



The Grapevine

AUGUST PROGRAM
August 21

Yeast, Yeast Blends, and
Nutrients

Sacramento Home Winemakers (SHW) monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting at 7 PM, upstairs at the Turn Verein located at 3349 J Street in mid-town Sacramento. For more information on SHW membership, meetings and activities, visit:

www.sachomewine.org

We are fortunate to have Tim Ossun, from Gusmer Enterprises, presenting winemaking products including yeast, yeast blends and nutrients. He will be making a Powerpoint presentation followed by a question and answer session. This is the time to prepare for the 2013 harvests--invest in your winemaking products with a better understanding of how to get the results you are looking for! Be prepared with pen and paper to take notes!

Sonia Baron
Co-Vice President



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President's
Message
By Gary Young
SHW President



Our globetrotting president
sends this message

"Winetasting in Wenatchee,
Washington. Good luck on
the crush!"

Cheers, Gary!

2013 Winemaking 101 A CRUSHING SUCCESS!

Winemaking 101 – August 3, 2013

This summer's workshop was a big one as 45 aspiring winemakers converged at the beautiful estate of SHW members Carol Clark and Sonia Baron for Winemaking 101. Most participants were future wine-makers, some made wine long ago in their grandfather's basement, and a few showed up just because.

The WM 101 crew talked chemistry, supplies, equipment, and best practices. Complementing the experience were equipment demonstrations on the use of care of Club equipment, and a vineyard walk checking out the netted vines. (The birds love the berries as much as Sonia does.)

We snacked our way through the day, lunched on grilled burgers and dogs hosted by Sonia and Carol, and tasted numerous wines. Cellar Master Henry Wilkinson brought his 2 versions of 2012 albarino to demonstrate the difference in the wines *with* and *without* ML conversion. We got to know each other more while enjoying the shade and the easy day.

The Club's appreciation to the WM 101 crew for sharing their winemaking knowledge and experience: J.D. Phelps, Judy Pinegar, Bill Staehlin, Donna Bettencourt, J Page, Sonia Baron, Henry Wilkinson, and Gin Yang. Thanks to Steve Barrett, Tom Engel, and Shannon Shackelford for supporting the team.

Thanks to the participants and WM 101 crew for bringing a wide variety of snack and wines, and for helping restore the grounds to pre-101 condition.

And special thanks to the event's generous hosts, Sonia Baron and Carol Clark!



Share your photos of WM 101 on Sacramento Home Winemakers facebook page.

SHW harvest dinner
November 2, 2013

SHW members, mark your calendars! November 2nd we will have our annual harvest dinner at Frasinetti's Winery in South Sacramento. A small remnant of what was once a 400 acre vineyard founded in 1897, Frasinetti's is a winery with a wonderful restaurant and bar adjacent to their tasting room opening to us at 5:30. The banquet room at the restaurant opens at 6:30. Dinner will be buffet style and is \$43.50 per person which includes tax and gratuity - check out the attached menu. The cork fee has been waived so please feel free to bring your homemade wines to enjoy and share.

The winery/restaurant is located off Florin Rd at:

7395 Frasinetti Rd, Sacramento, 9582

Please bring your payment to the next monthly meeting and give to Treasure Mike Touchette or mail to the SHW mailbox (PO Box 894, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741) by Oct 16th.

See you then!

Sonia J. Baron

SHW Co-Vice President

2013 SHW PROGRAM CALENDAR

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 ,will speak on "The Importance of Branding for Success in Making the Transition to the Commerical 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 2—Harvest Dinner, 5:30 pm Frasinetti Winery and Restaurant (See Page 3 for details)

November 20th—Annual Meeting and Elections, travelogue, and dessert/sparkling and fruit wine evaluations

December 15—Holiday Party, Delta King in Old Sacramento

2013 Crush Shirts for Sale!! Fundraiser

SHOW SUPPORT FOR YOUR LOCAL WINE CLUB !!

2013 SHW "crush" t-shirts are now for sale. Show your hobby off and support your club at the same time. Prices are \$20 each and carry the SHW Logo and the byline "2013 Home Winemaker Club of the Year" on the front, and a playful phrase on the back. All sizes are currently available in either the grey shirt with purple lettering, or the purple shirt with white lettering. There is also a women's cut T-shirt in the ever popular pistachio color.



Donna and Fred will be selling them at the August and September club meetings. Don't wait too long to purchase your shirt as they go fast! Wear them during the crush and press and show your true colors during the harvest!

SHW CLUB LEADERSHIP

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President—Gary Young, gycats@earthlink.net
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 Fred Millar
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MEMBER RESOURCES

**Winemaking and
Vineyard Mentors**

Contact Mentor Coordinator Bill Staehlin and he'll match you up with a mentor.

bill.staehlin@sbcglobal.net; 916 216-1753

**Club Equipment
Rental**

See list on right for information to borrow the Club's destemmer-crusher, press, and filter.

**Oak Cubes for Age-
ing**

Contact Bill Staehlin; contact info above.

**SHW Logo Wine
Glasses**

Contact Fred Millar to purchase SHW logo wine glasses (see below for contact Information)

**SHW LogoWear
Polo Shirts & Caps
Crush Shirts**

**Contact Fred Millar for more information.
Fredmillar1@gmail.com; 915 576-9596**

Club's Web Site

www.sachomewine.org

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:

Andy Walter, 916 955-6373
andrew.walter@sbcglobal.net

Basket Press

Contact:

Lynn Keay, 916 969-4924
lynn.keay@gmail

Filter

Contact:

Donna Bettencourt, 916 454-5487, betten-
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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 AUGUST

- *Harvest your white wine grapes; crush and press
- *Make last minute arrangements to purchase grapes; check out our website.
- *Check SO2 levels and airlocks on your 2012 grapes
- *Continue to moderate the hot weather in your winery
- *Conduct bench trial for blends of your 2012 wines
- *Add oak to your 2012 wines
- *Inventory equipment and supplies for the coming harvest. Purchase your chosen yeasts, yeasts nutrients, and other important chemicals and additives. They sell out fast this time of year.