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Oct 7th

At the SHOP

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Thanksgiving

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Next Planning Party

Nov 14th, 2019

At the Home of:

Matt and Bevin Abbe

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See us at:

<http://cellarmastersla.org/>



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President's Message

Greetings Cellarmasters,

Tick tock, tick tock....it's time! We are in the throes of planning and preparing for our 46th Annual US Amateur Winemaking Competition. But before we get into that I have an announcement to make.

We all just hit the JACKPOT!!!! Yes, the JACKPOT!!! Our club is going to be led next year by two incredibly knowledgeable and qualified men. Andy Coradeschi will be our President and Michael Holland will be our vice-President. It doesn't get any better than these two. Lynda LoHill will remain as Secretary and what a tremendous asset she is to the club as well. So....now all we need is a Treasurer. Please, if you're interested let me know.

Now, back to the competition; remember it's early this year. The date is Saturday, November 16th at Custom Crush in Camarillo. We need judges and stewards. Please pay attention to Facebook posts and email blasts for more information and details.

Good luck to all the entrants and congratulations to our new board members!

With much gratitude,
Renée

MONTHLY MEETING November 7th
POTLUCK: Thanksgiving Food

Planning Meeting November 14th

<http://cellarmastersla.org/>

Shop Link: <http://homebeerwinecheese.com/>

MEETING THURSDAY NOV 7TH

With guest speakers:

Mark Dawson and Dave Lustig

Calling all Wine Judges, those who are thinking of judging, those who'd like to learn more about judging, or anyone who'd like to be a more informed taster. Come to the November Cellarmasters meeting, November 7, 6:30 pm, at the Home Wine Shop in Woodland Hills where Dave Lustig and Mark Dawson will review the judging sheet and talk about what how you can be a more discerning taster. I have it on good authority that there will be actual wine tasting involved too!! So everyone already signed up to judge and those considering judging, make sure you're there Thursday November 7 for this valuable conversation

Very Important Announcement

If you are a local Cellarmasters member and are judging or stewarding at the 46th Annual US Amateur Winemaking Competition

Please note the following:

Please bring a potluck dish to share at the lunch following the competition

AND

if you plan to attend the post party hosted by Jeff Canter and Suzy Mandel please bring an additional dish to share at the party Cellarmasters will provide the party entrée prepared by the hosts

Please email coordinator Nancy Scott at nanz13@aol.com to confirm that you will be bringing a dish/dishes and to RSVP for the after party

Address to the after party will be given upon request



IT'S HERE!!!



Cellarmasters Planning Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2019

Andy, Carolyn, Nancy, Dave, Dan
Tom, Mimi, Elissa, Matt, DeeDee
Rick, Suzy, Aubrey, Lynda

Future of the Club Meeting

- Future of the Club Meeting Overview – We had an open forum meeting on September 29 to discuss the current decrease in membership, attendance, and participation at general meetings and planning parties. Renee shared some ideas presented during informal discussions with various club members on possible changes that could be taken to address the low attendance and participation. The discussion addressed open board positions that weren't being filled for next year and a hope that a lighter meeting schedule will make it easier for people to volunteer and serve. There was overall agreement that changes are needed. After a lot of back and forth from this discussion and via email, Renee put together a meeting change proposal that she would like the board to vote on.

Discussion at planning party:

- Something should happen at shop every first Thursday of the month, whether it be a general meeting or planning party
- After Elissa read out the proposal which would have general meetings and planning parties alternate the first Thursdays of the month, lots of discussion ensued regarding other solutions
- There was interest in keeping 11 general meetings with speaker presentations and round table discussions rotating
- Elissa made a motion to change the meetings to the following: 6 speaker presentations and 5 educational meetings per year rotating the first Thursdays of the month, board meetings that are flexible (via in person meetings or email) and for board members only, and planning parties (more casual) as needed or desired. A vote ended up not being taken as it was agreed more

discussion was needed and future president may want to weigh in.

- Discussion that planning parties can be at a host's home if offered, with a back up being to meet at the shop if no host home available
- Concern among some members that Winemaking 101 meetings are too basic for senior winemakers, so Andy suggested that we have some basic educational meetings as well as educational meetings that offered more advanced techniques
- Suzy suggested one of the educational meetings be How to Go Commercial
- Discussion on whether the RSVPs for planning parties would work
- Andy is considering becoming president for 2020

Treasury

- \$3,200 approximately

Club House

- Painting in progress
- Patching complete
- Leveling of floor still needs to be done
- Flooring and baseboards still need to be done
- Dan volunteered to help put down floor along with Tom, Renee, Mimi and Paul

Competition

- Gregg O sent out an email for call for judges
- Professional winemakers and sommeliers are required to come to one of the two judging clinics offered in order to be able to judge at the competition since this is an amateur winemaking competition
- Elissa offered to do result entries at competition

Submitted by Mimi Roberts

Recap of October 3rd Meeting
Lynda and Karyl-Sensory Clinic



Bevin Abbe wins for her delicious Roasted Corn Salad



Good til the last spoonful!



Mark your Calendars:

November 7th Meeting Dave Lustig and Mark Dawson, Wine Judging

November 14th Planning Meeting: Hosts- Matt and Bevin Abbe

NOVEMBER 16- ANNUAL JUDGING

December 5- No Meeting

December 7th -Cellarbration

December 12th - No planning meeting



OPPORTUNITY:

Vineyard in the hills of Encino needs someone to take of her!

It is Merlot and Cab and should produce about a half ton of fruit. Owner bought the home, and the vineyard came along with it. He is looking for someone, or a couple of people to take care of it, and is asking for only 25% of the wine in return.

If interested please call me, and I can give you more info and contact info. Thanks, Matt

Lestmj2@hotmail.com

WINE TESTING By Lynda

- pH \$5
- Malolactic completion \$5
- Free SO2 \$10

Wine testing is available to all club members. Text Lynda Lo-Hill to arrange for a sample drop-off (818) 359-2147. Samples should be fresh, airtight and with no airspace, so that the SO2 does not blow off or oxidize. 6-8 oz is required for all three tests

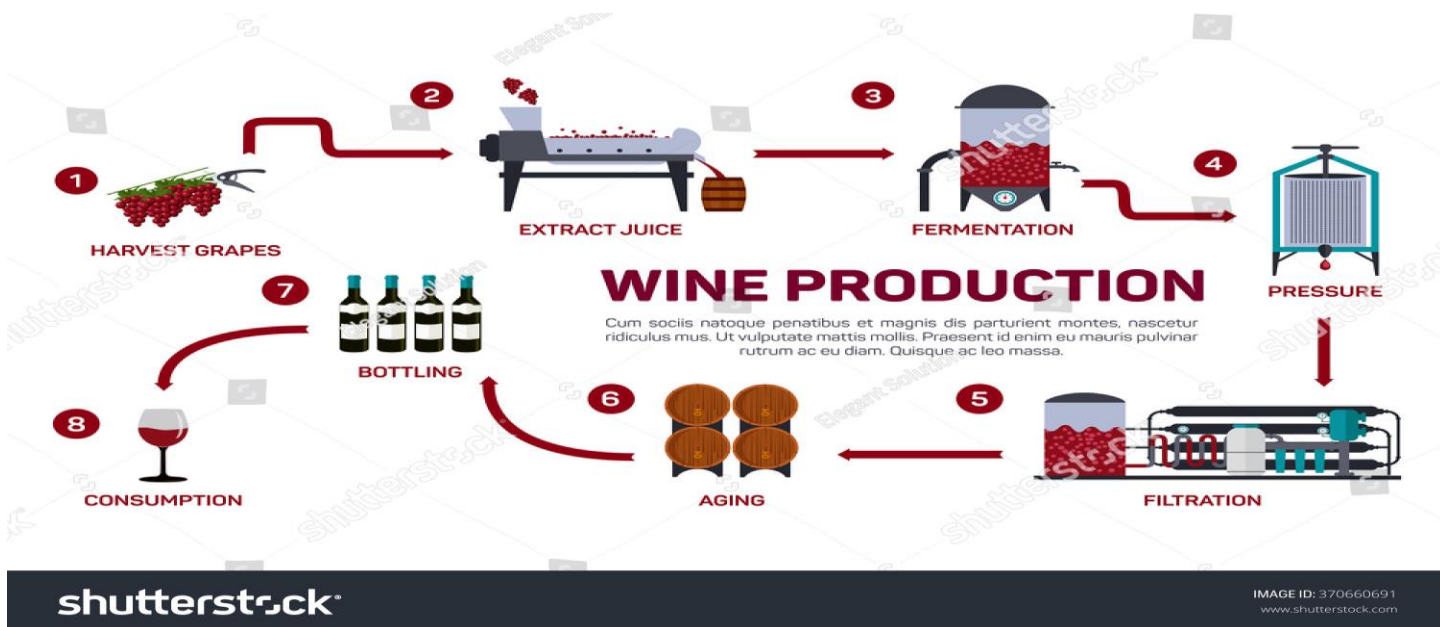
Corks For Sale

We had to buy bulk corks for our winery

(**Lester Family Cellars** -shameless plug) and we now have extra corks. We will sell them in packages of 30 all sealed in sterile pouches. We can sell at bulk price of \$11 for each 30 cork package.

They are 1 3/4 inch winery quality corks.

Contact Matt Lester at lestmj2@hotmail.com.



Looks so easy

Also check out Facebook, website and look for the Email Blasts from Dave Lustig regarding Opportunities and For Sale items

Dinner Meeting Protocol

DUES: Everyone attending should be a fully paid member of Cellarmasters. Please make sure to pay your dues.

GUESTS are welcomed as an introduction to our club.

POT LUCK means everyone is expected to bring a dish to share.

GREEN dining is bringing your own plates, glasses, and utensils. We have emergency supplies only.

WINE is meant to be shared. Please bring a bottle along and share it.

ATTENTION given to our speaker is a sign of respect.

WELCOME new people by learning their names. Ask them to join you.

CLEAN UP is everyone's job. Don't leave without doing your share.

RESPONSIBILITY means drinking sensibly

The Cellarmasters Home Wine Club is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting the art and science of home winemaking. We provide a forum for the exchange of information on winemaking methods and personal experiences.

Monthly meetings are normally held the first Thursday evening of the month at the "Home Beer, Wine and Cheese Making Shop" (our sponsor) in Woodland Hills, California. Cellarmasters is the sole sponsor of the annual U.S. Amateur Winemaking Competition.

This is the official Cellarmasters newsletter. Annual subscriptions are complimentary with Cellarmasters membership. We attempt to publish monthly but harvest, bottling, and/or purely educational wine-tasting may well deter us.

Cellarmasters Membership & Dues

Whether you're joining the club for the first time or renewing your membership please visit our web site where you can pay your dues online via a credit card or PayPal.

The link to paying for your membership via PayPal is

<http://cellarmastersla.org/cellarmasters-membership/>

Dues are \$40/year if you live in the state of California and \$30/year if you live out of state. Membership includes all these benefits:

- ✓ A yearly subscription to Winemaker Magazine digital and print versions. A \$30 value!
- ✓ Our monthly club newsletter filled with details of club events, winemaking tips, and interesting stories.
- ✓ home winemakers' home cellar tour.
- ✓ Discounts on club sponsored wine tastings, wine country bus tours, winemaker-themed dinners, and other special events held throughout the year.
- ✓ Up to a 10% discount on supplies purchased from our club sponsor, the Home Wine, Beer, and Cheesemaking Shop in Woodland Hills.
- ✓ A mentoring program.
- ✓ Invitations to club events and seminars, such as our judging and pruning clinics

You can download the form and send in a check:

<http://cellarmastersla.org/wpcontent/uploads/2017/01/MembershipFormRev.1.27.17.docx.pdf>

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The Home Beer/Wine/Cheesemaking Shop,

Serving the discerning winemaker since 1972.

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