

# Thousand Oaks Winery News

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## Wine Club Meeting

The next wine club meeting is scheduled for Friday, 21 August 2009 (7pm) at Thousand Oaks Winery. This meeting is being hosted by Tom and Suzanne VanderFeen. Suzanne and Tom will walk us through blind taste testing of various wines and educate our members on how to score (grade) wine. Members will be bringing a covered dish.

Our second wine club meeting was held on Friday, 24 July (6:30pm) at the home of Mike and Betty Meyer of Scott City. During the meeting we discussed wine and yeast pairing and reviewed an excellent Blackberry Wine recipe provided by Dave's Homebrew of Belleville, IL. We sampled a number of different wine produced by our members and discovered that wine does pair well with grilled hot dogs!

The first meeting of the Thousand Oaks Wine Club took place on Saturday, 27 June 2009 (11am). Local wine enthusiasts and vineyard owners viewed videos on the Missouri wine industry and wine and food pairing. We also discussed wine grape purchasing and other group buying opportunities. Members had the opportunity to build and fire pizzas in our new oven and

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## Wine 2 Vines Excursions

We'd like to congratulate wine club members Tom and Suzanne VanderFeen on starting Wines 2 Vines Excursions.



Please keep them in mind if you would like to experience Missouri's wine and grape industry. Call and reserve a seat on their comfortable shuttle bus and tour the beautiful Missouri countryside. Tom and Suzanne can be contacted at (573) 579-9009 or email them at: [Vines2Wines@charter.net](mailto:Vines2Wines@charter.net)

## SEMO Wine Competition

Wine club members Lesa and Chris Weiss encourage all to enter their favorite wines in the SEMO District Fair wine competition. Entry forms are available at [www.semofair.com](http://www.semofair.com). We plan on entering to show support to Lesa, Chris, and our local fair. We highly encourage you to participate.

## Brick Oven Pizza

We recently completed our wood fired brick oven and are pleased to offer you pizza, bread, and other items during your visit to our winery. The oven is similar to community ovens found in Europe hundreds of years

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everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

## Brick Oven Pizza (Continued)

ago. We're currently offering the following pizzas for your enjoyment:



Cassandra: This pizza has a definite Greek influence and is named after our daughter. We start by brushing olive oil onto the crust and adding herbs and pesto. We add grilled chicken, fresh spinach, feta, and mozzarella cheese.

Tuscan Holiday: This pizza was created by our son James. Pepperoni, black olives, mozzarella, and grated parmesan top an herb crust.

John's Favorite: You guessed it, another one of our sons! Italian sausage, sun dried tomatoes, mozzarella, asiago, and parmesan cheeses make this one of our favorites.

Classic: Pepperoni, mozzarella, and grated parmesan cheese make this a favorite of our grandchildren.

Over the next month we'll be expanding our menu to include panini and desserts.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**AUG 8 WINERY CLOSED (WEDDING)**

**AUG 9 MUSIC BY BRUCE ZIMMERMAN (3-6PM)**

**AUG 16 MUSIC BY BRANDON EMMETT (3-6PM)**

**AUG 22 MUSIC BY GRISHAM SPUR (2-6PM)**

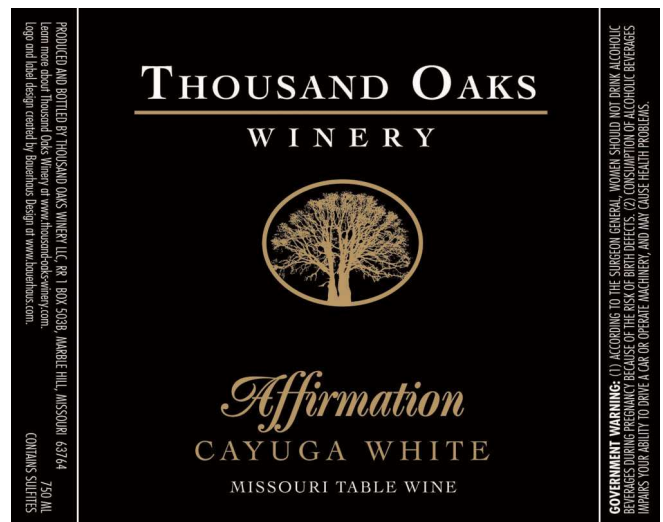
**SEP 5 MUSIC BY BILL BOOTH (2-6PM)**

## Bruce Zimmerman Rocks Thousand Oaks

We're pleased to announce that our good friend, Bruce Zimmerman, will appear at Thousand Oaks Winery on Sunday, 9 Aug 2009 (3-6pm). Bruce is well known throughout southeast Missouri for his distinctive sound and is a crowd favorite.



## Affirmation 2008 Released



Affirmation is a semi sweet wine made from Cayuga white grapes, which are a hybrid of Schuyler and Seyval Blanc. It has wonderful pineapple notes and a floral nose. Affirmation is available in limited quantities so don't wait too long!