



**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 mid-town Sacramento. For more information on SHW membership, meetings and activities, visit:

[www.sachomewine.org](http://www.sachomewine.org)

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# The Grapevine

OCTOBER PROGRAM  
OCTOBER 16

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS AND  
2012 VARIETAL FOCUS  
GROUP PRESENTATIONS

The October SHW program will be devoted to the presentation of members' 2013 Gold Medal winning wines. Gold medal winners will share their wine and their wine-making process. Those who were fortunate to have won gold during 2013 are encouraged to bring 2 bottles of their award winning wines, and be prepared to share how you produced your wine.

Also, we will be presenting the wines of the 2012 Varietal Focus Groups. These include the Chardonnay from Bogle, the Touriga Nacional with St. Amant, and the Beginner's Zinfandel from Amador Cellars. Members are to bring one bottle of their wines for presentation at tables set up around the periphery of the room. Rumor has it that several of the grape growers /winemakers will be present as well.

## 2013 PROGRAM CALENDAR

October 16—Gold Medal Winners and 2012 Varietal Focus Group Presentations

November 2—Harvest Dinner, 5:30pm Frasinetti's Winery

November 20—Annual Meeting, Elections, and Dessert, Fruit, and Sparkler Evaluations

December 15—Christmas Party, Delta King in Old Sacramento

## 2013 SHW HOME WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Remember to turn in your application for Home Winemaker of the Year by November 30, 2013 to Chief Judge, Donna Bettencourt. E-mail to [betten-court1045@softcom.net](mailto:betten-court1045@softcom.net), or send to: 5208 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820.

The application form can be found on the SHW website under "Member Resources" at [www.sachomewine.org](http://www.sachomewine.org)

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 for members; \$48.50 for non-SHW members including tax and gratuity - check out the menu below. The corkage 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 October monthly meeting and give to Treasure Mike Touchette or mail to the SHW mailbox (PO Box 894, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741) **by Oct 16th.**

## 2013 HARVEST DINNER MENU

### Appetizers

Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette

Fresh Seasonal Fruit Platter

Imported and Domestic Cheeses

Crab and Artichoke Baguettes

Shrimp in Puff Pastry

### Main Course

Penne Napleon

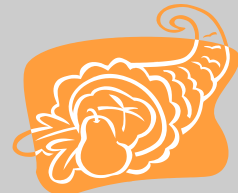
Grilled Chicken Marsala

Baked Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce

Braised Beef Delmonico

### Dessert

Cheesecake with Raspberry Melba Sauce



## 2014 Membership Dues

Beginning in November, SHW will be accepting 2014 memberships. Next year's dues are \$50 per household. SHW is a non-profit club run solely by volunteers and your support. Dues are applied to the Club's expenses including meeting room rent, insurance, PO Box, monthly speaker costs, printing, equipment purchases and repairs, and the other necessities used to bring you technical programs and activities.

The benefits of membership include:

- The Grapevine, the Club's monthly newsletter delivered to your fingertips;
- a year's subscription of WineMaker Magazine sent via USPS if renewing or joining by March 1, 2014;
- having your wines evaluated by wine education and industry professionals;
- competing in SHW's Jubilee, a members only wine competition;
- access to Club events and activities;
- special pricing on SHW events and discounts at select winemaking-related vendors;
- email notifications on the latest winemaking happenings including grapes for sale and ad hoc opportunities; and
- enjoying the camaraderie of fellow home winemakers.

Thank you for your support! If you have membership questions, please contact membership co-chairs Fred Millar at (916) 576-9596 and [fredmillar1@gmail.com](mailto:fredmillar1@gmail.com) or Gin Yang at (916) 217-0294 and [ginyang-staehlin@yahoo.com](mailto:ginyang-staehlin@yahoo.com).



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY IS COMING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013!**

The Club's December meeting will once again celebrate the annual SHW Holiday Party on board the Delta King Riverboat in Old Sacramento. The party begins at 4:00 PM with appetizers, no host bar, followed by a holiday fare dinner, desserts and presentations. More on the Holiday Party in upcoming e-mails and the November Newsletter!

Once again, we are asking members to solicit items for the traditional silent auction. Wine-related items, mini-vacations, baskets of your wine, etc. are always in demand. Stand by for the name of the lucky Silent Auction Coordinator.



**BUON VINO SUPERJET FILTERS NOW AVAILABLE WITH FILTER RENTAL!!**

As a convenience to Club members, we have purchased a large lot of filter pads for use with the rental of our Club filter. Coarse, medium, and sterile are available for purchase for \$6 per set of three filter pads. Contact Donna Bettencourt ([bettencourt1045@softcom.net](mailto:bettencourt1045@softcom.net), (916) 548-3199) if you would like to rent the filter and/or purchase filters.

## 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 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

Co-Vice Presidents—Sonia Baron, sonibaron@hotmail.com, and John Avila, mail@john-avila.com

Secretary—JD Phelps, jd.phelps@gmail.com

Treasurer—Mike Touchette, pinotsyrah@yahoo.com

Past President —Donna Bettencourt, bettencourt1045@softcom.net

### Appointed Positions

Membership Co-Chairs—Gin Yang-Staehlin, ginyang-staehlin@yahoo.com, and Fred Millar, fredmillar1@gmail.com

Chief Judge—Donna Bettencourt

Cellarmaster—Henry Wilkinson, hbwilkinson@jps.net

Webmaster/Club Competition Coordinator—Judy Pinegar

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Newsletter Editor—Donna Bettencourt, bettencourt1045@softcom.net

Community Relations - Gin Yang-Staehlin and John Avila

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Past 5 Presidents)

Mike Touchette, Chair      Gary Young

Fred Millar

Lynn Keay

Donna Bettencourt

Gary Young

## SHW Winemaker of the year competition

The purpose of the Winemaker of the Year award is to encourage excellence in wine-making among all Club members. The best measure of excellence is the opinion of qualified judges in a structured competition environment. Accordingly, the following criteria were adopted by the Executive Board on July 1, 2009, and amended in October of 2012.

### Winemaker of the Year Selection Criteria

(Competition Entry Forms on SHW website: [www.sachomewine.org](http://www.sachomewine.org))

The annual winner of the **Winemaker of the Year** award shall be the candidate who accrues the most Total Points in the Award Year as follows:

- Candidates for this award must be members of SHW, Inc. in good standing who are not the owners, winemakers or employees of licensed commercial winemaking concerns, except as set forth below.
- Candidates who are owners, winemakers or employees of commercial winemaking concerns, but who are otherwise qualified, may submit wines for competition provided that such wines were made and bottled prior to the effective date of their winegrowers license.
- Candidates must certify that the wines they submit for competition are 100% home made wines created by the candidate without any hands-on assistance from a commercial winemaking concern as described above. Consultation with commercial winemakers and educators is encouraged by the Club.
- Candidates must compete in a minimum of three (3) recognized wine competitions during the Award Year. Regardless of the number of competitions entered, the results of only three competitions (selected by the candidate) may be entered in the Winemaker of the Year competition.
- Among the competitions entered, one must be the SHW Jubilee and one must be the California State Fair. For the 2013 competition, the Orange County Fair is substituted for the California State Fair.
- The "Award Year" extends from December 1<sup>st</sup> of the prior calendar year to November 30<sup>th</sup> of the subject calendar year.
- A competition is considered to have been in the Award Year if the actual judging is conducted and medals awarded during the Award Year.
- Candidates must enter a minimum of two separate and distinct wines (i.e. different varietal or different vintage) in each competition.

Excluding wine scores in the case of multiple entries: The following measures are intended to encourage club members to enter multiple wines in competition:

When four wines are entered in any competition, the score of one wine may be excluded from the Winemaker of the Year competition.

When five wines are entered in any competition, the score of up to two wines may be excluded from the Winemaker of the Year competition.

When more than five wines are entered in any competition, the score of up to three wines may be excluded from the Winemaker of the Year competition.

Points will be awarded as follows:

**No award - 0**

**Honorable Mention -- 10**

**Bronze Award -- 20**

**Silver Award -- 30**

**Gold Award -- 40**

**Double-Gold Award - 50**

**Best Varietal, Best Red, Best White, Best Dessert, Best Fruit,**

**Best Sparkling Wine, or Best Other - 20 additional points**

**(Note 1: A wine may win in more than one category, i.e. Best Merlot and Best Red, in which case 40 points would be awarded).**

**(Note 2: The fact that the award may be termed, "Best of Show, Red", etc. does not qualify it for Best of Show points as outlined below).**

**Best of Show (for those competitions which award a SINGLE Best of Show medal) - 40 additional points**

**Points ÷ Number of Entries = Average Points**

**(Note: Wine(s) excluded from scoring do not count as an Entry)**

**Total Points: The sum total of all Average Points from all three competitions entered.**

**The Winemaker of the Year is the candidate who earns the most Total Points.**

- Candidates will be provided forms which will guide the calculation of the Total Point score.
- The Chief Judge will verify all competitive entries and submit the top scorer to the President for approval.
- The scores of the top five finishers will be publicized to all Club members.

## 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 Ageing**

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 (Large/Small)*

Contact:

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

*Filter*

Contact:

**Donna Bettencourt, 916 454-5487, betten-  
court1045@softcom.net  
betten-  
court1045@softcom.net**

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 OCTOBER

- \*Harvest your red wine grapes; crush and press.
- \*Make last minute arrangements to purchase grapes; check out our website.
- \*Monitor primary and secondary fermentations.
- \*Cold stabilize your white wines, if desired.
- \*Bottle 2011 and 2012 wines to make room in storage vessels.

