

VAWA

Vancouver Amateur Winemaker Association

VAWA Web Site

www.vawa.net

VAWA Upcoming Events

- 10 March - KWA Annual Wine Judging and Awards Banquet
- 31 March - Nanaimo Winemakers Competition
- 28 April - VAWA Competition
- 2 June - Provincial Competition hosted by VAWA
- 3 June - AGM
- See the [BCAWA web pages](#) for further information on club events

Executive List

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Future Mini Tastings

Spring

Apr BC Red Grape

May Table, Dessert/After

Dinner

June Non-Grape

Future Evening Toast

	Wine	Toaster
Apr	Dale Vick	Roger Ford
May	Barry Ward	Abe Gaitens
June	Robin Wiltshire	James Fong

Thursday, April 8, 2006

Time: 20:00 to 22:00 Hrs
Venue: Scottish Cultural Center
8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver

Door: Members \$10.00
Guests \$12.00

Topic: Syrah, Sirah and Shiraz with blind tastings and

Speaker: Ron Simpson; Director, Vancouver American Wine society

THE NUMBERS GAME – by Dave Ewen

Dale Vick will supply toasting wine and **Roger Ford** will give the evening's toast.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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2007 ANNUAL WINE COMPETITION

2007 LABEL COMPETITION

Anyone interested in entering the VAWA label competition should see the instructions at the VAWA Label Competition webpage.

36TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & DANCE

Saturday, April 28, 2007
Fame Furlane Hall
2605 East Pender Street, Vancouver
Tickets: \$45 per person

for tickets, contact Roger Phillippe at
604-271-8044 or phillippe@shaw.ca

MINI-TASTING – BC Red Grape

From the VAWA class description - At least 95% of the grapes in these wines must have been grown in B.C. Refer to red & white grape classes for guidelines

Technical Forum

Join **Eric Urquhart** in the lower level room at 7:15 pm
The Technical Forum is available for the discussion of any and all winemaking problems

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New Winemakers! We have mentors!

Club members have volunteered to be mentors for new winemakers.

E-mail them with any questions you may have.

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Wine is made:

- a) In 50 States in the US
- b) From Grapes
- c) All the Above
- d) None of the above

Answer : C.

MINI-TASTING OFFICIALS

DATE	JUDGE	STEWARD
Apr	Ricardo Pellizzari	John McMaster
May	Clem Joyce	Barbara Milne
Jun	Roger Ford	Roger Philippe

The above members are reminded that if they find they will not be able to attend, then it is THEIR responsibility to provide someone to take their place.

Pepe Kubon—Wine Steward

Wine Quote

And Noah he often said to his wife when he sat down to dine, I don't care where the water goes if it doesn't get into the wine.
Gilbert Keith Chesterton, Wine and Water.

OUR MEMBERS RECOMMEND

We have started a new web page called [Our Members Recommend](#). This is intended as a vehicle for VAWA members to share information with each other by recommending commercial wines, winemaking equipment and supplies, winemaking procedures and techniques, winemaking publications, etc.

Highlights of the March Meeting

- Reminder of upcoming events:
 - Mar 26-31 Playhouse wine festival
 - Mar 31 Nanaimo Wine Makers Competition/Banquet
 - Apr 28 Our Competition/Banquet
 - Jun 1/2 Provincial Comp/AGM
- The bottle entry deadline is April 14; drop-off points and registration procedures are on the VAWA web site.
- Winner of the door prize- Deb McIntyre.
- The programme was a presentation by the owners of Pacific Breeze Vineyards, Frank Gregus and Maurice Hamilton.
 - They narrated how their winery evolved from a pub discussion into their upcoming first release at the end of this month.
 - They spoke about their search for premium grapes to make high-end wines. We then tasted their 2005 Sangiacomo Chardonnay .
 - Many of the grapes that they are bringing up for the making of these quality wines will be made available to us, the amateurs. Information will be made available soon but orders will have to be forwarded to them promptly.
 - They can be reached at www.pacificbreezewinery.com
- Mini-Tasting:** Social wine - Ken Beardsell won the trophy for the top social wine

Drinking Improves Thinking In Older Women

Women who enjoy a drink of beer or wine daily have sharper minds into old age than women who abstain, US researchers reported. The report, based on a study of nearly 12,500 nurses, adds to the apparent benefits of light to moderate drinking, which can also prevent heart disease and stroke. "Our study suggests that moderate consumption might provide older women some cognitive benefits," said Dr. Francine Grodstein of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston, who worked on the study.

Writing in the New England Journal of Medicine, Grodstein and colleagues said they found that drinkers aged 70 to 81 were 20 percent less likely to experience a decline in their thinking skills over a two year period than women who did not drink at all.

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CLASSIFIED

Winemaking season is not far off, and we're beginning to get new action on the [Classifieds Page](#) of the VAWA website. If you have any winemaking equipment or supplies that you are looking to purchase or sell, let me know and I'll add it to the web page.



DRINKING AND DRIVING

VAWA applauds those who consume responsibly
Complimentary taxi available at events sponsored by VAWA.