



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

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the Amorosa (at the new Vino Con Brio Winery facility) at around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. Susan Tipton introduced guests – Tony & Gerry Lopes, Michael Casey, and new member – Jim Casey. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our June, 2007 meeting (published on our WEB page) were moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report (Aaron Kidder):** In Rich Rostomily's absence, Aaron reminded the membership that the Treasurer's report is now being published on the WEB page. It was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
4. **Winemaking Calendar:**  
Continue scout for grapes. Check your SO<sub>2</sub> levels (making additions if necessary)  
Vineyard: (Ted Lauchland). Watch for mite population & hoppers. Tone down your watering.
5. **Calendar Update (Don Norman):** Don Norman started his discussion by reciting his monthly quote:  
*"Penicillin cures, but wine makes people happy" Alexander Fleming (1881-1955),  
The Scottish bacteriologist credited with discovering Penicillin in 1928.*
6. **Unfinished Business:**
  - *Annual BBQ (Rod & Sue Tipton):* Susan reminded the membership that the party starts at 5:00pm this year and to be sure and bring a bathing suit!
  - *Additional Equipment (Jerry Manzel):* The members decided to purchase a 5-port bottle filler (at around \$500). Dave Ingram voiced an interest in perhaps having the club purchase a bladder press. After a short discussion, it became obvious more information was needed, so Dave offered to do additional research...specifically gathering information regarding mobility, and cost (around \$1100).
  - *Donation for Pooch's Mother.* As many of our members had heard, Pooch's Mother passed away just a week prior. Per a couple of member's suggestions, Aaron mentioned we might want to contribute to Pooch's Mother's favorite charity. The membership voted to contribute \$100 and Nancy Kelly offered to handle the contribution.
  - *Pooch Seminar (Aaron Kidder):* Brian Price has decided he can no longer serve as chairperson for a "Pooch Seminar", so Aaron asked if there were any other members who might like to take over. No members voiced an interest, so it was suggested we table this event until 2008. This was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by majority vote.
  - *Joint Crush (Club Project- Aaron Kidder):* Aaron reminded the membership about the Club Project, whereby we there will be a joint crush, and the must split between the participants (so the wine can be made separately – and then tasted and compared 1-year later). 5 members have signed up.
  - *September meeting (Don Norman):* As it appears the board's original resource for our September program will not be available, Don asked the membership for ideas. The membership seemed to settle on "The Effect of Tasting Glasses on Wine". Don committed to research this as a program possibility.
  - *This Year's Mentors/Mentees (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron polled the membership to see who of those interested in either Mentoring or being Mentored. Ron Metter asked to be mentored, and Dave Ingram offered to assist! Thanks Dave. Jim Caskey was also looking to be Mentored, and although Jerry Manzel offered to assist, the commute to Brentwood might be an issue!
  - *Taste of Lodi (Kevin Baysinger):* Kevin asked if there were any members interested in contributing wine and or volunteering for the event. Aaron committed 1 case, Ozzie Neil committed 1 case, and Dave Dart committed ½ a case. Don Norman, Ozzie & Marie Neil all volunteered to help out! Thanks guys!



7. **New Business:**

- *Equipment usage training & Winery Sanitation (Kevin Baysinger):* Kevin reminded the club that the 1<sup>st</sup> annual equipment training session & winery sanitation will be held at Ted Lauchland's place on July 21<sup>st</sup>. If you want to use the club's equipment – you should plan to attend!
- *California State Fair Home Wine Competition – Wrap-Up (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron gave a brief wrap-up on this year's event. We had 614 entries (up from 535 last year), and overall the even was smoother than last year. We've learned a lot in 2 years, and expect next year to be even better!
- *August Food & Wine Pairing (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron asked for those interested who might want to participate in this year's Food/Wine pairing. Jim Schweickardt, Don Norman, Dave Ingram, and Dennis Sattler all raised their hands. Thanks guys (and wives).
- *Channel-31 TV Spot (Nancy Kelly):* Nancy asked the membership if they'd like the club to purchase a DVD of the spot (of the CalState Competition) held on Channel-31. The membership said YES!

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.
- July 21<sup>st</sup> (Tentative) – Equipment Training & Winery Sanitation
- July 28<sup>th</sup> – Annual LAVA BBQ
- August 30<sup>th</sup> – California State Fair Wine Competition Awards Ceremony
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: Grape Festival & Harvest Fair
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – Taste of Lodi

9. **Program: All About Labels!**

Don Norman, Frank Haversack and Dave Dart gave a FANTASTIC presentation. Thanks guys.

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007; 7:00pm; Vino Con Brio – Amorosa Inn. This meeting will be our annual Wine & Food Pairing. DON'T MISS IT!