

# The Grapevine

JUNE Program  
June 19, 2013

RED Bordeaux varietal  
evaluations

**Sacramento Home Winemakers (SHW)** monthly meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month starting at 7 PM, upstairs at the Turn Verein located at 3349 J Street in midtown Sacramento. For more information on SHW membership, meetings and activities, visit: [www.sachomewine.org](http://www.sachomewine.org)

**Our June 19th meeting is dedicated to the evaluation of our 2012 red Bordeaux varietal home wines. The five red Bordeaux varietals are: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. Please do not bring any other vintage for evaluations; this is one way we are able to control the number of wines being submitted for evaluation. Thanks so much for your cooperation. We are very fortunate to have as this evening's evaluators Chik Brenneman, Winemaker and Wine Manager for UC Davis's Viticulture Department and Craig Haarmeyer, Winemaker for Revolution Winery, our own urban winery.**

**Please bring two 750ml bottles of your wine and hand them over to Cellarmaster Henry Wilkinson by 6:45pm. Be prepared to give a brief description of how you made your wine and be prepared to receive helpful comments from our evaluators.**

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**Bob Peak and Jason Fernandez—2012 Red Bordeaux Wine Evaluations**

Presidential Musings  
By Gary Young  
SHW President



Dear Fellow Members,

**"The Sacramento Home Winemakers Club - BLOG SITE"**

I was just reviewing what must be one of the more fabulous features that the Club makes available to ALL OF US: **"THE SHW BLOG"**.

I just want and need to say - **"WOW"**.

If you haven't been reading it - - **YOU SHOULD READ IT.**

**Judy** Pinegar and **Gin** Yang have been doing a great job in maintaining and expanding this site that provides on-going information about SHW Club activities as well as wine making specific items such as: grape sources, educational opportunities and wine making tips and ideas

**THIS IS A GREAT RESOURCE!**

**"JUNE JUBILEE"**

I'm happy to report on yet another successful Club event: this year 121 wines were judged and awards handed out. In excess of 100 club members, family and friends joined the afternoon's Bar-B-Q and tastings of the wines from the morning's judging. (For further information and photos, see the June 4, 2013 Club Blog on our website.) (See, I'm already using our Club Resources!)

Actually, what I especially want to do is take this opportunity to thank the many club members whose combined efforts made the JUBILEE the success it was. Thank you ALL!!

I also want to encourage all members to join in working on our club activities: **MANY HANDS MAKE LESS WORK - AND BETTER EVENTS.**

**WINEMAKER MAGAZINE - - 2013 WINE CLUB OF THE YEAR.**

SHW had the distinction of being named the Wine Club of the Year - - for the second year in a row. Congratulations to all the club members who participated and won the medals that brought the title "home" again.

I particularly want to recognize the accomplishments of Rex Johnston & Barbara Bentley who garnered 14 of the 35 medals awarded to SHW members. In addition, they earned the honor of being named "Winemaker of the Year".

(For full details see the May 21, 2013 SHW Blog.)

**Cheers To All:**

**- Gary Young**

## 2013 JUNE JUBILEE COMPETITION RESULTS

### 2013 Jubilee – 121 Wines Judged

SHW's annual Jubilee wine competition and picnic was on the grounds of Pinegar Ranch in Loomis on June. Over 100 picnickers wined and dined on wines, tri-tip, and potluck dishes.

Judging the 121 wine entries took almost 5 hours, 24 flights, 12 judges/4 panels of 3 judges each, a dozen cellar rats, 2 data gurus, 4 clerks, and a bunch of coordinators and assistants. Below are the Best of Show and best of division winners:

**Best of Show - 2012 Viognier**  
**Dave Hicks**

**Best White Wine - 2012 Viognier**  
**Dave Hicks**



**Best Red Wine - 2011 Petite Sirah**  
Terry Piazza-Perham, George Smith, Roberta Sparkman

**Best Rosé/Blush Wine - 2012 Primitivo**  
Carl Sweet

**Best Fruit/Exotic Wine - 2012 Wild Blackberry**  
Rex Johnston and Barbara Bentley

**Best Dessert Wine - 2009 Blackberry Port**  
Donna Bettencourt

Here is the wine entry stats:

Wines				Awards					
Div	Wine	# Wines Entered	% of Entries	Double-Gold	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Honorable Mention	No Award
1	White	20	17%	1	1	11	4	2	5
2	Red	87	72%	7	7	45	15	9	0
3	Rose/Blush	6	5%	1	0	2	1	1	1
4	Sparkling	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Fruit	4	3%	2	1	0	0	1	0
6	Dessert	4	3%	0	2	2	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>
	% awards			9%	9%	50%	17%	11%	5%

Congratulations to all! A complete list of awards is a part of this newsletter.

**2013 SHW Jubilee Best of Show and Best of Division Winners**



**Best of Show and Best of Division winners pictured with Chief Judge Mike Touchette and Jubilee Coordinator Judy Pinegar; clockwise starting from top: Dave Hicks, Rex Johnston, Donna Bettencourt, Terry Piazza-Perham**



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**2013 SHW PROGRAM CALENDAR**

**June 19—Red Bordeaux Varietal Evaluations with Chik Brenneman, UC Davis Enology Department, and Craig Haarmeyer of Revolution Winery, Sacramento, California.**

**July 17—Rex Johnston, current Winemaker Magazine International Amateur Winemaker of the Year, SHW member, and winner of many Best of Show awards for his fruit wines will give a presentation on the “Art of Fruit Winemaking”.**

**August 3—Winemaking 101 Class**

**August 21—Tim Osson, Guzmer Enterprises presenting on yeast, yeast nutrients, and filtration techniques**

**September 18—We will have two presenters this evening. John Hyde, Restaurant and Winery Consultant to 26 Brix Restaurant, will speak on “The Importance of Branding for Success in Making the Transition to the Commercial Market”. Barbara Bentley, SHW member, and award winning home winemaker and wine label maker will present on “Designing and Printing Labels for Home Winemakers.”**

**October 16— Presentation of gold medal home wines and 2012 Varietal Focus Group presentations**

**November—Harvest Dinner**

**November 13th—Annual Meeting, travelogue, and dessert/sparkling and fruit wine evaluations**

**December 15—Holiday Party**

**2013 Jubilee – Thanks to the Volunteers**

It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to coordinate the Club’s annual Jubilee. Many thanks to: Judy Pinegar, Jubilee Coordinator; Shannon Shackelford, Assistant Jubilee Coordinator; Chief Judge Mike Touchette; Assistant Chief Judge Joy Smathers; 12 Judges; Cellar Master Henry Wilkinson; assistant cellar masters Donna Bettencourt and Bill Staehlin; cellar rats Seth Brunner, Vickie Rosalli, Linda Clevenger, Thad Rodgers Tom Montgomery, Rex Johnston, Sonia Baron, Julia Newcomb, Bob Summersett, Mark Buchholtz, Holly Heggli and John Lymath; Data Managers Sandy Sakata and Mike Skeels; Head Clerk Gin Yang; clerks Helen Frisch, Barbara Bentley, Fred Millar and Deb Moretton; and to the others who helped out.

Special thanks: to Head Chef Joe McGillivray and Chef Manuel; the clean-up crews before and after the event, and extra special appreciation to Judy Pinegar for sharing her beautiful home, pool, barn and grounds.

## Winemaking 101 August 3, 2013

All new and very novice winemakers are invited to SHW's Winemaking 101. The 4-hour workshop provides you the basics in white and red wine making. We'll cover the wine making process including terminology, equipment, supplies and chemicals, and where to find what.

The outside event starts mid-morning (details to follow) in Elverta. The workshop is free to SHW members; \$20 per person for non-SHW members (workshop fee is waived if joining SHW at event). Contact Henry Wilkinson to reserve your seat: [hbwilkinson@jps.net](mailto:hbwilkinson@jps.net) and (916) 997-3056; or Gin Yang: [ginyangstaehlin@yahoo.com](mailto:ginyangstaehlin@yahoo.com) an (916) 217-0294. Seats are limited.

For members only: to complete your beginning winemaking experience, new winemakers are encouraged to join the Beginners Varietal Focus Group. This group will be led by Henry Wilkinson and Gin yang-Staehlin; the group's grape varietal is yet undecided. The beginning winemaker's focus group starts with procuring the grapes and crushing together, then fermenting individually; we'll guide you through the steps.

Space is limited for this group so sign-up soon. Henry and Gin's contact info is listed above

### 2013 SHW JUNE JUBILEE



## MEMBER RESOURCES

<b>Winemaking and Vineyard Mentors</b>	<b>Contact Mentor Coordinator Bill Staehlin and he'll match you up with a mentor. bill.staehlin@sbcglobal.net; 916 216-1753</b>
<b>Club Equipment Rental</b>	<b>See list on right for information to borrow the Club's destemmer-crusher, press, and filter.</b>
<b>Oak Cubes for Ageing</b>	<b>Contact Bill Staehlin; contact info above.</b>
<b>SHW Logo Wine Glasses</b>	<b>Contact Fred Millar to purchase SHW logo wine glasses (see below for contact Information)</b>
<b>SHW LogoWear Polo Shirts &amp; Caps</b>	<b>Contact Fred Millar for more information. Fredmillar1@gmail.com; 915 576-9596</b>
<b>Club's Web Site</b>	<b>www.sachomewine.org</b>

## CLUB EQUIPMENT

Club equipment can be borrowed by SHW members. Reservations are handled on a first come, first served basis with a signed "Release Agreement" on file.

Destemmer-Crusher

Contact:

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Filter

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Please note that there is a \$5 per use fee for the filter, and a \$10 fee for the crusher-destemmer. No fee for the club press.

## Winemaking tasks for june

- \*Scout for grape sources
- \*Get together with our SHW members to source wine grapes together
- \*Check SO2 levels and airlocks
- \*Moderate the hot weather in your winery
- \*Concut bench trial for blends
- \*Add oak
- \*Inventory equipment and supplies for the coming harvest