

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION



April 2019 Newsletter



Another WVA Club Wine Judging Completed

Our annual club wine judging took place on Saturday, March 16. Mark Krumnow, the Competition Chairman, had everything well organized for a 9AM start. Head Stewards Leon Bosetti and Mike Wendt helped Mark check in the 65 member submitted bottles after Toby Netko made sure that all wine were properly classified.

There were four judging tables with a total of 13 judges. Other volunteers helped with the opening and pouring of the wines (the wine stewards) while others made sure that the many wine glasses were cleaned and dried for multiple use. With their help all of the judging was completed in only about three hours. After

President Greg is thanking all for participating.



Best of Show Winner Leon Bosetti



the work was done everyone enjoyed a club provided lunch.

There were 48 first, second or third place ribbons awarded. Leon Bosetti's Niagara wine took top honors. His name will be added to the traveling trophy.

Mark hopes more club members will submit bottles next year for judging. This event takes place to both formally evaluate our wines and to allow interested members to practice wine judging techniques and principles.

Who will be next year's Best of Show winner?

Could it be you?

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
at Mike & Becky Wendt's house 7:00 pm

April 3rd



Wine & Food Pairing
at WCTC 6:00 pm

April 17th



Board Meeting
at Brad & Ellen Harford's house 7:00 pm

May 1st



Monthly Meeting
at Clifford's 7:30 pm

May 8th



WI State Fair Wine Judging
at Tommy Thompson Bldg.

May 10th & 11th



Judges choosing the best wine of the competition.

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The Vintner's Press

Q: Have you ever thought about becoming more involved in our club by considering running for a Board of Directors position?

A: Read this month's issue of *The Vintner's Press* to find out what the board does and specifically the roles of the individual 13 members.

Procedure for Viewing and Ordering WVA Club Logo Apparel On-Line from Lands' End



- 1) Go to: <http://business.landsend.com/store/wivintners/>
- 2) View clothing offerings
- 3) Select an item
- 4) Select the size by adding the quantity into the appropriate box
- 5) Click on APPLY LOGO(S)
- 6) Click on WVA logo shown
- 7) Modify logo color if desired by clicking on CHANGE LOGO COLOR(S). Suggest watching the "Change Logo Color(s) tutorial".
- 8) Select the garment location for placement of the logo
- 9) When finished click APPLY LOGO
- 10) Click ADD TO BAG
- 11) Continue shopping or CHECK OUT. The usual forms for purchasing on-line will then come up.

Once you are a customer you'll have the option of signing up for emails informing you of periodic sales and specials, i.e. no charge for a logo or free shipping, etc. Any questions? Contact Mary Scovronski, WVA Club Logo Clothing Chairperson directly at: gmscove@gmail.com

This Year's Annual Wine & Food Pairing is Wednesday April 17

Plan on attending this year's premier event which will be held again at the WCTC campus. There will be five food courses, each paired with a specially chosen wine. The fun starts at 6:00PM.



Read the form with the details, emailed with this newsletter or click [HERE](#) to go directly to our new website. You can print the registration form and mail it in with your check or for the first time you can register and pay on-line with your credit card.



What else is going on?

Grape Growing Seminar

Our club is holding a Grape Growing Seminar for all members who have grape vines or are considering growing grapes in the future. The seminar will take place on **Saturday April 13, 2019 at W225S6755 Guthrie Dr, Big Bend WI, 53103** (President Greg Paczkowski's home) **starting at 9:00AM.**

The seminar is expected to last until about noon. There is no fee for WVA members. WVA Member Adam Rabe will demonstrate pruning on one, two and three year old vines while illustrating the similarities and differences in pruning these vines. Additional topics include Sprayer Calibration and Spray Programs, Varietal Selection, Planting, Trellising, Propagation (Methods and Legality). Lunch will be on your own if you elect to join us. If you have a bottle of wine made from your grapes, please bring it to share. Please let Greg know if you will attend epaczkowski@wi.rr.com.

Board of Director Nominations are Now Open

It's time again to decide who will help plan next year's club activities. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to do things differently. New people on the board may look at things with a fresh perspective and ask why do we do this or why don't we do this. The board's positions open for nominations are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Director of Membership, Trustee and Member at Large (two positions).

Contact Don Betlej (Nomination Committee Chairman) if you have any questions or have interest in any position, either now or maybe even next year. Look for more detailed information in the April Vintner's Press. Nominations will close on April 17th with voting at the May 8th membership meeting.

We Have a New Website!

After months of work by our president with help from his committee, our new website is now up and functional. As usual with new things, there will be some bugs to work out but the overall design is sound. It is simpler to navigate than the previous site and will provide a means for members to pay their dues and register for club events on-line. Note that the web address hasn't changed. Check it out at <https://www.wihomewinemakers.com/>. Also did you know that we have a Facebook Page? Please "Like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinVintnersAssociation/>

WI State Fair Amateur Competition

This year's WI State Fair Amateur Winemaking Competition will take place on Friday and Saturday, May 10th and 11th. Look for a mailing within the next few of weeks from the State Fair, if you've competed in the past. The 2019 Rules and Regulations and entry information will be posted on both the WI State Fair and WVA web sites later this month. There are new rules this year dealing with the labeling of your entry bottles. As in the past, the WVA is involved with helping the State Fair run this event. Mark Krumnow is this year's Competition Chairman. He is already working on confirming judges, stewards and other volunteers needed. Look for more information as we get closer to the date.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The new website is now up and running with what I hope are great improvements. Please login and wander thru the site. We still have a lot of editing to do and I would welcome any feedback that you could provide. You now have the ability on the website to register and pay for the Wine & Food pairing which takes place this year on April 17th at the Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC). If you click on the CLUB EVENTS tab and select SPECIAL EVENTS, look for Wine and Food Pairing. Clicking on it will take you to the page where you can register and pay online or, at the bottom of the page, you can print the Registration Form and mail it in with a check. You have until April 5th to register. I hope to see you there.

WVA is sponsoring a Grape Growers Seminar: topic will include growing, pruning and spraying. You don't have to be a grower to attend. If you are interested in learning more about Cold Climate Grapes, please consider attending. Contact me and I will put you on the list of attendees. epaczkowski@wi.rr.com

At the May meeting Barry Cameron from UWM will be our presenter and will be discussing *Terroir* pertaining to the vineyards in Wisconsin.

“It’s only my opinion but I think Wine Therapy should be mandatory on Fridays”

Greg Paczkowski

Don Betlej

**for Stephen Franzoi
WVA Corresponding Secretary**