



August General Meeting

Wed. August 11—7pm

Location: Secret Ravine Vineyard & Winery

Michael Jones from Scott Labs

GET READY FOR THE 2010 CRUSH!

Scott Labs, with offices in Petaluma, California, and Pickering, Ontario, is one of the best sources for successful winemaking, supplying both commercial wineries and home winemakers with products that promote consistently superior results. Michael Jones, the Fermentation Specialist for Scott Labs, will present great information on wine-making products.

Learn about the latest French research on: Malolactic fermentation, pitch times, temperature, etc, Fining agents, their properties and use, and how various agents affect color, clarity, and other wine properties.

PCWGA members, guests and visitors meet at 7:00pm for the social, our presentation starts at 7:30. Please bring a bottle of your wine to share and an appetizer if you wish!

Secret Ravine is located at 4390 Gold Trail Way in Loomis



**Here's a great
opportunity to learn
how to improve your
wine-making skills!**

**Wine aficionados;
improve your vocabulary
for the next
wine tasting party!**

Message from the President

WOW! Time is really flying by! I cannot believe it is almost August. We will be looking at harvest before long. The good news is we have a lot of fun and educational stuff happening between now and then. A few days ago we enjoyed our annual Home Winemaker's Competition & BBQ (July 10th). It was a fun event that allowed us to taste the best of the local amateur wine production. If you missed this event this year, set aside a few bottles to enter next year and plan on attending. It is a fun social event where you can meet fellow home winemakers and discuss techniques.

The first weekend in August (7th & 8th) will see the "Grape Days of Summer" wine tour weekend. A great opportunity to visit local wineries and taste great wines from right here in Placer County. Personally, I can't think of a much better way to spend a couple of days. Be sure to visit our website often to stay current on all planned events. <http://pcwga.org>

It is important to remember that PCWGA is your association. We who do our best to steer it in the right direction need your feedback to keep on track. What would you like to get from your association? There is really not much chance of getting it if you don't tell us. Be active – be involved – its FUN!

Wayne

Home Winemakers Competition

On July 10, PCWGA held its 5th Home Winemakers Competition. There were 49 entries this year and 12 judges. The judging started promptly at 8:00 AM and concluded at 10:15 AM. Each wine was judged by 3 judges. The judges were assigned to evaluate all the wines in a division and class for consistency. Each judge evaluated about 12 wines. At each judge's table there was assigned a Clerk to assist in recording the results and help in reaching an award consensus. We had 7 Cellar Rats pouring the wine for the judges.

In total this event had 27 volunteers working in Doug Geiger's Garage. Thanks to everyone who assisted in this endeavor. Thank you to Doug and Ginna Geiger for the use of their home for the event. Thanks to Secret Ravine for providing tables and chairs.

The BBQ started promptly at 2:00 PM with a live band and the opportunity to sample all the wine entries. We had 60 plus attendants to the BBQ about 25% non-members, several of which will be joining PCWGA

A special **Thanks** to the following members that worked so hard to create such a successful event.

Renae Messamore
Doug Geiger
Zane Dobson
Mark Adams



Vino De Art

Saturday, Sept.18

Creekside Business Park in Auburn

Sewing Placer County Wines

Wine, Art, Live Music
& Exotic Car Celebration

Presented by Caring Hearts Society

Raising funds to benefit individuals, families and other charitable organizations.

All profits go to the CHS 2010 Charity Beneficiaries:

Acres of Hope &

Sutter Health Children's Bereavement Art Group

Information at www.chsauburn.org

Placer County Fair PCWGA Wine Booth

We had 28 volunteers working over 30 hours selling 4 cases of wine and handing out hundreds of Placer County winery maps. Our net income was over \$1,000. Thank you to all of the volunteers who manned the booth and promoted our Placer wines, and a big thanks to Art Mallo who once again, did a wonderful job of coordinating the wine booth. We know it is a lot of work and we greatly appreciate everyone's contribution.

2010 PCWGA Calendar

June 24-27	Placer County Fair Roseville
August 7 & 8	PCVA Winery Tour August Anticipation
Wed. Aug. 11	General Meeting
Sep. 9- 12	Gold Country Fair Auburn
Sat. Oct. 2	Loomis Eggplant Festival
Sat. Oct. 9	Auburn Wine Festival
Wed. Oct. 13	General Meeting
Nov. 13 & 14	Art, Verse & Vines
Fri. Dec. 3	Holiday Gala
	Flower Farm Inn
Dec 11 & 12	PCVA Winery Tour Holidays in the Hills

Results of the 2010 Home Wine Makers Competition

first name	last name	Variety	Division	Class	award
Donald	Perkins	Cab Franc	2	6	Gold
Austin & Flavio	Lindemann & Tamo	Merlot Lot B	2	3	Gold
	Bravo Cellars	Petite Sirah	2	5	Gold
Jim	Fossi	Sangiovese	2	10	Gold
Larry & Beth	Carducci	Barbera	2	7	Silver
Mark	Vian	Merlot	2	3	Silver
Jim	Shaw	Red Blend	2	10	Silver
Richard	McCrary	Red Blend	2	10	Silver
Zane	Dobson	Syrah	2	8	Silver
Brian	Parker	Black Cherry	5	2	Bronze
Ron & Carol	Dueck	Cab Sauv	2	9	Bronze
	Winding Way Vineyards	Cab Sauv	2	9	Bronze
	Bravo Cellars	Cab Sauv	2	9	Bronze
Gary	Haight	Merlot	2	3	Bronze
Austin & Flavio	Lindemann & Tamo	Merlot Lot A	2	3	Bronze
Dan & Julie	Guth	Petite Sirah	2	5	Bronze
	Winding Way Vineyards	PetiteVerdot	2	10	Bronze
Mark	Vian	Red Blend	2	10	Bronze
Wayne	Weeks	Red Blend	2	10	Bronze
Larry & Beth	Carducci	red blend	2	10	Bronze
Wayne	Weeks	Rose	3	2	Bronze
Mark	Vian	Rose Dry	3	1	Bronze
Larry & Beth	Carducci	rose syrah	3	1	Bronze
Ron	Guenza	Sauvignon Blanc	1	2	Bronze
Austin & Flavio	Lindemann & Tamo	Sauvignon Blanc	1	2	Bronze
Robert	Penman	Sparkling	4	1	Bronze
Jim	Shaw	Zinfandel	2	4	Bronze
Dick	Stallman	2/3 zin 1/3 mourvedre	2	10	HM
Dan & Julie	Guth	Cab Sauv	2	9	HM
Richard	McCrary	Cab Sauv	2	9	HM
Donald	Just	Cab Sauv	2	9	HM
Richard	McCrary	Merlot	2	3	HM
Debbie	Wisler	petite sirah	2	5	HM
Dan & Julie	Guth	Red Blend	2	10	HM
	Winding Way Vineyards	Red Blend	2	10	HM
Doug	Geiger	Red Blend	2	10	HM
Brian	Parker	Zinfandel	2	4	HM
Dick	Stallman	Zinfandel	2	4	HM

Thank you to all the volunteers for helping at this year's Home Winemakers Competition!

Judges

Mark Adams
Dwight Anderson
Dave Brockman
Joe Ciotti
Jim Fossi
Don Gifford
Phil Maddux
Alan Messamore
Ann Moen
Ron Morris
Vicky Morris
Dave Wegner

Cellar Rats

Craig Cesarin
Zane Dobson
Jack Goodwin
Brain Parker
Lisa Giampietro
Scott Messamore
Chris Wall

Clerks

Linda Belanger
Dave Del Real
Cathy & Jeff Mikles
Patty Wegner



News From Placer Wineries

“Grape Days of Summer”

Wine Experience Weekend
Saturday, August 7 & Sunday, August 8
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

“Grape Days of Summer” is a weekend wine country experience hosted by the Placer County Vintners Association. The event, which will be held at wineries located along the scenic Placer County Wine Trail, will feature winery tours, wine and food pairings, live music and a variety of special wine education experiences. More information is available at www.placerwine.com.

(Note that all Placer county wineries are open this weekend.)

Placer County Wineries on a Roll:

Big Wins at the California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition

Congratulations to all the Placer County Wineries who entered and won awards for the 2010 California State Fair Wine Competition! The results are in - 20 awards: 1 Best of Class, 1 Double Gold, 3 Golds, 11 Silvers and 4 Bronze!

The California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition is the oldest and most prestigious wine competition in North America. Over 2,700 wines from more than 600 California wineries will be tasted and judged, amounting to approximately 20,000 glasses of wine.

- Baumbach, 1 Gold, 2 Silver
- Duarte Family Vineyards, 1 Silver
- Le Casque, 1 Double Gold, 1 Gold, 2 Silver
- Lone Buffalo Vineyards, 1 Silver, 1 Best of Class
- Mt. Vernon Winery, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze
- Vina Castellano, 1 Gold, 2 Silver, 3 Bronze

You can taste these award winners at several upcoming events including the California State Fair Wine Garden and the California Grape & Gourmet Food & Wine event on July 7 in Sacramento. Visit www.bigfun.org for more information and details.

Villa Fiorente “The Villa”

NOW Open
Saturdays & Sundays
noon-6pm

Four Artisanal Wineries - One Convenient Location
We invite you to visit Ciotti Cellars, Cristaldi Vineyards, Fortezza Winery, and Duarte Family Vineyards to experience some of the finest hand-crafted wines Placer County has to offer.

10555 Harris Road, Auburn, CA 95603
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Inspired by the rich agricultural history of our region and our love of winemaking we have created a unique wine-tasting experience in the foothills of Placer County. Our four small family wineries are focused on hand-crafted limited-production wines and we are pleased to showcase our passion for the craft with you in the elegant and tranquil setting of Villa Fiorente, our shared tasting room set amongst lush vineyards in the beautiful rolling hills of Placer County wine country. Hosted by the winemakers from each winery we offer a unique, personalized and engaging wine tasting experience and an intimate perspective on the art of wine. Salute!

Joe Ciotti – Ciotti Cellars
David Brockman – Cristaldi Vineyards
Lisa Mann – Fortezza Winery
Michael Duarte – Popie Wines

Tasting fee of \$8 includes \$8 in “Villa Cash” to be used towards wine bottle purchases and you keep the lovely “Villa” wine glass as a souvenir! **Please come visit us!**

Classifieds

BARRELS & RACKS FOR SALE

Secret Ravine has 32 (2000 - 2002) FO & AO barrels for sale. Just emptied and cleaned, usable for wine, planters and craft items. \$40 each.

ALSO, 3 (double barrel) Topco barrel racks for sale, \$25 each. Call Vicky 916 652-6015 if interested.

ZINFANDEL GRAPES FOR SALE

Dick Stallman has 4 to 5 tons of Zinfandel grapes, not committed, FOR SALE from his Twin Rocks Vineyard. These are old clone vines with no mildew. Call Dick at 916-791-1104 or cell 916-396-1814

HELP DEMONSTRATE WINEMAKING AT THE FARM & BARN TOUR

Boorinakis-Harper Ranch grows fruit and wine grapes in Auburn. They are members of PCWGA and are participating in the Placer County Farm & Barn Tour, scheduled for October 10, 2010. They would like ranch visitors to see how simple and satisfying it is to grow their own grapes, and make their own wine.

They are looking for a few members to demonstrate winemaking at the event. All equipment will be provided. If you are interested, contact Tom Harper at Boorinakis-Harper Ranch - www.bhbranch.net - 530-823-9096

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Placer County Wine and Grape Association

We are a non-profit organization committed to informing and educating the public about Placer County wines, wineries and grape growers and grapes.

Join at: pcwga.org



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Do you have any information you would like to share with our membership?

Our newsletter is at your service. If you have any wine or grape related information, programs, classes or items for sale. Email that information to clmikles@gmail.com.



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