

WINE & FOOD FANS – JARDINEROS DE PLACITAS INTEREST GROUP



Welcome to Wine & Food Fans (W&FF), one of the interest groups of the Jardineros de Placitas. The purpose of this group is to expose members to wines and complementary foods that you may have never tried so you may find some new favorites! This document will explain the W&FF group and act as a guideline and orientation for members.

The co-chairs for 2020-2021 are Cheryl & Dick Weber and Cindy & Allen Bourne.

What

- Monthly W&FF events offer participants the opportunity to sample wines (typically 5-6) with food pairings and to find new options for serving your guests or simply enjoy at your own home!

When

- Tastings are typically scheduled monthly on the third Saturday of the month. There will be some exceptions to avoid conflicts with holidays and already scheduled events of broad local appeal.

Where

- Tastings usually take place at a host member's home, but can also be held at an alternative venue (e.g. restaurant, winery, park, etc.).

How It Works

- There are "Primary" and "Alternate" member email lists to which tasting event invitations are sent. Those members who have hosted a W&FF event within the 24 months prior to the current month *or* who sign up to host (2020-2021) will be on the Primary list.
- Primary list invitations for upcoming tastings are sent out the day following each W&FF event (typically Sunday after event right at 9:30am) by Cindy Bourne. If you receive an invitation, it is important to RSVP ASAP, as wine events often fill quickly and most are limited in the number of attendees. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis in response to the email invitations.
- If responses from the first Primary list email invitation do not fill the event quota by the RSVP date listed on the invitation (usually noon on following Saturday), a second email will be sent to the Alternate list the following day (typically Sunday at 9:30am) with a Thursday deadline. Those email responses are also date/time stamp checked and their order of receipt determines a second chance to attend on a "space available" basis.

- An email will be sent to all members as soon as remaining space is filled. An additional email with the Guest List will be sent to the participating members of that event (usually 5 days before event). *See calendar example at end of document.*

Host Information

- Hosts are welcome to contact the co-chairs in advance for information or event suggestions. *See Tips/Suggestions and Past Events at the end of this document.*
- The host for each month will determine the number of potential attendees (based on available parking and seating). Cindy will send a Request for Information (*host(s) names, theme, location, date, time, what to bring, what is provided, guest limit, wines to be served, and any extra notes*) on the first of the month prior (approx. 45 days) to the month of your event so that invitations can be sent out the day after the current event.
- Host(s) should plan on a cost of \$15-\$25 per attendee. With a standard tasting pour of 2–3 ounces, a bottle of wine will contain about 10 taste servings. 5 or 6 wines are typically served. The number of bottles to buy is figured at 15 ounces TOTAL per person (a little more than a half bottle per person) so take the number of guests X 15 / 25 = number of bottles to buy.
- Chair people will provide hosts with wine glasses and name/glass tags. If requested, Chairs will help with event set-up. Cindy will create an invitation to send each month along with an email detailing the event, any extra notes and suggestions for guests to help with food pairing.
- Host(s) of the home tasting event do not pay to attend unless the event is at a winery or other venue, in which case all participants (including the host) are required to pay. Please let Cheryl know before your tasting event what your actual cost was for wine purchased so she can reimburse you at the event.
- A host who must cancel is responsible, with the assistance of Cheryl, for identifying a replacement host.

Attendee Information

- Cost for the W&FF tasting event is typically \$20 per person. Primaries should mail checks to Cheryl within 10 days of the invitation email date. Alternates have 6 days to mail checks. If you need to cancel, Cheryl and Cindy will make their best effort to find a replacement from the waiting list. If you cancel 3 days prior to an event, again we will try to find a replacement but if no attendees can be found to take your place, you will not receive a refund if no available funds are left after reimbursing the host(s).
- Any “extra” funds left over from the tasting event will be held by the club to cover supplies (wine glass replacements, name tags, wine pourers, etc.) If there is any remaining money after November’s event, remaining money (after all supply and/or reimbursement costs) will go toward an event in December.

We are excited to be the new Wine & Food Fans Chair people and will strive to make it tasty, fun and fair. We welcome your recommendations, questions, and comments which will all be seriously considered and put into action if possible.

Tips & Suggestions for Hosts, Guests and General Wine Appreciators!!

- [Wineries in New Mexico](#)
- [The Best 10 Wineries in ABQ from Yelp](#)
- [Wine Tasting Party Ideas](#)
- [Top 10 DIY Wine Tasting Themes](#)
- [18 Fun Wine Tasting Party Ideas](#)
- [How to Host a Wine Tasting Party](#)
- [Host A Wine Tasting Party | The Ultimate Guide](#)
- [Wine Tasting Party Ideas](#)
- [Food and Wine Pairing Basics \(Start Here!\)](#)
- [15 Rules for Great Wine and Food Pairings](#)
- [Pairing Wine & Food](#)
- [A Look at Two Ways to Pair Wine](#)
- [12 Amazing Wine Flight Ideas](#)
- [How to Pair Food & Wine](#)
- [Dummies – Free Wine Info & Books](#)
- [Wine 101 - Beginner's Guide to Wine](#)
- [Wine 101 - The Guide to Drinking & Enjoying Wine](#)
- [Wine for Beginners: An Easy Explanation of Different Wine Types](#)
- [YouTube Wine Folly Training Videos – Learn all about Wine](#)

Past Events

Theme
Wines from Spain
Spanish wines at Vara Winery
Lodi Michael David Reds
Wines from Sicily & Bellini Limoncello
Unconventional Wine Tasting
Casa Abril Winery
Summer on Calif Central Coast
Cool French Wines
Mediterranean Medley (Spain, South Africa, Italy)
Jaramillo Wines
Wines for Spring & Summer
Wines of Calif Carneros Region
Milagro Challenges the World (Gruner Vetliner & Syrah)
Weinfest und Oktoberfest German wine & beer)
Total Wines/wine pairing with snacks
Yummy Washington Wines
A Night of Italian Wines
Greek Independence (sparkling, white, red & dessert wines)
Total Wines (wines from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Chile)
Wines of Texas
Moroccan Wines

January Example –

This would be a typical month as according to our Wine & Food Fans Guidelines

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Cindy sends Request for Information to host of February	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Cindy sends Guest List to attendees for Jan 18 th event	14	15	16	17	18 Wine & Food Fan 
19 9:30am: Invitations sent to Primary list for Feb 15 th	20	21	22	23	24	25 Noon: Primaries, last day to RSVP to Cindy
26 9:30am: Invitations sent to Alternate list for Feb 15 th	27	28	29 Primaries, last day to mail checks to Cheryl	30 Alternates, last day to RSVP to Cindy	31	Feb 1 Alternates, last day to mail checks to Cheryl