*

**Press.** For your convenience, it is suggested that you bring wine glasses and pens to the Wine Auction. Limited quantities of individual wine glasses will be available for sale. The price is \$20 per member, which includes admission to both events.

One more thing—only OCWS members may attend the Wine Auction and PYOL. Additionally, please remember that Wine Society events are for adults only. As such, we ask that you please refrain from bringing underage guests and children to our events.

See you at the Auction!

**Kevin Coy**  
**Auction/PYOL Coordinator**

# Winemakers Group Newsroom

## The 35th Homewine Competition is Coming! June 11, 2011 OC Fair & Event Center

The 35th Annual Orange County Wine Society Home Wine Competition will be held at the Orange County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 11, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Jim Graver held the first planning meeting on February 10 to obtain commitments from volunteers for the various work assignments to support the competition. This event continues to be recognized as a quality event by the participants and the Winemakers Group meets every year to identify areas for improvement. Various members are already following up on your recommendations. Look for flyers announcing the details of the Homewine Competition.

The success of the Homewine Competition depends heavily on the volunteers from the entire Orange County Wine Society so we will be soliciting your help. Jim Hume has been assigned as Chief Steward and will be managing the stewarding functions. Those of you wanting to serve as stewards are asked to complete the sign-up page in this newsletter and mail it to Jim, or contact him at [wwine99@yahoo.com](mailto:wwine99@yahoo.com) to ensure you are included in the emails for sign-ups and scheduling.

Rich McCormick will again be chairing the Judging Committee and is always seeking experienced judges to serve on our panels. If you have an experienced winemaker, sommelier, or judge whom you recommend, please contact Rich at [rdmccormick@cox.net](mailto:rdmccormick@cox.net). Rich will be scheduling a Judging Workshop on May 14 to teach the modified UC Davis 20 point scale we use in our competition and the interaction among the judges required for the scoring. The workshop will stress that judges provide useful critiques/commentary so the amateur winemaker will have the benefit of not just a score, but specific descriptions so as to understand what the judges' thoughts were when scoring the wine.

Your steward sign-up sheet is on the next page.

## Homewine Judge's Seminar Returns May 14, 2011

In an effort to continually improve the integrity of our competition, we will have the Judge's Seminar on Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 AM to noon, in Orange. This Seminar is designed for judges, prospective judges, and home winemakers who may be interested in the judging process to get some tips on how better to prepare their wines and also anyone who has an interest whether they make wine or not.

The seminar will be an opportunity to fully understand our 20-point modified Davis scoring system and score sheet notations, judging procedures, and tasting expectations. Due to

some recent inconsistencies in scoring and judging results, we strongly urge those who have not taken the seminar to do so even if you are an experienced judge. If you are interested in judging this year and have not attended the OCWS seminar, please mark your calendar. Email details will be sent out to most past judges and those interested in becoming a judge shortly. If you have an interest, contact Rich McCormick at [rdmccormick@cox.net](mailto:rdmccormick@cox.net).

## Winemaker's Potluck and Wine Tasting April 30, 2011 5:00 p.m. Residence of Bryan and Donna Skelly 28235 La Caleta Mission Viejo

The Winemakers Group will be having their next Potluck & SO2 Testing on Saturday, April 30, starting at 5:00 p.m.; with SO2 testing starting at 4:00 p.m. After the pot luck dinner, we will review the Winemaker Group programs for this year.

Please bring your favorite main dish, appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert, and a bottle of wine to share. Plates, napkins, and tableware will be furnished. We will be able to heat up any food if needed.

RSVP: If you plan on attending, please contact Jim Graver at 949.581.9599 or email to [winemaster72@earthlink.net](mailto:winemaster72@earthlink.net) so that we can plan accordingly. If you have not made your reservation, do it now. It's never too early—the sooner the better!

## Sulfur Dioxide SO2 Wine Testing April 30, 2011 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Bryan and Donna Skelly Residence

Our next SO2 wine testing will be on the same day and location as the potluck. This continues to be a very important service we do for the group so each winemaker knows how much sulfite to periodically add to the wine for protection against unwanted bacteria and yeast. Subsequent lab tests will be conducted next May or June.

Please let Jerry Guerin (phone) 949.642.8682 or (email) [jeromeguerin@earthlink.net](mailto:jeromeguerin@earthlink.net) know if you are going to have wine tested and the quantity. This is important to insure that we have enough supplies to do the testing. In the past, a few home winemakers would bring samples without letting us know and we were unable to accommodate everyone. The normal fee continues to be \$3 per sample for those who give Jerry advance notice of the number of samples to be tested. There will be an additional charge of \$2 for any additional wines tested, but not originally scheduled if time and sup-

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**35th Annual Orange County Fair  
Homewine Competition  
Sponsored by the Orange County Wine Society**



**STEWARDS RESPONSE**

Saturday, June 11, 2011  
7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Building 18 (Hangar Building)  
OC Fair & Event Center

- Yes, I am interested in serving as a Steward at this year's Homewine Competition
- No, I am unable to serve this year, but wish to remain on your mailing list
- Please remove my name from the mailing list

MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CO-MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EVENING PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have prior experience stewarding at the Commercial or Homewine Competitions?

If "YES", Commercial or Homewine? \_\_\_\_\_

If "YES", how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served as a Best of Show Steward?      Yes    No

If selected, will you serve as a Best of Show Steward?      Yes    No

I am willing to receive future communications via email to help reduce Competition costs      Yes    No

*Please email or mail this response form by May 1, 2011 to*

Jim Hume  
6192 Christy Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Phone: 714.377.7734    Email: [wwine99@yahoo.com](mailto:wwine99@yahoo.com)

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## Winemakers Group (Cont'd)

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plies permit.

### Winemakers Group To Pour at the Wine Extraordinaire April 17, 2011

Attendees at the 2011 Wine Extraordinaire will again have the opportunity to taste wines produced by the Winemakers Group. Many different wines will be poured by award-winning winemakers and this is a chance to learn about the wines they produce, how they are made, and maybe a little good conversation.

On the Homewine Calendar...

### *For the Winemaker Group,*

DATE	EVENT
April 17	Wine Extraordinaire Winemaker Table
April	Cork & Bottle Purchase
April 30	Quarterly Potluck / Wine Tasting & SO2 Testing
May 14	Homewine Competition Judging Seminar
May 20 & 21	Winemaker Conference ~ Fess Parker DoubleTree Resort ~ Santa Barbara
May	"Introduction to Winemaking" Seminar
June 11	Homewine Competition ~ OC Fair & Event Center

*Rich Skoczylas*

## April Tasting ~ Gallo Sonoma

April Tasting  
"35th Anniversary Tasting"  
Gallo Sonoma Estates  
Friday, April 8  
6:30 p.m.  
DoubleTree Hotel  
Santa Ana / OC Airport  
201 East MacArthur Boulevard  
Santa Ana

Plan on joining us to celebrate our 35th Anniversary with a special tasting featuring guest host, Marcello Monticello, Winemaker of the Estate Wines for Gallo Family Vineyards.

The details for this tasting were, unfortunately, unavailable for publication to meet the deadline. As such, additional information will be furnished to OCWS members via an email blast. Watch your email in boxes for more info.

*The Editor*

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## Dine With Wine

If you haven't visited the Olive Garden lately, you're missing out on a really delicious and inexpensive experience! Twenty-seven OCWS members and friends visited our favorite Olive Garden restaurant in Irvine on February 24. We had an outstanding dinner coupled with great service and some truly outstanding bottles of wine brought by our members.

The evening's wine highlights...

- ◆ Domaine Michel – 1987 Cabernet Sauvignon
- ◆ Dutcher Crossing – 2006 Proprietary Reserve Dry Creek Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- ◆ Melanson Vineyard – 2005 Napa Valley Matthew's Block Cabernet Sauvignon
- ◆ Turnbull – 2004 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
- ◆ Luna – 1999 Napa Valley Sangiovese Riserve
- ◆ Piccolo – 2004 Sonoma County Sangiovese
- ◆ Martin Ray – 2009 Napa Valley Carneros Chardonnay
- ◆ Chameleon – 2003 Napa Valley Charbonno
- ◆ Norton – 2006 Mendoza, Argentina, Reserva Malbec
- ◆ Laetitia – 2007 Cuvee' du Domaine Pinot Noir
- ◆ Sobon – 2009 Amador County Old Vines Zinfandel

Future Dine With Wine Dinners are in the planning stages. Look forward to future e-blasts for upcoming events.

Please remember to visit our supporting restaurants. The economy is tough on them too!

*Catal / Pinot Provence – Anaheim Disney Walk and  
Costa Mesa*

*Shenandoah at the Arbor – Los Alamitos*

*Wyndham Hotel – Costa Mesa*

*Mad Mike's American Gourmet – Mission Viejo*

*The Olive Garden – Irvine and Huntington Beach*

*The Melting Pot – Irvine*

*The Mix at the Anaheim Hilton – Anaheim*

*Blue Water Grill – Tustin*

For more information about our Dine With Wine Dinners with our supporting restaurants, please feel free to contact me at [kevin@ocws.org](mailto:kevin@ocws.org) or call me at 562.243.3234.

See you at the next one!

**Kevin Coy**

**Dine With Wine Coordinator**

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# OCWS Winemaker Invitational Golf Tournament

Join us for the 2011 OCWS Winemaker Invitational Golf Tournament to be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 12:00 noon, at the Oak Creek Golf Course, in the heart of Irvine. Come enjoy amazing views of the Saddleback Mountains while you play golf with winemakers, OCWS members, and guests. You can even enjoy wine along the way.

This year's event precedes the 2011 OC Fair Commercial Competition and we are inviting winemakers and judges to come early and join us for the tournament. Don't miss your opportunity to play with some of your favorite winemakers! You can even sponsor a winemaker and encourage him/her to join us for the fun! The deadline for signups is May 20.

Participants in the tournament will receive use of practice facilities, a round of golf, use of a golf cart, a welcome kit with OCWS tee prizes, and a few other surprises. But this golf tournament is not just for golfers. A reception and wine tasting will follow the tournament, so non-golfers are encouraged to attend the post-tournament events to cheer on their favorite players. Wine Reception guests will enjoy OCWS door prizes, wine, food, and the awards ceremony. Tickets may be purchased for the golf tournament and awards dinner separately or as a package.

Our experienced tournament committee will determine teams based on each player's handicap or average score (please provide this information with your signup.) In addition, the tournament will be played as a "Best Ball/Scramble." Prizes will be awarded to both individuals and teams in various categories. For more information or questions about this event, please contact Carolyn Schoff at [ocwsschoff@gmail.com](mailto:ocwsschoff@gmail.com).

Don't miss your opportunity to play with some of your winery favorites!

## Tournament Schedule

12:00 Noon	Tournament Registration
1:00 p.m.	First Tee Time
6:00 p.m.	Wine Reception
7:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony

## Golf Tournament Only

OCWS Members - \$105  
Guests - \$115

## Wine / Awards Reception Only

OCWS Members - \$50  
Guests - \$60

## Golf Tournament and Wine/Awards

### Reception Package

OCWS Members - \$150  
Guests - \$170

Additionally, if you would like to sponsor a winemaker, you can do so at the OCWS member price. Your golf sign-up is at the back of the newsletter. Be sure to indicate your golf handicap or average score when signing up for golf.

**Carolyn Schoff**  
**Event Chairperson**

## Alcohol Server Training

It's time to look at your schedule for alcohol server training for the 2011 OC Fair. The alcohol server training classes will start in May with only a couple of classes in June, but don't wait until June. If classes don't fill they are cancelled and you will not be able to volunteer to serve wine in The Courtyard. If you were certified in the Alcohol Server Training (TIPs) class in 2008 and you are planning on volunteering to pour wine at The Courtyard during the Fair this year you will need to take the class again. If you have never taken the Alcohol Server Training (TIPs) class you will need to attend and successfully complete a training class.

The OC Fair starts on Friday July 15, and ends on Sunday, August 14. As a concessionaire at the OCF, the OCWS must adhere to contractual requirements established by the OC Fair Board of Directors and Staff. Before any of us can work in The Courtyard during the Fair everyone must be "professionally trained and certified in alcohol awareness techniques." Once this class is completed successfully, a volunteer is "certified" for three years. The Alcohol Server Training sign-up form can be found in *The Wine Press* as well as on the website.

Please use this form to indicate your availability to attend the training and either mail or fax the form to the office at 714.546.5002. When indicating your first choice and second choice dates, the second choice date cannot be prior to the first choice date. There needs to be at least ten attendees for the class to be held. The classes are held in the Administration Building of the OC Fair and Event Center in the Orange County Room. This is a new location for the training and will be more convenient as you enter the fairgrounds at Gate 4 and can park in front of the building. Confirmations are mailed out one week prior to the class.

If you have any questions about the alcohol server training, please call me at 714.342.1557 or e-mail me at karen@ocws.org.

See you at the Fair!

**Karen Ward**  
**TIPS Trainer**

Karen Ward

## Competition Award Book

It's that time of the year to start putting together the 2011 Commercial Competition Awards Book. This year, the Fair Theme is "Lets Eat".

We are now looking for that "perfect" picture to adorn our 2011 Awards Book cover.

If you would like to submit a picture for consideration, please email a digital version to [dwdeeble@cox.net](mailto:dwdeeble@cox.net). Digital submissions must be 300 dpi or better. Alternately, if you have a 5 x 7 photograph, slide, painting, or hand drawing that you think may make a good cover for the book, mail them to the OCWS office to my attention. If you wish them returned, kindly enclose a SASE.

Remember, pictures may not include people or private property and must be of a public scene. The winner will be given two tickets to the 2012 Wine Extraordinaire plus recognition in the Award Book. All pictures must be submitted by May 16, to be considered.

Good luck to everyone!

### Award Book Advertisers

We are now making plans for the 2011 Wine Awards Book. I solicit your help in finding new prospective advertisers for this year's award book.

Kindly email the business name, address, contact person, and telephone number of any new business you feel I should contact for advertising in our Awards Book. My email address is [dwdeeble@cox.net](mailto:dwdeeble@cox.net). Your help would be appreciated.

**Dan Deeble**  
**2011 Award Book Chairman**

## In Memoriam...

### Phyllis Demler

April 16, 1923 ~ February 16, 2011

The Orange County Wine Society lost long-time member Phyllis Demler in February. Phyllis was a member for over 25 years. Though not seen at many events in the last couple of years, she was a particular fan of the Mini-Tastings especially if it was a member home close to where she lived.

For all who knew Phyllis, she was a very kind and joyous person enjoying the company of people much younger than herself. She was always ready for a fun evening and a nice bottle of wine.

Phyllis was with her fellow members on the OCWS cruise out of New Orleans 20 years ago going out with several others early to get in some good local food and fun. Phyllis will be missed by all of the OCWS members who knew her.

Well-known mantras by Phyllis...

"I don't want anything that I have to..."

- ◆ Feed
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Buy food for
- ◆ Clean up after
- ◆ Be a nurse or a purse
- ◆ EGBOK - Everything's gonna be OK!

## In Memoriam...

### Wayne Huson

December 22, 1939 ~ February 19, 2011

The Orange County Wine Society is deeply saddened by the recent loss of long-time member, Wayne Huson.

Wayne was considered a "classic" volunteer. Each year, during the Orange County Fair, you could always expect to see Wayne on hand in The Courtyard doing the numerous "maintenance" things that seemed to never end. And he did it with a positive and joyful attitude. We have to add that each morning in The Courtyard, Wayne would invariably get a breakfast burrito and bring out his box of assorted hot sauces to "flavor" the burritos. Most of his hot sauces would burn the Teflon off of a frying pan!

As a charter member of the "Cooks Caucus", Wayne was always the first to help out with all the cooking tasks for our Annual Barbecue and Chili Cook-Off events.

Wayne cherished his service in the Marine Corps and loved to "talk the Corps" with other veterans. He leaves behind a big pair of shoes to fill. *Semper Fi*, Wayne...

2011 Orange County Fair  
The Courtyard Volunteer  
Alcohol Server Training  
6:30 p.m. Weeknights  
9:00 a.m. Saturday

Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

~ Dates & Times ~

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for training. Second choice cannot be before your first choice. You will receive confirmation within one week prior to the class.

~ Weeknight Training ~

6:30 p.m. - Check-In  
7:00 - Training begins promptly

Mon	May 9	1st	2nd
Tue	May 17	1st	2nd
Wed	May 18	1st	2nd
Tue	May 24	1st	2nd
Wed	May 25	1st	2nd
Wed	June 8	1st	2nd
Thu	June 9	1st	2nd

~ Weekend Training ~

9:00 a.m. - Check-In  
9:30 a.m. - Training begins promptly

Sat May 21 1st 2nd

1:00 p.m. - Check-In  
1:30 p.m. - Training begins promptly

Sat May 21 1st 2nd

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS  
The Courtyard Training  
ATTN: Karen Ward  
P.O. Box 11059  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

April Tasting  
"35th Anniversary Tasting"  
Gallo Sonoma Estates  
Friday, April 8  
6:30 p.m.  
DoubleTree Hotel  
Santa Ana / OC Airport  
201 East MacArthur Boulevard  
Santa Ana

Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members @ 33 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Guests @ \$38 each \_\_\_\_\_

~ Payment ~

Personal Check  
 Credit Card  
 Credit Card number on file

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
V Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

~ Volunteer Sign-Up ~

I will help with registration  
 I will help with raffle  
 I would enjoy serving wine

A light dinner will be served from 6:45 to 7:30.  
The tasting will start at 7:30.

*Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 6. All reservations must be paid in advance, either by check or credit card and may be made by mail, phone, website, or fax. All phone, website, or fax reservations are credit card only. No refunds will be made after the cutoff date unless there is a waiting list and your reservation can be filled by someone else. For information, call the OCWS office at 714.708.1636.*

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS  
April Tasting  
P.O. Box 11059  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

2011 Winemaker Invitational Golf Tournament  
Thursday, June 2  
Oak Creek Golf Course  
One Golf Club Drive  
Irvine

Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golf  Reception  Both  
Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ or Average Score \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golf  Reception  Both  
Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ or Average Score \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golf  Reception  Both  
Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ or Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

2 - Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golf  Reception  Both  
Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ or Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

3 - Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golf  Reception  Both  
Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ or Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

~ Payment ~

Golf: Members: \$105 Guests: \$115  
Reception: Members: \$50 Guests: \$60  
Both: Members: \$150 Guests: \$170

~ Winemaker Sponsorship (\$150 package) ~

I would like to sponsor a winemaker  
(Winemaker name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Winemaker name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Winemaker name) \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Check  
 Credit Card  
 Credit Card number on file

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
V Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 20. All reservations must be paid in advance, either by check or credit card and may be made by mail, website, or fax. All website, or fax reservations are credit card only. No refunds will be permitted for this event. For information, contact Carolyn Schoff at ocwsschoff@gmail.com.*

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS  
Winemaker Invitational Golf Tournament  
P.O. Box 11059  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

2011 Wine Auction  
Saturday, May 7  
12:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Building 16  
Orange County Fair & Event Center  
Costa Mesa

**NOTE: No early check-outs!**

2011 PYOL  
Sunday, May 22  
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Hangar Building  
Orange County Fair & Event Center  
Costa Mesa

~ Wine Auction Agenda ~

12:00 Registration & Check-in  
12:00 Silent Auction commences  
12:45 Verbal Auction (every ½ hour)  
5:30-6:00 Wine Pick-up and Payment  
(cash, check, or credit card)

~ Ticket Information ~

For reservations, complete and fax or mail to the OCWS office. Due to the inexpensive ticket price, no refunds will be made.

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets @ \$20 (OCWS Members Only) \_\_\_\_\_

~ Payment ~

Personal Check  
 Credit Card  
 Credit Card number on file

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

V Code \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

~ Volunteer Sign-Up ~

I / we can help with:

Registration  
 Set-Up  
 Wine Mover  
 Food Preparation  
 Checkout / Financial

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS Wine Auction & PYOL  
P.O. Box 11059  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

2011 Wine Extraordinaire  
Sunday, April 17  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Hilton Anaheim Hotel  
777 Convention Way  
Anaheim

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

~ Ticket Information ~

Now through April 15...

Number of Member Tickets @ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-Member Tickets @ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Driver @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

April 16 to Event Date...

“At the Door” price for everyone @ \$60

Designated Driver @ \$25

~ Payment ~

Personal Check  
 Credit Card  
 Credit Card number on file

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

V Code \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

~ Volunteer Sign-Up ~

Please complete the Volunteer Sign-Up form on page 5 and send in with your ticket payment.

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS  
2011 Wine Extraordinaire  
P.O. Box 11059  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Mini-Tasting  
“Meritage Wines”  
Saturday, May 28  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
All Locations TBA

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members @ \$35 each \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests @ \$35 each \_\_\_\_\_

~ Payment ~

Personal Check  
 Credit Card  
 Credit Card number on file

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

V Code \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

~ Volunteer Sign-Up ~

I would like to host a future Mini-Tasting. My residence can accommodate 16 people.

*Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, May 18. All reservations must be paid in advance, either by check or credit card and may be made by mail, website, or fax. All website, or fax reservations are credit card only. Since the wine must be purchased in advance, no refunds will be made after the cutoff date unless there is a waiting list and your reservation can be filled by someone else. For information, call the OCWS office at 714.708.1636.*

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS  
Meritage Mini-Tasting  
P.O. Box 11059  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

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