



# Westside Wine Club

## April 2006 Newsletter

### 2006 Calendar

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Holiday Party

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
John Bell

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Bordeaux

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Portland Wine Storage  
306 SE Ash St

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Other Reds  
Tours

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Speaker

**July TBD**  
Picnic

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Pinot Noir

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Awards Gala

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Other Whites

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Pinot Gris - Viognier

**December TBD**  
Speaker

**Next Meeting: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:00PM**

**Place: Portland Wine Storage**

**Food: Lori Prichard**

**Web Site: [www.westsidewineclub.com](http://www.westsidewineclub.com)**

### April Meeting

We are at a new venue this month. We are touring the Portland Wine Storage facility at 306 SE Ash St. The owners Joe Padulo and Tom Harvey along with the help of Andrea Shirk (a member of WSWC) will explain their business, give us a tour, talk about the growing demand for properly cellared wine, and of course, the long-term benefits of properly stored wine. Joe says, "What happens inside the bottle over time can seem like magic. While many factors determine how a wine will be down the road, some are easily controlled. For the short term, ideal storage conditions don't seem to have much effect. In the three to five year period, wines that have rested comfortably usually show their best features as well as the direction they are headed. It's around the 10 year mark where proper storage conditions prove their worth. Great wines (with structure) can last many decades before decline. I find that older wines taste nothing like their younger selves and the only way to get that flavor is proper storage and patience".

Joe asks for members to try and dig up older wines that they think are either past prime, approaching prime, or even still babies. If you can account for your wines, and know if they were stored perfectly w/out incident or if there were times of suffering, it would be great to see if it's detectable within the bottle

The address is 306 SE Ash Street, Portland, OR 97214. We are 2 blocks south of the Burnside Bridge, right off of MLK Blvd. You are looking for a green one-story building, labeled "Wine Building" on the facade. There is a doorbell to let us know you are there. Phone number is 503-231-1121. [www.portlandwine.com](http://www.portlandwine.com)

### Minutes from March Meeting

We tasted 12 good Bordeaux style wines with the new the 'Panel Judge' format. All indications were that the format was a success. Thanks to Roger Brown for setting this up and running a great tasting and judging. I for one, learned a bit in identifying wine characteristics. AND...thanks to Marj, Jack, and Fabian for being on hot seat (our panel of judges). We will need judge volunteers for future tasting, please let Roger know. Roger notes that the scorecards showed David Middendorf took first place with an average score of 16.3 with his Cab/Merlot blend. The next three runner ups were basically tied with a 14.2 average and were Gene Lynard, Barb Thompson and Randall Vemer. If you weren't there, ask a fellow member about Jack's hot tip of the night.

### Newport Wine Festival

Congratulations to winners at the 2006 Newport Seafood and Wine Festival. Looks like Randall Vemer, Roger Brown, Larry Larson, Ed Sienkiewicz, and Gary Fuqua all came home with awards!

**Welcome** to new member Susan Lawrence. Susan joined at the March Meeting.

**Wine Bottles:** Scott Bennett (in SW Portland) has a dozen used yellowtail shiraz bottles every month and rather than leaving them to be broken up in recycling, does anyone have a need for these in their home wine making? Contact: [sbennett@sdao.com](mailto:sbennett@sdao.com)

See you at the meeting... and don't forget your wine glasses.

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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**