

January 2012

HERITAGE PARK WINE CLUB

"Wine ... offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than possibly any other purely sensory thing which may be purchased." - Ernest Hemingway

January Guest Winery: **Mount Aukum Winery**

2615 feet is the altitude of the vineyards at Mount Aukum Winery in California's El Dorado County - a region long famous for Zinfandel and more recently gaining a name for the cultivation of Rhone and Italian varietals. At 2615, the air is clear, the Central Valley below is covered with fog, and the mighty Sierra Nevada lifts its snowy peaks just an arm's length away.

Vines cling to the hillsides there between outcroppings of crumbling granite in a perfect world for wine grapes - a little red dirt here, a rocky drainage there - what the experts call "Holland Series", thirty-six inches deep. Days are sunny and nights are crisp on Mount Aukum - the same old story every winery wants to tell but up there the long underwear proves it's not just a marketing ploy.



Within the rugged sub-appellation of Fair Play ("Wines with Altitude"), Mount Aukum uses its own hillside vineyards as well as sourcing fruit from the same growers who nurtured the explosion of Zinfandel's fame in the Sierra foothills.

Winemaker Michel Prod'hon has the soul of a "garagiste" with the solid foundation of winemaking skills learned from the ground up, and backs his signature El Dorado County Zinfandel with a changing kaleidoscope of superb single varietal Rhone offerings made one hundred and fifty cases at a time and utterly fantastic blends. 2615 is the source and the refuge, the goal and the inspiration, the altimeter reading at the tasting room door and the name of the wine club.

Visit their website: <http://www.mountaukum.com>

Join us for **CHILI** and wine at this month's Wine Club meeting!

MONDAY-JANUARY 23
6:30 - 9:00 PM

Bring a bottle of **ZINFANDEL OR VIOGNIER**

... and a wine glass

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 what-



ever strikes your fancy! (Chili is our theme 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 Tina Stewman, Jo Cunningham and others for sharing their yummy dishes at our November Holiday social!



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

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TANNER VINEYARDS

Located in Murphys, Tanner Vineyards is part of the Calaveras County Appellation and produces an array of varietals and blends including Viognier, Petite Sirah, Barbera, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon.

<http://http://www.tannervineyards.com>



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Cheers!

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