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NEWS FLASH

CELLAR SOCIETY PLANNING MEETING GOES WITHOUT FLAW

Steve Smith did a great job of getting business taken care of in a smooth and prompt manner. Thanks to Steve Shank for a comprehensive Treasurer's report. Thanks to Dick and Beth for hosting the meeting with a delicious catered meal. The updated membership roster and the minutes from the Planning Meeting will arrive later.



2014 Tastings & Events

Date	Event	Host
Feb 8	Paso Robles Rhone-style wines	Wood DuBois
March 8	To be determined	Harding Hartford
April 12	Chardonnay	Smith
May 10	Argentine Malbec	Gandara
June 14	West Coast Rhone White	Wood
July 12	Picnic at the Felton's winery in Danville	DeAtley Felton
Aug 9	Merlot	Saywell Shank
Sep 13	"High end" Italian	Gibson
Oct 11	Australian Shiraz	Simcox
Nov 8	Pinot Noir/Burgundy	Slora/Avila
Dec 12 or 13	Repast	Hartford
Jan 10, 2015	Planning Meeting	DeAtley
Feb 14, 2015	Chateauneuf-du-Pape	Taylor/Glassman

The Cellar Society Officers are:

President, Steve Smith
VP for the Repast, David Hartford
VP for the Picnic, Dick DeAtley
Treasurer, Steve Shank
Temporary Secretary, David and Betty Gibson

Please send corrections and comments to David Gibson at gibsonlaw@mindspring.com.

Next Tasting

PASO ROBLES RHONE-style WINES

Saturday, February 8, 2014
6:00 P.M.

Hosted by
Chris & Mignone Wood and
Steve DuBois & Marie Coppola

Catered at Steve DuBois' home-5324
Golden Gate Ave., Oakland

This is a tasting of Paso Robles red Rhone varietal blends: Grenache-Syrah-Mourvedre ("GSM"). Grenache is often the dominant grape, mixed with less Syrah and even less Mourvedre. But often these young wineries reverse or mix the quantities, or focus exclusively on one grape.

The results have been spectacular in the wine press. Some of the wines we'll be tasting include the 2010 Torrin "Banshee", 96 points, The Wine Advocate (Parker) and the 2011 Villa Creek "High Road", 96 points from Anthony Galloni. None of these wineries are household names, except Tablas Creek. Some have been in existence just over a decade. While Zinfandel was once the focus of Paso Robles red wines, the GSM blends have become the premiere Paso Robles red wine.

RSVP to Steve DuBois by email at sedubois31@hotmail.com or 510-282-5916. **Do NOT use Steve's home phone number that appears in the 2013 Roster.**

A Warm Welcome to our New Members Bob and Sandy Simoni and Preferred Guests Steve and Mary Rudy.

Please Note: Member dues are now \$150 and Preferred Guest dues are \$50. Please mail to Steve Shank at 337 Lowell Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941.

