



Westside Wine Club

December 2006 Newsletter

Next Meeting: December 6th 2006 at 7:00PM

Place: Oak Knoll Winery

Food: Craig Schenck

Web Site: www.westsidewineclub.com

2006 Calendar

January 14th
Holiday Party

February 22nd
John Bell

March 22nd
Bordeaux

April 26th
Portland Wine Storage
306 SE Ash St

May 24th
Other Reds
Tours

June 28th
Speaker:
Dan Shattuck

Summer Picnic
July 15th

August 23rd
Pinot Noir

September 27th
Awards Gala

October 25th
Other Whites

November 15th
Pinot Gris - Viognier

December TBD
Speaker

Please note the date for the meeting. The meeting is the first Wednesday of December. Yikes! That is this week!!

2007 Committees

I'm sure you know that no club runs without volunteers from the members. Well, we are no different. We need your help and ideas to stay healthy and strong. So, we will be discussing openings and volunteering on Wednesday. Bring your favorite bottle of wine and your ideas...and of course, be ready to step up and help.

November Meeting – Submitted by Lori

Well, with Wed. night being a bit stormy the turnout for the meeting was only about 15 people, though sometimes it is very nice to just have a few folks. We had three Pinot Gris to taste and two Viogniers to taste. Marj even got out one of her Pinot Gris for us to taste.

Guest Speaker

Doug Tunnell of Brick House Vineyard will be on hand at the December meeting. Doug will be speaking about his organic grapes and the biodynamic principles he uses on his farm. After many years as a successful foreign correspondent for CBS, Doug moved to Germany and developed a taste for white wines. That was the beginning of his passion for wine. Doug then moved to France and spent many weekends exploring different Vineyards. He then heard that Frances Domaine Drouhin winery was buying land in Dundee and that is when he decided to trade in his BMW for a tractor and plant some grapes. Doug bought 40 acres with a Brick house outside of Dundee and in 1990 planted his first vineyards and began growing organic grapes. Doug has taken his commitment to natural farming even further, incorporating biodynamic principles that nurture the entire farm as a living and interrelated system. Brick House was certified Biodynamic in 2005. To learn more about Doug and Brick House Vineyards see his website: WWW.brickhousewines.com.

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party date has change to Saturday, January 13th, 2007. The location is the home of J Fred Holmes at 9345 NW Kaiser Rd., Portland, OR 97231. (503-286-3509. This is a general call for volunteers who have a meat specialty they are willing to share with our group (reimbursable). Email Bill Spiller (bill@nationalrentacomputer.com), he is tracking who is doing what. For the rest of you, please consider:

If your last name begins with A - F, Please bring your favorite Salad

If your last name begins with G - M, Please bring your favorite Vegetable dish

If your last name begins with N - Z, Please bring your favorite Dessert.

You should bring enough for 15 to 20 servings

Members cost: \$5.00 per person

Non-members: \$10.00 per person

**December 6th Meeting starts at 7pm... Don't forget your wine glasses.
No Official tasting, just bring your favorite wine to share.**

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Westside Wine Club Leadership Team – 2006

- **President and Secretary : Lori Prichard and Henry Morgan**
 - Set agenda for the year
 - Establish leadership team
 - Assure that objectives for the year are met
 - Set up and run meetings
 - Monthly newsletter
 - Communicate regularly about club activities and issues
 - Collect dues and fees
 - Pay bills
- **Chairwoman of Education: Nancy Davis**
 - Sets agenda of topics for year
 - Arranges for speakers for our meetings
 - Develops topics of interest as they arise throughout the year
- **Chairmen of Winery Tours: Different in 2006**
 - Selects wineries to visit
 - Arranges for tours
 - Covers logistics (food and money)
 - Winery Tour 1 – **David Rizzo**
 - Winery Tour 2 – **Craig Bush**
 - Winery Tour 3 with picnic lunch - **Craig Bush**
- **Chairs for Social Events: Bill Spiller & Miriam Schnepf**
 - Holiday Party – **Hosted by Bill and Jane Spiller**
 - Summer picnic – **Hosted by Don and Linda Stradley**
 - Awards Gala – Lead: **Randall & Mary Frances Vermer**
- **Chairmen of Group Purchases**
 - Chandler Reach Vineyard – **Fabian Radulescu**
 - Del Rio Vineyard – **Craig Bush**
 - Supplies – **These should be passed to the President for distribution**
 - The chairperson with the leads makes the arrangements to purchase, collect, and distribute.
- **Chairwoman of Competitions: Miriam Schnepf**
 - Work with Washington County Fair staff
 - Encourage club participation in County Fair
 - **President will be the contact for the Oregon State Fair.**
- **Chairmen of Tastings: Ed Sienkiewicz & Roger Brown**
 - Review and improve club tasting procedures
 - “Train” club members
 - Conduct club tastings
- **Chairman of Membership Directory: Bill Spiller**
- **Webmaster: David Ladd**