



## Minutes of the meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the Lodi Wine & Visitors Center around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. Our membership chair, Linda Kidder, introduced new member: Rich Rostomily, and guests: Blake Bomben (winemaker from Delicato), and Indy (Gus Young's daughter). Also present were Aaron Mosley and Sandi Walker-Tansley from the Lodi Wine Lab (our program speakers for this meeting). Welcome!
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of our April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 meeting were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Tom Hoffman gave the following report. It was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote:  
Revenues: \$173.50 (Dues & shirt)  
Expenses: \$29.85 (WEB page)  
Current Balance: \$2,528.51
4. **Winemaking Calendar:**  
Start scouting for grapes for this year. (Note: we will be publishing a grower list with contact information soon).
5. **Calendar Update:** Dick Vargo gave a brief overview of some of the upcoming events, including the following:  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup>:** *Tour of Wineries in Calaveras County. Contact Dick Vargo if you're interested!*  
**June 4<sup>th</sup>:** *LAVA sponsored SJ Fair Wine competition (judging). LW&VC, 8:30am to 1:30pm.*  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>:** *Jessie's Grove visitation. Jessie's Grove, 7:00pm.*  
**July 15<sup>th</sup>:** *Regular Meeting. LW&VC, 7:00pm. Oak Additions.*
6. **Old Business:**
  - *SJ Fair:* Jerry Manzel gave a status on the upcoming Wine Competition for this coming year's Fair. Although several volunteers have signed up, Jerry can always use additional help, so please contact him if you're available ([jamanzel@softcom.net](mailto:jamanzel@softcom.net)). He asked that all volunteers arrive at the Lodi Wine & Visitors Center around 8:00am for set up, and the judging will begin at 10:00am.
  - *Open House:* Tom Hoffman gave an overview of some of the ideas the committee had discussed for an Open House format. Given the fact there isn't much time to prepare, it was decided that this year's event would remain small scale, and perhaps be held during one of the Thursday evening Farmer's Markets in downtown Lodi during August. Updates on this event will be forthcoming.
  - *LAVA Shirts:* The members were reminded that shirts are available in multiple sizes (including 2XL and 3XL) at a price of \$23.50. Help support LAVA, and purchase a shirt!



- *Annual LAVA BBQ:* Tom Hoffman discussed the fact that we are tentatively planning to have the event at Doug Munnecke's place on July 24<sup>th</sup> (thanks Doug). Members will bring their own silverware, and a dish to share. As always, Glenn Reich will do the BBQ honors (thanks Glenn). More info to follow in upcoming emails.

7. **New Business:**

Guest Blake Bomben (winemaker from Delicato) mentioned the fact that Delicato is looking for "Harvest Interns" to work this season from now until November, 5-6 days per week. The pay runs between \$9 and \$12 per hour, and candidates would work on various research projects and small lot fermentations. If you're interested, you can contact Blake at 209.824.3692 or email him at [bbomben@delicato.com](mailto:bbomben@delicato.com)

8. **Announcements:**

- *St. Amant Winery Spring Open House:* May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. St. Amant Winery in Lodi.
- *Pre-Harvest Seminar:* May 24<sup>th</sup>. Lodi Wine Lab in Lodi.
- *Art on the Square:* June 5<sup>th</sup>. Hutchins Street Square in Lodi.
- *Vino Con Brio Release Party:* June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Vino Piazza in Lockeford.
- *California State Fair:*
- *Orange County Fair:*

9. **Program:**

Our evening program was given on "Yeasts" by Aaron Mosley and Sandi Walker-Tansley from the Lodi Wine Lab. The information presented was extremely useful, and we thank them both for their wealth of knowledge.

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup> and is tentatively scheduled to be a visitation at Jessie's Grove Winery. Upcoming emails will confirm this event.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 8:35pm, where members lingered to enjoy each other's wines, and talk with our informative guests.