

Thousand Oaks Winery News

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April Wine Club Meeting

Our next Wine Club meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9th (7pm). Most of us will be in need of entertainment before the tax submission deadline of April 15th. We're going to try something different this month and will be going with a themed food menu.

For April, we're our theme is Asia and we're asking members to bring their favorite Asian dish. We plan on serving Korean Bulgogi on a bed of jasmine rice. We also plan on making Crab Rangoon from scratch with the assistance of the members during the meeting. We will post the meeting agenda prior to the meeting.

Hope you can make it ...

Wine Club Survey

We'd like to thank everyone who took the time to complete our Wine Club survey. We'd like to share some of the survey results with you. Overall, people are satisfied with the meetings. Info exchanged, and the group dynamics. The group values the group buying opportunities and wants to continue the tradition of bringing food, but is receptive to adopting a monthly food theme. Thanks for taking the time to respond so we can make our Wine Club even better.

SEMO Home & Garden Show



We'd like to thank everyone for their support during the SEMO Home & Garden Show, March 19-21. We met many home winemakers, wine enthusiasts, and people interested in Missouri agro tourism. With your assistance we raised \$310 for our Relay for Life team that is raising funds for the American Cancer Society.

Congratulations Chuck & Lori Dobbs of Jackson, MO on winning the wine basket from the show.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our good friends Katie Wilder, Todd Pope, Karen & Kevin Andes, Floyd & Sarah Masters, and Tom & Suzanne VanderFeen for their help during the show. We hope to see you again soon at Thousand Oaks Winery.

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Environmental Stewardship



Thousand Oaks Winery is committed to being good stewards of the environment and has a number of initiatives underway: composting, recycling, and bees.

Composting: We've always composed our pressed grapes and used it in our flower beds or vineyard. We are also considering distilling the skins into grappa and then providing the distilled skins to our neighbors who have hogs.

Bees: You may be aware that U.S. bee populations have been declining. We are trying to do our part to reverse this trend by introducing bee hives, which will help pollinate our garden and flowers. Since bees range widely, our local farmers will also benefit.



Recycling: We're building recycle bins to recycle all our aluminum, glass, and boxes. While this may cause us more work, reducing post consumer waste is important to us. We will be continuing our tradition of providing our empty wine bottles to local winemakers at no cost.

Yard Waste: We mulch all grass and leaf waste. Even the wood burnt in our wood-fired oven is from fallen trees that would rot anyway.

Happy 21st Birthday

Dustin Yount spent his 21st birthday at Thousand Oaks Winery, surrounded by his loving family and friends. We wish him many more and were privileged to share this significant milestone with him.

SEMO Coffee Roasting Course

Our coffee roasting course went well and students roasted 4 different types of coffee beans at different roast levels. They also gained hands on experience with different roasters and grinders to help them make informed purchase decisions. The most memorable course quote came from one of the wives, who attended with her spouse, although she had no interest in coffee. Her coffee quote "Coffee always struck me as just dirty water", became an instant classic. I hope she will at least try some of the coffee they roasted and will let us know if it changed her mind or not.

We will soon be featuring Thousand Oaks Flame Roasted Coffee in our winery gift shop. We'll also be glad to include purchases for our coffee roasting students, when we place our future wholesale green coffee bean purchases. Keep roasting

Vineyard Spraying Begins Now

Just a reminder to our local vineyard owners that it's not too soon to begin spraying your vineyard, although it may be difficult due to the heavy spring rains.

Thousand Oaks Winery Turns 2

Thousand Oaks Winery will be celebrating its 2nd birthday on May 23rd and it's shaping up to be quite the celebration. Expect music by Bruce Zimmerman, an expanded menu prepared by our Relay for Life team to raise money for cancer research, and more.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APR 9 (7PM)	WINE CLUB
APR 17	SPRING WINE EXCURSION
APR 23 (6PM)	COMMUNITY COUNSELING WINE FESTIVAL DRURY BAVARIAN HALL, JACKSON
MAY 1 (9AM)	SEMO BASIC WINE CHEMISTRY COURSE
MAY 7 (7PM)	MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER
MAY 9 (2PM)	MUSIC BY BILL BOOTH
MAY 15 (2PM)	BREWER / WISSMAN WEDDING
MAY 16 (3PM)	MUSIC BY DAN WIETOP
MAY 23	WINERY ANNIVERSARY BASH, MUSIC BY BRUCE ZIMMERMAN (3PM)
MAY 30	MUSIC BY CASEY BENNEFIELD (3PM)