



## Meeting Minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (Amorosa / Vino Con Brio)

1. **Call to order/Introductions (Susan Tipton):** Members arrived at the Amorosa (at Vino Con Brios) at around 6:45pm, and the meeting began around 7:00pm. Susan Tipton introduced our one guest - Fred Hick's son - Jason, WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 was unable to attend. In his absence, Aaron presented the following facts:  
New Equipment Purchases: \$920.13 (new Crusher/Destemmer), \$117.91 (Corker), Library prescription: \$31. Current Balance: \$4,162.65. Note: Treasurer's report available on our WEB page.
4. **Winemaking Calendar:**  
Be sure your bottles are ready for the competitions.  
Be sure and check SO2 levels. Make additions as necessary.  
Vineyard: (Tom Hoffman). Sulfur as necessary.
5. **Calendar Update (Don Norman):** Don Norman gave a preview of upcoming events.  
Don Norman started his discussion by reciting the following quote:  
*"Before leaving home to serve a one year sentence, a 'white collar' criminal was quoted as saying, 'I'm not worried about the reds; they'll keep OK. But I am worried about the whites.'--- Anonymous.*
6. **Unfinished Business:**
  - *Additional Equipment Committee (Jerry Manzel):* Jerry Manzel briefed us on recent purchases by the club which included a new stainless steel crusher/destemmer, and a floor corker. As potential future hardware purchases, Jerry reviewed pricing on a High-end Filler (around \$2,100), a Gravity Filler (around \$350), a ½ ton Bladder Press (#45 at around \$1,200), and a Label printer and software (at around \$1,200). We decided to table further discussion until our next meeting in May. (Note – Aaron has included the list of club equipment on our WEB page).
  - *Club Project – Joint Crush (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron reviewed the club crush project concept with the club, and asked that those interested contact him. He's planning to begin lining up potential grapes over the next few months. Call or email Aaron if you'd like to participate.
  - *ZinFest-2007 (Kevin Baysinger):* Kevin explained that Aaron was able to work a deal with the ZinFest committee for 2007 whereby all volunteers would receive a tasting ticket, and the club will receive a \$300 flat fee. We will need to review this again prior to next year's event, as the rules have changed.
  - *Annual BBQ (Rod & Sue Tipton):* Susan asked that those interested in assisting with setup and tear down contact her. Aaron and Linda committed to working with both Sue and Rod on what is involved.
  - *SJF Fair Competition (Aaron Kidder):* In Jim's absence, Aaron asked for additional volunteers, and anyone interested in handling the lunch duties. Kurt & Margarete Domian agreed to take on that task (Thank you both!)
  - *Pooch Seminar (Brian Price):* Brian was not in attendance, so this will be discussed further at the May meeting.
  - *CalState Fair Competition-July 18<sup>th</sup> (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron reviewed that status. We're up to nearly 40 volunteers (between our club, and Amador), but can still use more people. Aaron would like at least 45 this year, so contact him if you're interested!



7. **New Business:**

- *Amador Club BBQ - June 16<sup>th</sup> (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron reminded the club that the Amador club would like to invite our club up to their BBQ. Mike Bellamy will plan to email our club with an official invite.
- *Re-coop Barrels (Jerry Manzel):* Jerry gave a brief talk on the use of re-cooped barrels, and committed to sending out additional information to Aaron – so he can email to the membership. Costs range from \$140 (if you're re-cooping your own barrel), up to \$180 (if purchasing one of their barrels).
- *High-end Fill Demo (Jerry Manzel):* Jerry offered to do a "dog and Pony" show to anyone interested in seeing how his new filler works. If you have wine to bottle – let him know!
- *Marin County Fair and Sierra Showcase of Wine (Jerry Manzel):* Jerry described the fact that the Marin County Fair is a great event, and is held June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Sierra Showcase of Wine event is held the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May from 2-4:30 at the Amador County Fairground and runs \$30.

8. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- LAVA Shirts for sale – **NOW: \$12.00 each** – contact Linda Kidder.
- Morning Glory Fermentation is selling Bottles for \$7.50/case. Contact them at: (530) 622-9660
- Be sure to check out our LIBRARY (now listed online at our WEB site). Contact Dave Ingram.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>: Macchia Spring Release Party
- May 19<sup>th</sup> - ZinFest
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – San Joaquin County Fair Amateur competition (Woodbridge Winery)
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – California State Fair Amateur competition (Wine & Roses)
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: Grape Festival & Harvest Fair

9. **Program: Darrell Corti Member Wine Analysis.**

Another GREAT time! Great information! Thanks Darrell.

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be May 17th, 2007; 7:00pm; Wine & Visitors Center (Cellar Room). This meeting will feature Blake Bomben from Delicato Winery discussing the Making of Port!  
**DON'T MISS IT!**