



# Westside Wine Club

March 2006 Newsletter

**Next Meeting: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 at 7:00PM**

**Place:** Oak Knoll Winery

**Food:** Dan Shattuck

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

## 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

## Minutes from February Meeting

What a meeting! Many thanks to John Bell, the winemaker and sole owner of Willis Hall, LLC for an inspired discussion of "Terroir – A Taste of a Place". John is an experienced winemaker who hasn't forgotten his amateur roots. John's working definition of "Terroir" is: a term encompassing all of the natural elements that affect the flavors and quality of wine grapes. In broad terms, this is can be an entire region, like 'Red Mountain' or in micro-terms, this can be even a block or row within a vineyard. What I found most exciting was getting taste wines made from the same vineyard's fruit but by different winemakers. We definitely agreed that Terroir exists and proved that in addition to the natural elements affecting a wine's overall taste and quality, the enological practices of the winemaker also make big differences in the wine. You can visit John's Willis Hall website at [www.willishall.com/home.html](http://www.willishall.com/home.html)

## March Meeting Tasting

Its Bordeaux time! Get your Bordeaux-style varietals ready for tasting. And Roger says "I certainly wouldn't object if we have some unofficial red blends also". We will be trying something a little different for this tasting. The plan is to have a group of 3 "judges" who will taste and score "blind" one wine at a time. Concurrently the rest of the club will also score. We then declare whose wine it is and will listen to the official scores and judges' comments. Then the rest of the club can chime in with questions and comments. Remember, the purpose is not just judging and tasting but learning how to improve our winemaking skills by listening to critiques from others and discovering what caused certain flaws.

## General News Items

Only about half of the 2005 members have renewed. Let's get those membership dues paid. The dues are very reasonable at only \$15 for individuals and \$25 for couples. Checks and Cash are both acceptable forms of payment. You can still mail directly to me, your gracious Sec/Treasurer at:

Henry Morgan

14560 SW Forest Glen Lane

Sherwood, OR 97140

***SEE YOU AT THE MEETING,  
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**