



## Meeting Minutes of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007

(Lodi Wine Center – Cellar Room)

**Call to Order/Introductions** (Jim Schweickardt): Members arrived at the Lodi Wine Center Cellar Room at around 6:45 pm, and the meeting began around 7:10 pm. Jim introduced our guest, Blake Bomben from Delicato Winery.

**New Members** (Susan Tipton): Susan Tipton introduced our new members tonight, Ron & Kathie Mettler of Woodbridge.

**Approval of minutes** (Jim Schweickardt): The minutes of our April 19th, 2007 meeting were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report** (Rich Rostomily): Rich presented the Treasurer's Report showing a \$4,400 balance, noting \$250 in income and no expenses. It was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.

**Winemaking Calendar:** In Tom Hoffman's absence, Ted Lauchland mentioned now is the time to watch growth, thinning if necessary, but not while flowering.

### Old Business:

- Jerry Manzel mentioned that we have a corker and a twin screw stainless steel crusher/destemmer on order. Should we order any more equipment? Maybe a basket press or labeling software? Per Jerry, if we plan on ordering more equipment, we should do so soon. For the labeling software we would need a software pro. Jerry suggested that someone in addition to Ted Lauchland help with storing our equipment. Per Jim Schweickardt, we will look into it at next month's meeting.
- **Zinfest 2007:** Chairperson Kevin Baysinger has the T-shirts and tasting tickets for the Zinfest volunteers. Volunteers need to check in at volunteer checkin prior to going to the Wine by the Glass station which LAVA is manning. This year a 6 oz. Glass of wine will be \$5 (5 tickets). Last year, Wine by the Glass brought in \$27,000 per Jerry Manzel. Kevin requests we meet with the Lodi Wine Center before next year's Zinfest to discuss our continued support in the event they may eliminate free tasting tickets for our group.
- **San Joaquin County Fair Homewinemaker's Competition:** (Jim Schweickardt) Jim will be calling volunteers to remind them of the June 1st fair date at Woodbridge Winery. We are looking at 4 tables with 3



judges per table. Sue Tipton to check with Margarete Domian regarding food for the event.

- **Taste of Lodi on September 30th:** In the past we've had a booth for LAVA (per Rich & Jerry). Vote taken, seconded and approved to continue with support.

**Other equipment info:** Jerry Manzel will be happy to demonstrate his high end filler for the LAVA group. Just let Jerry know if you'd like him to bottle.

**Wood chips for sale:** Craig Leoni has 3 bags of varying oak at \$120 per bag available to the club if the members will distribute and sell at cost. The bags are 20 lbs. And should be broken down into 1 lb. Bags. Members noted that this would be a deal. Roger Nicholas has agreed to break down the 20 lb. Bags. Per Jerry Manzel, most would need about 1/2 pound of oak per 1,000 lbs. of grapes. It was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.

**Guest Speaker: Blake Bomben from Delicato Winery in Manteca, CA** spoke to us regarding the making of port. Blake handed out some software he is sharing with the group to aid in the calculations of port. The software pertains to either brandy or high proof alcohol. Blake mentioned that California can no longer use the label "Port," just as we cannot call sparkling wine Champagne. Blake brought 4 different port samples for us to try.

**Adjournment:** Jim Schweickardt called the meeting to adjournment at 8:50 pm after our guest speaker was finished presenting.