

VAWA

Vancouver Amateur Winemaker Association

VAWA Web Site

www.vawa.net

VAWA Upcoming Events

2008 Events

- 19 January - Saanich Sommeliers Wine Competition
- 1 March - Nanaimo Winemakers Varietal Competition
- 1 March - Chilliwack Zymurgy Wine & Beer Competition
- 12 April - VAWA Annual Competition
- 23 & 24 May - Provincial Competition hosted by Italvino Wine Club

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Future Mini Tastings

Fall

Nov - Table Dessert/After Dinner

Dec - N/A

Future Evening Toast

Wine Toaster

Dec Duncan Ainslie Dave Ewen

Thursday December 13, 2007

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

Door: Members \$10.00
Guests \$12.00

VAWA Christmas Party Thursday, December 13th, 2007

Topic " Wine and Chocolate "

**Speaker(s): *Brian Forman*
*of the American wine Society***

Duncan Ainslie will supply toasting wine and **Dave Ewan** will give the evening's toast.

If you have not already done so, please **sign-up** on the web site if you are bringing an **appetizer or dessert**.

MINI-TASTING

The mini-competition has been cancelled in favor of the Christmas party.

Technical Forum

The Technical Forum has been cancelled in favor of the Christmas party.

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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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Highlights of the November Meeting

Annual General Meeting Results

Officers

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The financial report was made by Eric Urquhart and accepted

The programme was “Inside Secrets – The scene behind Fermentation ” presented by Dave Ewan.

Dave led a discussion which considered how the following factors could influence and be influenced by fermentation conditions:

1. Phenolic extraction
2. ripeness
3. the crush
4. cold soak
5. enzyme additions
6. pre-fermentation temperatures
7. yeast
8. tannin
9. extended maceraton

MINI-TASTING OFFICIALS

DATE **JUDGE** **STEWARD**

Fall

Watch this space for Next year’s Lineup

Petit Verdot is a red grape used originally in Bordeaux blends and currently likewise used in Meritage and other Bordeaux-styled wines (and sometimes even as a varietal on its own). Which country now has the most acreage of this affable grape?

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. South Africa
- D. United States

Wine Quiz Answer: A. Australia
 In the last few years the Australians have gone wild over the grape to the extent that they now have over 4,000 acres, nearly 43% of the world’s estimated total.

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.

CLASSIFIED

Winemaking season is never far off. 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 [Classifieds Page](#) of the VAWA website.



DRINKING AND DRIVING

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