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A Message From The President

Chardonnay Group Buy Tasting – Fascinating and Fun!

At last month's meeting we tasted eight wines made by five winemakers from last year's Chardonnay group grape purchase. It was the first time I've participated in group buy and what a great experience all around, culminating in our tasting last month. It was absolutely fascinating to taste and ponder the characteristics as Rod walked us through each wine. Although a couple were similar, some were very very different. It really highlighted how much the winemaker's decisions have on the outcome of the wine.

As Rod explained, Chardonnay, more than most grapes, really lends itself to a wide variety of treatments and styles. Aside from yeast selection...oak or no oak. Add Malolactic bacteria or not. Stir on the lees for a long time, blend with a small amount of a complementary varietal. So many options that work to create a unique wine with the same grapes!

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Rod asked us if we could pick out our own wine. I narrowed it down, but I wasn't sure. I learned a lot, and as so many of our meetings do, will help make me be a better winemaker. It was also a LOT of fun! As one member said at the end of the meeting, "This was fantastic and exactly what SWGGA is meant for!" This year Dave is organizing a Gewurztraminer group buy...I'm in! Cheers, Diane.

**Really Big News.
No Kidding.
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