



The Wine Press

Brown's Bits & Bytes...

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Leslie Brown
President

With the holidays, the Super Bowl, and the Academy Awards all history, it is time to turn our attention to the start of one of the busiest times of year for the Orange County Wine Society.

Coming events include the first Mini-Tasting of the year, the Extraordinaire, the Wine Auction and PYOL, the Commercial Wine Competition, the Homewine Competition, and The Wine Courtyard.

These are some of our most exciting and enjoyable events as well as some of our most labor intensive. If you have not participated as a volunteer for any of these events, please

consider doing so as it is a wonderful way to become better acquainted with the organization and its members. Whether you are a "seasoned" volunteer or a new member, your assistance is much appreciated. We literally need hundreds of volunteers to insure that our events are successful.

Please see the various articles in this newsletter concerning the specific events and feel free to contact the committee chair or a board member if you wish to volunteer. The strength and continued success of the OCWS for the past thirty five years

is directly attributable to the outstanding caliber of our volunteers. Our members make this organization great!

There is no winery tasting this month due to the conflict with the Russian River Barrel Weekend, but watch for information regarding the tasting in April which will be sent out soon.

I look forward to seeing you at our coming events. Please remember to drive responsibly.

Leslie Brown

Mini-Tastings: March ~ "Pinot Noir", May ~ "Meritage"

Last call for the first Mini-Tasting of the year; March 26, at 6:00 p.m. See your February newsletter, mailed or online for details. It may be sold out by the time you get this, but a waiting list will be started if that happens. We have a terrific selection of boutique Pinot Noirs for your enjoyment to be paired with the foods you bring. If you have any questions, please call Director Sam Puzzo.

After the March Mini, the next scheduled Mini-Tasting will be on May 28, and will feature Meritage wines and their components. The Meritage designation is California's version of a French Bordeaux. A red Meritage is a blend of Cabernet, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petite Verdot. To be designated as a Meritage, it must contain at least two of these varietals. The Meritage Mini will


feature five Meritage wines and one each of the components.

Host sites will be announced to those attending approximately one week prior to the event, including directions and a map to the host site. Every effort is made to place you at the location nearest

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March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10 	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 
27	28	29	30	31		

March

- 3 & 10 Winemakers Group ~ Wine Analysis Lab Workshop ~ Details in newsletter ~ 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Mini-Tasting ~ Pinot Noir ~ OCWS Members' Residences ~ 6:00 p.m.

April

- 8 Monthly Tasting ~ DoubleTree Hotel ~ Santa Ana / OC Airport ~ Winery TBA ~ 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Wine Extraordinaire ~ Anaheim Hilton Hotel ~ 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 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
- 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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The OCWS welcomes your letters and comments. All topics from complaints about the organization, to questions about wine and winemaking may be addressed. Send to: OCWS, Attention: Editor, *The Wine Press*. Your name can be withheld on request.

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Mini-Tastings... (Cont'd)

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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 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 currently planning a maximum of six sites so the Mini-Tasting will be limited to 96 attendees. Wines for the evening are selected and purchased in advance. Therefore, unless there is a waiting list you will not be refunded your money if you cannot attend. The cut-off date for event sign up is Wednesday, May 18, for the Meritage Mini-Tasting. The cut-off date for the Pinot Mini is still Tuesday, March 15.

We have a high attendance at our Mini-Tasting Program. As such, we encourage you to sign-up early as some sites tend to fill quickly. Note that the sign-up form is for both Mini-Tastings.

Bon Appétit,

Sam Puzzo & Jim Beard
Co-Chairpersons



Sam Puzzo
Director

Jim Beard

Dine With Wine



Look for future e-blasts for upcoming events!

We are currently planning dinners at the following venues:

Cal Poly Pomona's Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch
The Hobbit (yes...we will get there this year!)

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 or call me at 562.243.3234.

See you at the next one!

Kevin Coy
Dine With Wine Coordinator



Kevin Coy
Vice President

The 2011 Wine Extraordinaire



The 2011 Wine Extraordinaire

This year's 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 Winemakers 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.

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. Please 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, please contact Chris Cunningham, Event Chair, at cab4cwc@ca.rr.com and for volunteer questions, please contact Christine Hanley, Volunteer Coordinator, at celinnenburger@cox.net.

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

See you all there!

Chris Cunningham



Chris Cunningham
Director

2011 Wine Extraordinaire Volunteer Sign-Up

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

1st 2nd	M	1st 2nd	C	AREA	ASSIGNMENT	SHIFT HOURS	SHIFTS REQ'D
	M		C	Guest Check-In	Guest Check-In	1:00 - 3:00	3
	M		C	Guest-Check-In	Guest Check-In - Will Call / Sales	1:00 - 3:00	2
	M		C	Guest Check-In	Guest Late Check-In / Clean-Up	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Escort	12:30 - 2:30	4
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	10:45 - 12:45	3
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	12:30 - 2:30	4
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	4:00 - 6:00	2
	M		C	OCWS	OCWS Merchandise	1:00 - 3:30	2
	M		C	OCWS	OCWS Merchandise	3:30 - 5:30	1
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Ticket Sales	1:30 - 3:30	6
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Ticket Sales	3:30 - 5:30	7
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	1:00 - 3:00	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	3:30 - 5:30	4
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant / Clean-Up	4:00 - 6:00	1
	M		C	Restaurants	Restaurant Server	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Restaurant Server	3:30 - 5:30	1
	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	Restaurants	Food Clean-Up / General Clean-Up	4:00 - 6:00	2
	M		C	Security	Security	11:00 - 1:00	3
	M		C	Security	Security	1:30 - 3:30	5
	M		C	Security	Security	3:30 - 5:30	3
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant	1:00 - 3:00	2
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant	1:30 - 3:30	4
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant - Clean-Up	3:30 - 5:30	3
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant - Clean-Up	4:00 - 6:00	2
	M		C	Wineries	Wine Pourer	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Wineries	Wine Pourer	3:30 - 5:30	1
	M		C	Wineries	Winery Relief	3:30 - 5:30	6

Membership ~ “Who’s New?”



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

*Tracy Autry
John and Jill Casperite
Chuck Dobyms and Sharon Hodson
Jim and Linda Downey
Pennie Jones and Drew Young
David and Joan McCann
Deborah Morrison
Kash Ronvelia
Kristin Scott
James Slaughter
James and Susan Toman
Donna Upadhyay*

Newcomers usually get to know us by attending and participating in our major events such as the upcoming March 26 Pinot Noir Mini-Tasting. There you'll enjoy fine wines in a buffet dinner format with fellow Wine Society members, all in the comfort of members' homes. Look for the sign-up forms in this month's newsletter.

As of the February Board of Directors' meeting, there are 935 members with 366 dual and 203 single memberships.

Our Spring Membership Drive is underway with a goal of 100 new members between now and June 30. Sign up the most new members and win two tickets to this year's Annual Barbecue and two tickets to the 2012 Wine Extraordinaire.

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

Ed Reyes
Membership Chair



Ed Reyes
Director

Commercial Competition Volunteers



The 2011 Commercial Competition will be held June 4 - 5 and your assistance is definitely needed. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet winemakers, enjoy good food, and become better acquainted with other OCWS members.

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 with the times and dates. 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. At this time, we do not have a confirmed date for the Sort and Ribbon Mailing. It will most likely be on Saturday, June 18. We should know the exact date within the next few weeks. We definitely need your support for our work parties in order to run a successful competition. The good news is that 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 are encouraged to participate. 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. 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. We look forward to your joining us for this important event.

Leslie Brown
Volunteer Coordinator



Leslie Brown
President

2011 Wine Auction & PYOL



Wine Auction
Saturday, May 7
OC Fairgrounds, Building 16
12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

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

PYOL
Saturday, May 22
OC Fairgrounds, Hangar Building
10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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: Wine to be sold in four-bottle lots of wine in every varietal imaginable; Hundreds to choose from.
Verbal Auction: Premium four-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.

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 quanti-

ties 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
Wine Auction / PYOL Coordinator



Kevin Coy
Vice President



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.

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**

(Stamp)

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

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Winemakers Group Newsroom

Wine Analysis Lab & Workshop

March 3 and 10
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
OCWS Office

OC Fair & Event Center

John Willis and other Winemaker Group members will conduct a Wine Analysis Lab and Workshop on Thursday, March 3 and 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. This workshop will be on two consecutive Thursday evenings and will cover the theory behind the various tests and the actual hands-on lab.

Winemakers will have an opportunity to learn more about why the various tests are performed and more time to do the actual hands-on testing of their wines. Topics covered will include: sources of grapes, problems encountered and their solutions to be followed by a discussion of the important lab testing we do as winemakers to check the various chemistries of our wines as they progress through various stages (i.e. malolactic completion, SO₂ testing methods, sugar level testing, etc.). On Thursday, March 10, there will be a hands-on practicing of those lab techniques. You will learn how to test for titratable acid, malolactic fermentation, pH, free and total sulfur and sugar. Each member is asked to bring a bottle of their wine for testing and evaluation.

Food will be provided on the first Thursday. There is a charge of \$20 per person to cover the supplies (lab fee) and food for Thursday. To make your reservation, use the sign-up sheet at the end of the newsletter. Make your check out to the OCWS and mail to Jim Graver, 27135 Via Aurora, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. If you pay by credit card, you should send your payment directly to the OCWS office.

Let Jim Graver know that you are coming by sending an email so that he can expect your payment. Get your reservations in by March 1 via email to winemaster72@earthlink.net or call 949.581.9599.



Winemaker Conference

April 19 - 21
Santa Barbara, CA

For those who are interested, WineMaker Magazine sponsors a weekend conference for all amateur winemakers. WineMaker Magazine hosts a two-day conference in the heart of Santa Barbara wine country packed with expert speakers and fun events all designed to help you get the most out of your winemaking. The event includes...

28 big seminars; Classes on winemaking techniques, grape growing, special social events to trade ideas with fellow hobbyists, WineMaker International Amateur Wine Competition Awards Dinner. Check their website at www.winemakermag.com for more information and registration.

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We are presently working on getting a group rate, not only for those who have not subscribed, but also to extend current subscriptions. If you have an interest, contact Germaine Romano at germaineandrob@sbcglobal.net by March 5 as we are trying to negotiate a substantial discounted rate from the regular subscription rate of \$25 per year.

Winemakers Group Calendar

DATE	EVENT
March 3 and 10	Wine Analysis Lab Workshop
March 12	Temecula Champagne Tour & Lunch
April 17	Wine Extraordinaire Winemaker Table
April	Cork & Bottle Purchase
April / May	Cal State Fresno Wine Seminars
April 30	Quarterly Potluck / Wine Tasting & SO ₂ Testing

**For the Winemakers Group,
Rich Skoczylas**

OCWS Golf Tournament



More details later, but the 2011 Golf Tournament will take place as part of the Commercial Competition weekend.

It will be on Thursday, June 2, starting at 1:00 p.m. in Irvine. We have notified Competition Wine Judges and already have some participants.

All you golfers can mark this down on your calendar for a great day of golf (is there a bad one?), award dinner, and lots of fun!

Sam Puzzo



Sam Puzzo
Director

Fun and Games...

A Few Bloopers

“Golden, Ripe, Boneless Bananas, 39 Cents A Pound.” - *Ad in the “Missoulian” by Orange Street Food Farm*

“Sure there have been injuries and deaths in boxing - but none of them serious.” - *Alan Minter, Boxer*

“I think that the film *Clueless* was very deep. I think it was deep in the way that it was very light. I think lightness has to come from a very deep place if it’s true lightness.” - *Alicia Silverstone, Actress*

“How to store your baby walker: First, remove baby.” - *Anonymous Manufacturer*

“This is no longer a slum neighborhood. I haven’t heard of a Cubs fan being shot in a long time.” - *Anonymous Wrigley Field Neighbor, Chicago, IL*

“During the scrimmage, Tarkanian paced the sideline with his hands in his pockets while biting his nails.” - *AP report describing Fresno State basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian*

“Two grand slams in a week - man, that’s seven or eight ribbies right there.” - *Bill Madlock, Baseball Broadcaster*

“Men, I want you just thinking of one word all season. One word and one word only: Super Bowl.” - *Bill Peterson, football coach*

New Computer Viruses on the Loose



- ◆ New World Order virus: Probably harmless, but it makes a lot of people really mad just thinking about it.
- ◆ Federal Bureaucrat virus: Divides your hard disk into hundreds of little units, each of which does practically nothing, but all of which claim to be the most important part of your computer.
- ◆ Texas virus: Makes sure that it’s bigger than any other file.
- ◆ Adam and Eve virus: Takes a couple of bytes out of your Apple.
- ◆ Congressional virus: The computer locks up and screen splits erratically with a message appearing on each half blaming the other side for the problem.
- ◆ Airline virus: You’re in Dallas but your data is in Singapore.

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- ◆ Freudian virus: Your computer becomes obsessed with marrying its own motherboard.
- ◆ Public Television virus: Your programs stop every few minutes to ask for money.
- ◆ Elvis virus: Your computer gets fat, slow, and lazy, then self-destructs, only to resurface at shopping malls and service stations across rural America.
- ◆ Nike virus: Just does it.
- ◆ Congressional virus #2: Runs every program on the hard drive simultaneously, but it doesn't allow the user to accomplish anything.
- ◆ Star Trek virus: Invades your system in places where no virus has gone before.
- ◆ Health Care virus: Tests your system for a day, finds nothing wrong, and sends you a bill for \$4,500.

Just to Help You Think...

- ◆ I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way, so I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
- ◆ The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on the list.
- ◆ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong. (I have to remember this one!)
- ◆ We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
- ◆ War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
- ◆ Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- ◆ Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- ◆ A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
- ◆ Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.
- ◆ I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted pay checks.
- ◆ Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "In an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR."
- ◆ I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- ◆ Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?
- ◆ A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- ◆ You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- ◆ The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!
- ◆ Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
- ◆ Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
- ◆ I discovered I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.
- ◆ I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
- ◆ I always take life with a grain of salt, plus a slice of lemon, and a shot of tequila.
- ◆ You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- ◆ To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- ◆ Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
- ◆ A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.
- ◆ Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- ◆ Evening news is where they begin with "Good evening", and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Mini-Tasting
"Pinot Noir"
Saturday, March 26
or
"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 _____

I'm signing up for the: [] Pinot Mini
[] Meritage Mini

~ 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, March 15 for the Pinot Mini and Wednesday, May 18 for the Meritage Mini. 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
Pinot Noir / Meritage Mini-Tasting
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
 Saturday, 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

Wine Analysis Lab & Workshop
 March 3 and 10
 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
 OCWS Office
 OC Fair & Event Center
 Costa Mesa

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Members @ 20 each _____

~ Payment ~

- Personal Check
- Credit Card
- Credit Card number on file

Card Number _____

V Code _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Total Enclosed _____

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~ If paying by check ~

Send Jim Graver an email to show your intent to attend and mail this reservation to:

Jim Graver
 27135 Via Aurora
 Mission Viejo, CA 92691

~ If paying by credit card of PayPal ~

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS
 Winemakers Group
 Wine Analysis Lab & Workshop
 P.O. Box 11059
 Costa Mesa, CA 92627



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