

February 2012

HERITAGE PARK WINE CLUB

"By making this wine vine known to the public, I have rendered my country as great a service as if I had enabled it to pay back the national debt." - Thomas Jefferson

February Guest Winery: **Tanner Vineyards**

Following the footsteps of their great grandfather Angelo Sciaccaluga, Tanner siblings Richard, Ronald and Judy, planted their vineyard in the spring of 1998. Grandpa Angelo brought his wine making skills to the Mother Lode in the 1860's. Settling in the small gold rush town of Vallecito, he was the first winemaker in Calaveras County to pay an official "alcohol tax".

Fast forward to 2004 when the Tanner Vineyards label was born. In naming their first vintage, the siblings honored their mother, Jacqueline Rose Tanner with *Mélange de Mère*; French for 'mother's blend'. This special blend is made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petit Verdot, the first three wine grapes that

were planted in the vineyard.

The family has since planted more varieties that thrive in the rocky and volcanic soils of their vineyards.

Tanner's tasting room, located in Downtown Murphys at the corner of Main Street & Big Trees Road, is open Thursday through Monday after Noon.

Visit them for a taste of their estate grown wines: Viognier, Vermentino, Viognier, Doux Rose, Barbera, Mourvèdre, Syrah, *Mélange de Mère*, Petit Verdot, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon.



For more information, visit:
www.tannervineyards.com



Come ward off the winter cold with some yummy soup and tasty wine at this month's Wine Club meeting!

MONDAY – JANUARY 23; 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Bring a bottle of **WINE from the FOOTHILLS**
... and wine glass(es)

WHAT'S THE MOTIF?

As always, the Wine Club provides an array of appetizers at our meetings, along with those contributed by our members.

We anticipate another large turn-out at this month's event, so member-provided appetizers or desserts would be most appreciated!

Contact us for suggestions on which tasty food you can bring - or just bring whatever

strikes your fancy! (We'll be serving up soups this month, so complementary items would be helpful!)



Please make sure you let us know what you brought (we'll have a sign-in sheet) so we may properly thank you.

Much thanks to Ron NaSal and John and Renee Harwood for sharing their dynamite chili at our January meeting!

FORGET YOUR WINE?



Wine Club members are asked to bring a bottle of wine to share at our monthly meetings (one per couple will suffice). In the event you forget your bottle, we have implemented a new policy: rather than having to return home for your bottle, you may instead purchase \$10 of door prize tickets, which will be considered your donation to that month's event.



Since admission to our meetings is **FREE**, the club relies on the generosity of its membership in purchasing **Door Prize Donation** tickets to gain adequate proceeds to cover expenses for the appetizers, food service supplies and the usual cool assortment of door prizes from the Wine Club - personally selected by committee member Holly Brickner and complemented by fabulous prize donations from your fellow members.

We very much appreciate your continued door prize ticket purchases and hope that you are one of the many lucky winners of the always-fun list of prizes!

**Support your
Wine Club &
Win Fabulous
Door Prizes!**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 26, 2012
Italian Wines (Italian Food)

WINDWALKER VINEYARD

Located in El Dorado County, Windwalker Vineyards and Winery was awarded "Best of Reds" at the 2011 California State Fair .

www.windwalkervineyard.com

APRIL 13, 2012

HP WINE CLUB BUS TRIP TO MURPHYS

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