



LODI AMATEUR VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

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2009 LAVA Officers and Committee Chairs

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LAVA Shirts	Frank Haversack	368-8759
California State Fair Wine Competition	Aaron Kidder	727-0761
Taste of Lodi	Linda & Aaron Kidder	727-0761



LAVA Meeting Minutes of August 20th, 2009

d'Art Winery

Call to order/introductions (Don and Marwedell Norman): Don opened the meeting. Marwedell introduced guests, new members and thanked Dave and Helen of d'Art Winery for hosting the meeting.

Approval of Minutes (Don Norman): The minutes from our July, 2009 meeting (published on LAVA's Web page and available for review) was moved for approval, seconded and approved by members present.

Treasurer's Report (Rich Rostomily): It was reported that our balance through July, 2009 was \$5696.51. The report was approved by members present.

Winemaking Calendar (Don Norman and Ted Lauchland)

- **In the Cellar:** Racking, Barrel Topping, Check SO₂ levels, Bottling.
Source your grapes - check LAVA website. Check and clean Equipment now.
- **In the Vineyard:** Use a little water now, and stop watering 3 or 4 days before harvest.

Calendar Review (Kevin Baysinger): Sept - we meet at 6 PM for a visit to the UC Davis/Gallo Test Vineyard.
Oct - Wine and Food Pairing.

Old Business:

- Thanks to Doug Munnecke for hosting this summer's barbecue.
- LAVA Shirts (A Kidder for Frank Haversack) 1st Shirt order is going in soon. Shirts can still be ordered, prepaid by members, A Kidder will do sign-up. Send Aaron a check for the shirts.
- Ca State Fair Competition (Aaron & Linda Kidder) Awards Ceremony Sept 3rd, Silver and Gold Awardees are invited to attend. Aaron gave a verbal financial report and was applauded for his work as chairperson.
- Internship Program (Kevin Baysinger) Contact Kevin Baysinger for winery placement. Kevin also suggested the LAVA mentor program is a good way to be introduced to winemaking.
- Bocce Club (Kevin Baysinger) Heritage Oak Winery challenge - Sept 2nd 6PM at the Norman's residence. Watch for email notice!
- Kegs (Jerry Manzel) Jerry can help to "open" kegs safely to remove spring loaded parts. Call Jerry if you are not experienced with kegs.
- Glass (Jerry Manzel) Jerry will advocate for glass to be donated by Owens Illinois. A charge of \$.50/case will be required to cover cost of transport. Jerry will send more detailed info via email.

New Business:

- Mentor Program (Don Norman) Working with an experienced home winemaker is the best hands-on way to learn. Don says, "Just go do it!"
Aaron Kidder volunteered to be a "Phone Call Mentor", one aspect of Amador Winemakers Assoc. mentor program. Call Aaron if you need advise.
- Sherry and Lee Smith volunteer to help members with this year's winemaking as a way to gain experience.
Email the Smith's if you could use a hand. altschmitt@comcast.net
- A motion was made and seconded to purchase new equipment.
1 - SO₂ meter, 1 enolmatic bottle filler and TA test equipment & reagents. President Don Norman will maintain the equipment at his residence.

Announcements, Upcoming Events:

- Aug 23 - Vine Crusher 10 Miler & 2 Person Relay
- Aug 24 - Peltier Station pouring at Alebrijes Mexican Bistro
- Aug 30 - Vino Con Brio Grape Stomp
- Taste of Lodi - Sept 27th, Aaron & Linda Kidder. Contact Aaron for discounted tickets by mid-Sept.

Program: Gordon Specht (Lallemand) gave an informative presentation on Fermentation Yeasts and MLF. Gordon answered many questions and took comments from the members present.

Next Meeting: September 17th @ UC Davis/Gallo Test Vineyard - 6PM start time.