



Meeting Minutes of August 16th, 2007 (Vino Con Brio – Amorosa Inn)

1. **Call to order/Introductions:** Members arrived at the Amorosa at around 7:00pm, and the meeting began soon after. In Susan Tipton's absence, Linda introduced guests AND NEW MEMBERS – Bill & Barbara Bennett. WELCOME!
2. **Approval of minutes (Aaron Kidder):** The minutes of our July, 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. Ending Balance for July was \$3,589.25. The report was moved for approval, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
4. **Winemaking Calendar:**
Grapes should be lined up. Get your equipment and supplies ready for Crush. Check your SO2 levels (making additions if necessary).
5. **Calendar Update (Don Norman):** Don Norman started his discussion by reciting his monthly quote:
(Thanks Don!)
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - *Annual BBQ Wrap-up (Rod & Sue Tipton):* Those who made the BBQ commented on how much fun we all had. Those who didn't make it – YOU MISSED OUT!
 - *Additional Equipment (Jerry Manzel):* We realized a stand and shoot was not originally ordered when the new Crusher/Destemmer was ordered – SO – Aaron offered to call Beer/Beer and have them ordered and ready before the new equipment was to be picked up. The membership voted to purchase a new 5-port filler, and Jerry was tasked with ordering. The potential purchase of a new Bladder Press was tabled until 2008.
 - *Joint Crush (Club Project- Aaron Kidder):* Aaron commented that there are now 6 members that are interested in participating. Aaron will keep those interested appraised as to the vineyard statistics.
 - *September meeting (Don Norman):* Don was able to get a new wine professional on board to present the "Going Pro" program we had hoped to have. David Phillips will host next month's program – and it will be held at the CELLAR DOOR.
 - *Taste of Lodi (Kevin Baysinger):* Kevin reminded the membership that the event will be fun! Don't forget to contact Kevin if you're interested in donating wine for this year's event!
7. **New Business:**
 - *Corks for Sale (Aaron Kidder):* Aaron let the membership know about corks for sale. At \$.11 cents per cork and 5,000 per bag – it appears to be a good deal. Those interested can contact the Ehlers at (209) 993-2334.
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!)
 - August 30th – California State Fair Wine Competition Awards Ceremony
 - September 13th – 16th: Grape Festival & Harvest Fair
 - September 30th – Taste of Lodi



9. **Program: Annual Food & Wine Pairing**

Thank you: Norman's, Sattler's, Schweickardt's, Ingram's for GREAT FOOD AND WINE PAIRING!

10. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be September 20th, 2007; 7:00pm; (Tentative) Vino Con Brio – Amorosa. Program will be on the "Effects of the Tasting Glass on Wine"
DON'T MISS IT!