



## Meeting Minutes of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

(Heritage Oak Winery - Acampo)

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the Tom Hoffman's NEW WINERY: Heritage Oak Winery at around 7:00pm and the meeting began soon after. In Susan Tipton's absence, Aaron with Linda's help) introduced guests Bill & Judy Kennedy (friends of Ron & Kathie Mettler), and guests Bobby, Brenda and Maisie Magee. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our September, 2007 meeting (published on our WEB page) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Rich Rostomily):** Rich Rostomily reminded the membership that the Treasurer's report is now being published on the WEB page. Ending Balance as of October 15<sup>th</sup> was \$3,565.04. The report was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
4. **Winemaking Calendar:**  
Racking/barreling; Barrel prep; SO2 additions, check ML. If you're still making wine (many varieties are late this year – PUNCH DOWN!
5. **Calendar Update (Don Norman):** Don Norman started his discussion by reciting his monthly quote, and reminded the membership that our LAST meeting of the year will be our November Nouveau Tasting!
6. **Unfinished Business:**
  - *Annual LAVA Banquet (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron committed to send out a "final" reminder that a chairperson is still needed. Hopefully SOMEONE WILL PONY UP!
  - *Taste of Lodi Wrap-up (Kevin Baysinger):* In Kevin's absence, Aaron polled the membership for those who might have attended. Apparently it was another great event. Thanks to Kevin and to Ozzie and Marie for running the show!
7. **New Business:**
  - *San Joaquin County Fair Home Wine Competition (Jim Schweickardt):* Jim and Aaron reviewed the fact that our club is barely breaking even on this event, and the County appears not be overly interested in continuing with this competition. Jim suggested the Board of Directors review and decide whether we should continue, and work with the County on perhaps receiving a higher fee for our services.
8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**
  - LAVA Shirts for sale – **NOW: \$12.00 each** – contact Linda Kidder.
  - Be sure to check out our LIBRARY (now listed online at our WEB site). Contact Dave Ingram. (Note – we are now taking Practical Winery & Vineyards Periodical!)
  - October 19th; School Street Stroll; 6pm - 9pm; \$25
  - November 10th and 11th; First Sip; \$35 for the weekend; 11am – 4pm
  - November 15th; Annual LAVA Nouveau Tasting; Lodi Wine & Visitors Center; 6:30pm
  - November 17th & 18th; Macchia Release Party (Still at Vino Piazza)
  - February 9th and 10th (2008); Wine & Chocolate Weekend; 11am – 4pm
  - May 16th – 18th; ZinFest!
  - Barrels for Sale: 60 gallon French 3-5 years \$0-\$125. Contact David Lucas of Lucas Winery.
9. **Program:**  
Our host for the evening was Tom Hoffman who presented a BLIND tasting of Zinfandels – comparing 3 wines that scored above 85, against 3 wines that were from Lodi. What a fun time had by all. Thanks Tom!



10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting (and LAST OF THE YEAR) will be November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007; **6:30pm**; Lodi Wine & Visitors Center – UPSTAIRS. Bring a bottle (or 2) of your 2007 vintage (or a wine you like if you didn't make wine this year. Also bring a Finger food to share. DON'T MISS IT!