

VAWA

Vancouver Amateur Winemaker Association

VAWA Web Site

www.vawa.net

VAWA Upcoming Events

- 20 January - Saanich Sommeliers Competition
- 3 March - Chilliwack Zymurgy Competition
- 10 March - KWA Annual Wine Judging and Awards Banquet
- 31 March - Nanaimo Winemakers Competition
- 21 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

Jan BC White Grape

Feb Club Crush 2005 - Blasted
Church Chardonnay Musque

Mar Social

Apr BC Red Grape

May Table, Dessert/After

Dinner

June Non-Grape

Future Evening Toast

	Wine	Toaster
Jan	Ron Toffolo	Mike Grindler
Feb	Ric Stacey	Tom Handley
Mar	Eric Urquhart	Bill Galloway
Apr	Dale Vick	Abe Gaitens
May	Barry Ward	Roger Ford
June	Robin Wiltshire	James Fong

Thursday, January 11, 2006

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

Door: Members \$10.00
Guests \$12.00

Topic: Finishing Whites

Speaker: Jacquelin George

THE NUMBERS GAME – by Dave Ewen

Ron Toffolo will supply toasting wine and **Mike Grindler** will give the evening's toast.

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

MINI-TASTING - BC White Grape

At least 95% of the grapes in these wines must have been grown in B.C.

Sugar content in white table wines can vary from uncompromisingly dry (as in Burgundies or Washington or California Chardonnays), to slightly sweet (as in dry German wines, to SG 1.010. Colour is pale straw to light gold, with no amber or brown tinges. Acid 0.5%-0.8%. Alcohol 9%- 13%.

Saanich Sommeliers Competition January 20th, 2007

The first competition of the year is rapidly approaching. The Saanich Sommeliers competition will be on January 20, 2007.

- Ron Thorne – 9060 Garden City , Richmond (604-271-8149)
- George Gibson - 1289 Lucking Place, North Vancouver (604-986-1289)
- Fran Ayris- 216 First Avenue, Cultus Lake (250-858-9688)

The deadline for bottle submission is January 13, 2007.

Members are reminded that to enter a BCAWA competition, you must be a member in good standing of a BCAWA club. VAWA dues are normally payable by the end of January, if you wish to enter the Saanich competition you can arrange to forward your dues to the treasurer before the competition.

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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 December Meeting

CHRISTMAS MEETING

December 14, 2006

The Christmas meeting this year featured a presentation by Simon Wosk of Sip Wines. Simon spoke on the subject of Meritage. The word was coined in the US to describe a blend of traditional Bordeaux varietals including Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot for Red Wines and Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, and Muscadelle. It is pronounced to rhyme with heritage. He also brought four wines. Everyone built their own Meritage blends in the session.

WHO WANTS TO BE A VINIONAIRE ?

By Dave Ewen

See next month

MINI-TASTING OFFICIALS

DATE	JUDGE	STEWARD
Jan	Ron Thorne	Roger Ford
Feb	Helmut Berner	Michael Lam
Mar	Barry Ward	Al Lewis
Apr	Ricardo Pellizzari	John McMaster
May	Clem Joyce	Barbara Milne
Jun	Roger Ford	Roger Philippe

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.

Wine Quote

"In victory, you deserve Champagne, in defeat, you need it."
Bonaparte, Napoleon

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.