



Meeting Minutes of November 20th, 2008 (Lodi Wine & Visitors Center)

1. **Call to order/Introductions (Marwedell Norman):** Members arrived around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. Marwedell introduced new member Linda Craig, and reported that LAVA now has 63 family memberships! As a reminder – membership dues are due in January for the 2009 year, and remain \$50 for a family membership. Members who joined after October 1st, 2008 are considered paid through 2009. Please remit your dues to our PO Box: 1165, Lodi, CA 95241
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our October, 2008 meeting (published on our WEB page and available for review) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Rich Rostomily):** Rich reported that our ending balance as of the end of October, 2008 was \$5,380.89.
4. **Winemaking Calendar: In the Winery** – Racking, Barreling Prep and Barreling should be in process. ML fermentation should be almost, if not complete. As always – check your SO2 levels. **In the Vineyard** – Per Ted Lauchland - We need a windy storm to remove leaves prior to pruning. Apply potash. Pray for rain!
5. **Calendar Review (Don Norman):** Don Norman reminded the membership that there will be no meeting in December. Happy Holidays!
6. **Old Business:**
 - “Pooch” seminar (Louis & Sonja Daniels) - Carried Forward
 - 2008/9 LAVA Banquet Chairperson needed (Jim Schweickardt) – Carried Forward t
7. **New Business:**
 - New Officers. Jim Schweickardt expressed appreciation to the members for their support during his tenure as LAVA President. Jim then passed the torch (a new gavel) to incoming President Don Norman. Let's all say “Thank you” to our Jim and “Congratulations” to Don. Thanks also to incoming Vice President – Kevin Baysinger!
8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**
 - November 22nd & 23rd; Macchia “Victorious” Release Party;
 - December 6th & 7th; d'Art “Bottle you Own”; www.dartwines.com for info
 - We still have Oak. Contact Linda Kidder if you're interested
9. **Program:**

Annual “Nouveau Tasting”. Another great evening!
10. **Next meeting:**

Our next meeting will be January 15th; 7:00pm; Venue: TBD
(Bring your ideas and suggestions for next year's programs)

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 9:00pm, where we all spent the rest of the evening sampling each other's wines.