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President's Message



Happy Holidays Fellow Cellarmasters!

As your outgoing President, I want to thank you all for your support during 2020, aka, the Craziest Year Ever! I expect 2021 should gradually return to some much needed normalcy.

And it's official! Fortunately and thankfully for 2021, Mike Holland and Dave Lustig have stepped up as President and VP, respectively, to lead the Cellarmasters! Yahoo! We are lucky to have them.

And we are ending this year on two high notes:

1) The December 3rd Monthly Meeting is a Zoom virtual wine tasting with Mark and Julie Wasserman and Leah Canon of Vinemark Cellars! Please note you do not need to purchase a tasting from Vinemark to attend the Zoom meeting, all of our Monthly Meetings are open to all members. We want to see all of your faces!

And...

2) All of the Cellarmasters are invited to the Zoom Ugly Sweater Party on December 10! This will be a fun time to socialize, share a virtual glass of wine, and show off your favorite Ugly Sweater before the Holidays.

Thanks again to all the Cellarmasters, and I hope you all have a fantastic Holiday season!

Andy Coradeschi

Zoom Monthly Meeting

Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00PM

Tasting with Vinemark Cellars

**Cellarmasters Monthly Meeting will be a virtual Zoom Wine
Tasting with fellow Cellarmasters Mark & Julie Wasserman of Vinemark Cellars**

Here is how you do it!

Please place your order with Julie by Sunday, Nov 30 for Tasting Kits

Place your order by emailing julie@vinemarkcellars.com.

Pickup at the shop on Wednesday 12/2 after 12noon

Fun November meeting - Tasting with Lester Family Cellars

Thank you Matt and Elissa!!



POTLUCK WINNING RECIPE

Newsletter Editor Nancy H. made this and voted unanimously

Creamy Tortellini Soup

*This **Creamy Tortellini Soup** is a healthy and delicious one-pot meal. Enjoy the luscious flavors of the vegetables, herbs, and pasta with this simple and tasty recipe.*

Prep Time 10 mins Cook Time 35 mins

Servings: 6 servings



Ingredients

- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 medium onion, peeled and diced
- 2 small carrots, peeled and diced
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
- 14.5 oz. (1 can) diced tomatoes
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 5 cups vegetable broth
- 16 oz. cheese tortellini (I used Gnocchi)
- 6 oz. spinach (I used Kale)
- 1 cup heavy cream (or full-fat coconut milk)
- 1/3 cup parsley, chopped

Instructions

In a large pot, saute the onion, garlic, and diced carrots for about 5-7 minutes over medium heat.

Add the diced tomatoes, oregano, salt, pepper, and veggie broth. Stir, bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and (add Kale) then simmer for about 20 minutes, until the carrots are nice and tender.

Add the tortellini and simmer for another 3 minutes.

At this point, add the spinach, cream, and parsley. Stir and turn off the heat. Serve immediately.



Happy Holidays to all our dear Cellarmasters!!

Meeting this Thursday December 3 With Vinemark Cellars

Order your Tasting Kit NOW



Cellarmasters Planning ZOOM Meeting Minutes November 12, 2020

Postponed: 47th Annual US Amateur Home Winemaking Comptition

Timing is everything.

Please be advised that due to the ever-increasing health and safety risks associated with the recent significant increase in local pandemic infection rates in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, the Board of Directors of the 47th Annual US Amateur Home Winemaking Competition has voted unanimously to postpone the Competition until spring/summer 2021.

This is a decision that was difficult to make and undoubtedly will be disappointing to many, although we are confident it is appropriate under these unique circumstances.

Ultimately, the health and well-being of everyone associated with the Competition led us to this decision. We believe this postponement puts us in the best position to safely host the US Amateur in 2021.

All wines that have been received will be carefully stored in climate-controlled facilities and they will be judged in the postponed Competition.

If you entered a wine into the Competition and do not wish to wait until spring 2021 for feedback on it, we can assemble a panel to evaluate the wine outside of the Competition. If you wish to do this, the deadline to contact Andy Coradeschi is December 15, 2020. (President@CellarmastersLA.org)

Your patience as we make every effort to communicate effectively and efficiently is appreciated, and we will share any additional information as soon as it becomes available. Updates also will be posted to our website, www.CellarmastersLA.org.

As COVID-19 continues to impact the lives of people everywhere, we seek your understanding of this decision and know you share our concern given these trying times. Thank you for your faithful support.

Andy Coradeschi
President
Cellarmasters of Los Angeles Home Winemaking Club



[Also check out the Cellarmasters great YouTube videos,
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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