

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 chair for 2023 is Cheryl Weber.

What

- W&FF Club starts in April and continues every month until December of 2023. Monthly W&FF events offer participants the opportunity to sample wines (typically 6-7) according to a theme set by the Host, which can be a Country, Region, Varietal, or even a single Winery. Members also bring their choice of appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. The Host generally provides the main course which corresponds with the Theme they have chosen, and members bring a dish that compliments that theme.

When

- Tastings are typically scheduled monthly on the third Saturday of the month. Exceptions are made to avoid conflicts with holidays and to accommodate the schedule of the Host.

Where

- Tastings usually take place at a Host member's home, but can also be held at an alternative venue (e.g. Placitas Community Library, Total Wine, or another members home).

How It Works

- All members are expected to host a W&FF event every 24 months. The following months Event invitation will be sent out the day after each W&FF event (typically the Sunday after the event night at 9:30 am). If you receive an invitation, it is important to RSVP ASAP, as Events often fill quickly and are limited in the number of attendees. Reservations are accepted on a first come, first-serve basis in response to the email invitation. Once reservations are closed, a Wait List will be created in the order received.
- An additional email with the Guest List will be sent to the participating members of that event once the event has been filled.

Host Information

- Hosting for April through December of 2023 will be established by the Chair in January. About 6 weeks prior to the Host's W&FF Event, the Chair will contact the Host on how to proceed. The Chair will contact an upcoming Host for each month to determine the guest limit, theme, location time, date, main dish, information on wines to be served, and cost for each attendee. All this information will be available to members when the invitation is sent out for your wine event.

- Host(s) should plan on a cost of \$20-\$25 per attendee. With a standard tasting pour of about 2–3 ounces, a bottle of wine will contain about 10 tasting servings. The number of bottles to buy is figured at 15 ounces per person (a little more than a half bottle per person). The Host needs to take into consideration the number of attendees and their budget. The price for each attendee and the total members attending will determine your wine budget for your Event. W&FF cannot reimburse a Host if they go over the budget on the night of the Event.
- Chair will provide Hosts with wine glasses and name/glass tags. Chair will help with event set-up. Chair will create an Invitation to send out on the month prior to the event.
- Host(s) of a home tasting event do not pay to attend unless the event is not held at their home, 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 the Chair, for identifying a replacement Host.

Attendee Information

- The cost for the W&FF tasting event is typically \$20-25 per person. Checks to the Chair should be mailed within 10 days of the event date. If you need to cancel, the Chair will make their best effort to find a replacement. 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, we cannot guarantee you will 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 a member must cancel due to illness and there are extra funds in the reserve account, an effort will be made to reimburse them.

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