

July 2014

# The Grapevine

Newsletter for  
the Sacramento Home Winemakers

SHW Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 7pm, 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)

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## Program Overview - July 16, 2014

SHW's July meeting will cover *Oxygen and Oxidation*; the good and bad of oxygen in the winemaking process. Bob Peak will be presenting on this topic and comes to us from The Beverage People out of Santa Rosa, CA. With a B.S. in chemistry from Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California, Bob served as General Manager at Vinquiry, the well-known Sonoma County wine laboratory, for three and a half years before arriving at The Beverage People. Bob also maintains the a winemaking blog at WineMaker Magazine titled [Bob's World of Wine](#).

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## President's Message

For those of you who don't know, the Sacramento Home Winemakers lost two of its dear members in late June. Gerald Cresci and Lloyd Baken passed away within days of each other. Both were true contributors to SHW, each in their own ways.

Gerald Cresci was a teacher. When I would offer my wine to him for evaluation, he would always ask, before even sniffing it, "What was your intention?" He would then lead you in a series of questions that, in the end, revealed your skills and knowledge, or lack of it, in making this wine. Sometimes, you would even admit to yourself that you really had no intention at all when you set out to make this wine. If his intention in life was to be a teacher, a war hero, a grape grower, a family man, and a fine home winemaker, then I am certain he lived up to his intentions.

Lloyd Baken was a life-long learner. As far as home winemaking, he desperately wanted to make good home wine. He would often offer up a sample of his wine to me and ask, "What did I do wrong?" By last harvest, he was making some very nice wines and I think that he was proud of that. He was also a contributor to his community, a beloved family man, and a dear member of our SHW family.

I have to believe that they are both up in heaven, and God is asking them what their intentions were in life. God is assuring them that they did indeed live an intentional life, with purpose and direction. And, I also believe that they are sharing their home wines with God and getting his/her input.

Please join us at the July 16th monthly program meeting where we will toast both of these gentleman, as we welcome back Bob Peak who will speak on the topic of "Oxygen and Oxygenation".

Happy Winemaking,

Donna Bettencourt  
SHW President



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## 2014 SHW Jubilee



The SHW June Jubilee was a Fantastic Success (again)!!

The BEST of SHOW and Best of Red went to Steve Barrett for his 2012 100% Merlot! Yeah Steve! Best of Fruit and Best of White went to Rex Johnson and Barbara Bentley for the 2013 Elephant Heart Plum with 8% RS and the dry 2013 Verdelho respectively. Steven and Maria Tankersley won Best of Dessert wines for his 2012 Syrah Port.

There were no entries in the Rose and Sparkling wine categories (hint hint for next year).

Overall it was a great year with 174 wines judged, our club members won 8 (4.6%) Double Golds (when all 3 judges initially think it is a Gold), and 29, or 16.7% golds! Silver category went to 72 wines, a full 41.4 % of our wines. There were 49 Bronzes awarded, or 28.1 % of our wines. Although there were 16 "No Awards" this year, that figure was greatly inflated because the Honorable Mention Category was inadvertently deleted from the judging sheets. So if you got one of those no awards, and there was no major fault listed, you should really consider it an Honorable Mention. All No Awards typically must have a fault identified by the judges. So don't be discouraged, but try again next year when the judging sheet is corrected! There are really too many people to thank for this smooth flowing event, cellar Rats, Clerks, Judges and Helpers all worked as a team to make it work. Thank You All.



The June Jubilee was another success, the 174 wines were mostly consumed, and the picnic went without a hitch. Thanks all who brought food, and John Lewis for the wonderful meat and beans. The rest of the awards are listed in the attached document by winemaker in alpha order, and we hope to have all ribbons, medallions and the rosettes for the "Best Of's" at the July 16, 2014 SHW Meeting, so please come to retrieve yours!

Master Award Report by  
Winemaker: SHW 2014

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**Paul / Nancy BALDWIN**

1.7 Miscellaneous White - D Verdelho2013Silver

1.1 Chenin Blanc2013Gold

2.7 Barbera2011No Award

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon2012Silver

**Sonia / Carol BARON / CLARK**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Touriga Dry2013Gold

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Merlot, Cab Franc, Syrah2013Silver

1.2 Sauvignon Blanc Dry2013Silver

1.3 Chardonnay Dry2013Silver

**Steve / Mary BARRETT**

2.5 Petite Sirah 75% PS 15% Mer 10% Gren. Dry2011Silver

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 90% Mal 5%merlot 5% Pet Sirah Dry2013Bronze

2.6 Cabernet Franc 100% Dry2012Gold

1.7 Miscellaneous White - D Albarino Verdelho 50/50 Dry2012Bronze

2.3 Merlot 100% Dry2012Gold

**Donna BETTENCOURT**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Dry Malbec2011Silver

2.11 R. Rhone Blend Dry Grenache 65% Mour 25% Sy

10%

2012No Award

1.3 Chardonnay Dry2013No Award

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1.7 Miscellaneous White - D Dry Verdelho2013Bronze

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Mourvedre Dry2012Silver

**Larry / Beth CARDUCCI**

2.7 Barbera Dry2011Gold

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 50% Barb 25% Pet Syrah 25% Syrah Bronze

**Angie / Nick CASSIDY**

5.3 Berry - specify Blueberry 100%2014Silver

**Linda / Seth CLEVINGER/BRUNNER**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 66% Cab Sauv. 32% Pet Sir

2011Gold

**Jeff / Michelle COWAN**

2.7 Barbera 100% Dry2012Gold

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 100% Dry2012Bronze

**Bruce / Barbara CURRIE**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 100% Dry2013No Award

**Danette DAVIS**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 100% Tempranillo2012Silver

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 100% cab2011Bronze

**Kevin / Krista FERNS**

2.3 Merlot 100% Dry2012Bronze

2.1 Pinot Noir 100% Dry2012Bronze

2.4 Zinfandel 100% Dry2012Gold

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2.5 Petite Sirah 100% Dry2012Bronze

**Dennis / Yvonne GARRETT**

2.5 Petite Sirah 100% Dry2012No Award

**Wayne / Daverine GLAZIER**

2.4 Zinfandel2012No Award

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon2011Bronze

**Patricia / Blair GOULD**

2.7 Barbera Dry2012Bronze

2.11 R. Rhone Blend 50% gren. 25% mov 25% PS Dry2011Silver

2.11 R. Rhone Blend 40% gren.30% mov 30% PS Dry2011Gold

2.11 R. Rhone Blend 20% gren.20% mov 60% syrah Dry2011Bronze

**Amy / Holly GREGORY / HEGGLI**

2.4 Zinfandel2012Double Gold

1.3 Chardonnay2013Gold

**Terry /Philp Harnick Harper**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 83% Petite Sirah 17% merlot Dry2012Silver

2.1 Pinot Noir Dry2013No Award

1.3 Chardonnay Dry2013Bronze

6.2 Dessert - Fortified - specify 5 portugese Var2013Gold

2.7 Barbera Dry2012Bronze

2.3 Merlot Dry2012Gold

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Tempranillo Dry2012Silver

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2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Petit Verdot Dry2012No Award

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon Dry2012Bronze

**Dave HICKS**

6.1 Dessert - Greater than 3% Botrytis Semillon2012Bronze

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Sangiovese 70% cab Sauv. 30%  
2012Double Gold

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 65% CabS 35% Sang. Dry2009Silver

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 100% Malbec Dry2012Bronze

2.10 R. Bordeaux Blend 50% Cab S 50% mal. Dry2012Bronze

2.5 Petite Sirah Dry2011Silver

1.4 Viognier Dry2013Silver

2.2 Sangiovese Dry2012Gold

**Chris HOADLEY**

2.4 Zinfandel 100% Dry2012Gold

2.4 Zinfandel 100% Dry2012Silver

2.4 Zinfandel 100% Dry2012Bronze

2.5 Petite Sirah 100% Dry2012Bronze

**Rex / Barbara JOHNSTON / BENTLEY**

2.5 Petite Sirah 100% Dry2010Bronze

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Nebbiolo 100% Dry2009Double Gold

5.2 Stone Fruit - specify Elephant Heart plum 8% RS2013Gold

5.1 Seed Fruit - specify Red Raspberry 100% 12% RS2013Silver



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2.10 R. Bordeaux Blend 40% Merlot 40%CS 20%CF

2008Silver

1.7 Miscellaneous White - D Verdelho 100% Dry2013Gold

1.7 Miscellaneous White - D 100% Albarino Dry2013Silver

1.6 W. Rhone Blend 40% Viog 30% Roussan Marsann

Dry

2012Silver

1.3 Chardonnay 100% Dry2011Silver

1.2 Sauvignon Blanc 90% SB 10% Sem Dry2013Gold

5.1 Seed Fruit - specify 100% Marion berry 12% RS2013Silver

2.3 Merlot 100% Dry2012No Award

**Bill KEMPER**

1.3 Chardonnay Dry2012Bronze

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 90% CS 8% mer 2% Pet Ver Dry2011Silver

**Steve / Deb KIES**

2.7 Barbera 85% Bar 10% Zin 5% Psir Dry2012Bronze

2.4 Zinfandel 80% Zin 20% Sy Dry2012Bronze

**Francis / Mike Dimeo LINDSAY**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 64% cab 29% zin 7% pet sir.2011No Award

**Matt / Brooke LONERGAN**

Cla2.7 Barbera Dry2013Gold

**John / Marcie LYMATH**

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2.4 Zinfandel Dry2013Bronze

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Dry2012Silver

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 51% Tempra 49% Cab Sauv Dry2011Silver

**Jim / Mary MARGOLIS**

5.3 Berry - specify Blueberry RS2013Bronze

1.2 Sauvignon Blanc 100% Dry2013Bronze

**Fred MILLAR**

2.7 Barbera Dry2012Silver

2.5 Petite Sirah Dry2010Silver

2.4 Zinfandel Dry2010Silver

2.3 Merlot Dry2011Silver

2.7 Barbera GRE Yeast Dry2012Silver

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon Dry2011Silver

**Pilar MILLAR**

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon Dry2012Silver

2.3 Merlot Dry2012Silver

2.3 Merlot Dry2011Silver

2.2 Sangiovese Dry2013Silver

**Tom / Dawn MONTGOMERY**

2.3 Merlot Dry2012Bronze

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Primitivo Dry2013Silver

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon Dry2012Double Gold

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**Ryan / Shara MURPHY**

1.7 Miscellaneous White - D 2% RS2013No Award

**Tony / Tami OPPEDAHL**

1.3 Chardonnay Dry2013Bronze

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Touriga 100% Dry2012Silver

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Touriga 50% Petit Sirah 50% DryNVGold

**JD / Erin PHELPS / BARTLING**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Touriga Nacional 100% Dry2012Silver

2.8 Syrah 100% Dry2012Gold

2.4 Zinfandel 100% Dry2012Silver

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Tempranillo 100% Dry2012Bronze

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Syrah 56% Touriga 27% Temp 17%

Dry

2012Silver

**Terry PIAZZA-PERHAM**

2.4 Zinfandel 100% Dry2012Gold

2.7 Barbera 100% Dry2012Silver

2.8 Syrah 100% Dry2012Silver

**Judy / John PINEGAR / O'DELL**

5.1 Seed Fruit - specify Apple 100% RS2013Bronze

5.3 Berry - specify Olaberry 100% RS2012Bronze

5.4 Other Fruit - specify Tomato 100% RS2013No Award

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5.4 Other Fruit - specify Catus 100% RS2013Bronze

1.3 Chardonnay 100% Dry2013Silver

**Keith POCH**

2.3 Merlot 100% Dry2009Silver

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 90% CabS 10% merlot Dry2010Silver

2.3 Merlot 100% Dry2010Silver

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 90% CabS 10% merlot Dry2009Double Gold

**Tom / Rebecca RAMME**

2.5 Petite Sirah 100% Dry2012Silver

1.7 Miscellaneous White - D Albarino 100% Dry2012Silver

1.2 Sauvignon Blanc 100% Dry2011Bronze

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 100% Dry2011Silver

2.5 Petite Sirah 100% Dry2012Bronze

2.1 Pinot Noir 100% Dry2011Gold

**Lou / Maria REGO**

2.8 Syrah Dry2012Bronze

2.4 Zinfandel Dry2012Bronze

2.3 Merlot Dry2012Gold

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Tinta Madeira Dry2012Bronze

**Jerry / Krista ROARK**

2.4 Zinfandel 90%Zin 10% PS Dry2012Gold

**Luis / Carolina RODRIGUEZ**

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2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 No Award

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Malbec 2012 No Award

Matt Sainson

2.5 Petite Sirah Dry 2012 Silver

**Bill SEWARD**

2.8 Syrah Syrah 95% Viognier 5% Dry 2012 Silver

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 88% Cab Sauv. 12% petite Syrah Dry 2011 Gold

**Ed SHEPARD**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Dry 2012 No Award

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon Dry 2012 Bronze

2.7 Barbera Dry 2012 Silver

1.3 Chardonnay Dry 2013 Silver

2.4 Zinfandel 50% Zin 50% Zin? 1% RS 2012 Bronze

**Neal / Donna SHLEFFAR / BROWN**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Petite Verdot

Dry

2013 Bronze

2.6 Cabernet Franc Dry 2012 Gold

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Malbec Dry 2013 Bronze

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 30% Petite Verdot 70% petite Syrah

Dry

2012 Silver

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2.10 R. Bordeaux Blend Dry 2012 Silver

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon Dry 2012 Silver

**Michael / Mary Ann Skeels**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Dry Primitivo 2011 Silver

2.4 Zinfandel Dry 2011 No Award

2.10 R. Bordeaux Blend 50% Cab Sav 20% Mer 20% Mal 8% cab Franc 2%  
Petit Verdot Dry

2012 Silver

**Joseph / Lynn SOGGE**

2.8 Syrah Dry 2012 Silver

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2.4 Zinfandel 75% Zin 25% Mourev Dry 2012 Silver

Bill / Gin Staehin / Yang

2.6 Cabernet Franc Dry 2010 Bronze

2.10 R. Bordeaux Blend 55% CS 45% CF Dry 2010 Silver

**Andrew / Elizabeth STANDEVEN**

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Primitivo 2012 Silver

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D Touriga Nacional 2012 Silver

**Bob / Sue SUMMERSETT**

2.8 Syrah Dry 2012 Silver

Maria Stephen Tankersley

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon Dry 2012 Silver

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2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 50% Sangio, 25% Cab Sauv 25%

Merlot Dry

2011 Double Gold

6.2 Dessert - Fortified - specify 100% cab Franc 7% RS2009 Double Gold

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon Dry 2011 Silver

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 35% Sangio, 35% Cab Sauv 15%

Merlot, 10% Cab Franc Dry

2012 Double Gold

**Nick THOMSIC**

2.3 Merlot Dry 2012 Gold

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 80% Cab 10% Pet verd 10% Syrah

Dry

2011 Bronze

2.5 Petite Sirah 100% Dry 2012 Bronze

**Mike THORNBURG**

5.3 Berry - specify Wild Blackberry Port 2012 Silver

2.3 Merlot Dry 100% 2012 Gold

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 100% Tempranillo Dry 2011 Bronze

**Don / Sandra VINSON**

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2.6 Cabernet Franc 100% 2012 Bronze

2.7 Barbera 100% 2012 Silver

2.3 Merlot 100% 2012 Silver

**Henry WILKINSON**

Classification Vintage Description Award

2.11 R. Rhone Blend 50% Syrah 30% Gren 20% Mour Dry 2012 Gold

2.13 Miscellaneous Red - D 70% Pet Sirah 30% Pet. Verd. Dry 2012 Bronze

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 100% Dry 2012 Bronze

2.9 Cabernet Sauvignon 100% Dry 2011 Silver

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Coming Next Month....  
August 2014. Join us for an exciting and informative meeting to be determined!

SHW 2014  
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Register now for the Pre-Harvest dinner at Firebird Restaurant on August 17, 2014: 4:30 PM assembly, 5:00 PM dinner.

No Corkage... Bring your wine! CUT OFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 10, 2014

I/We will be there \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please save \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$25.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

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