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A benefit for the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department

2008 Home Winemakers Classic

Dear Home Winemaker,

The 26th annual 2008 Home Winemakers' Classic will be held on Saturday July 19, 2008 at St. Supéry Winery from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please note we will again start later and end later. We welcome back our old friends and the new winemakers who joined us last year. Please note, there is **NO** registration fee to join us at the Home Winemakers Classic, just a request for a donation of 3 wines (see later).

Last year 500 celebrants tasted wine, snacked on hot appetizers, listened to great music, and experienced the ambiance of the HWC event. As a result of ticket sales and wine donations from **you** and commercial wineries we are pleased to announce that the Dry Creek-Lokoya volunteer Fire Department was presented a check for \$ 20,000. The funds were used to purchase new equipment for Squad 16, provide Firefighter I training, and continue to improve the firehouse.

√REGISTRATION

To register for the event and reserve a pouring station, participants will be required to:

- 1. TWO WAYS TO REGISTER!** Complete the enclosed registration form or go online at drycreek.org and register there.
- 2. Donate a minimum of three bottles of wine for the silent auction by SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008.**

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS **THURSDAY, MAY 1**

•Please note that due to the shade limitations of the St. Supéry site we can comfortably accommodate seventy (60) wine pouring stations. **DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, REGISTRATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS, SO DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT!**

Each entry will be credited **two free tickets**, one for the winemaker and one for the co-winemaker or pouring assistant. **Two additional tickets** may be purchased at **at \$22 each** for two additional members **of the wine making team.**

The regular price of admission is \$45 at the event.

WINE DONATIONS (Silent Auction - Minimum of three bottles)

Please complete the information requested on the enclosed registration form regarding:

Varietal, Vintage, Bottle Size, Quantity, Estimated Value of each of the Donated Wines.

The DEADLINE for submitting the donated wines is SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008. The purpose for this early date is to insure that the donations will be acknowledged in the 2008 HWC program and the bid sheets prepared for the silent auction. The donations should be delivered to:

Napa Fermentation Supplies

Att: Colleen Watkins

573 3rd Street

Napa, CA 94558

For Directions Call: (707) 255-6372

WINES FOR JUDGING - (OPTIONAL)

Continuing this year, there is a \$7 per bottle judging fee due with your confirmation letter which will be sent to you at a later date.

Each wine making team may submit **two different wines for judging** i.e., different varieties, vintages, etc. **Only one bottle is required for each entry.** To avoid any confusion as to who should receive an award, please be sure that each home winemaking team has a different and unique name which is easy to identify with each wine submitted for judging.

Upon receipt the 2008 registration the HWC applicants will be sent a confirmation letter. With this letter you will receive blank labels to be attached to the judging wines. Please complete the information requested on the labels and attach the labels to the bottles.

The deadline for submitting the Judging wines is WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2008 and should be delivered to Napa Fermentation Supplies (see above). Wines submitted after May 31 will not be considered for judging but will be added to the Silent Auction.

Also, please note: There has been much discussion regarding the judging practices of our professional judging team. Often times there has been no first or second or third place award given at the event. Some home winemakers believe that all the wines should be "stacked up" and be given a first, second, and third place award based upon which wine was the best, second best, and third best. The Home Winemakers Classic Committee supports the current practice of presenting awards to those wines which meet the criteria of a first, second, or third place wine and not give out awards because there are three to give away. This really means that you can display your hard-won ribbon with pride knowing that you REALLY met the criteria for your class.

REMINDERS

MAY 1, 2008 MONDAY	Registration - Mail Application	To: Chief Gary Green 5900 Dry Creek road Napa, CA 94558
MAY 31, 2008 THURSDAY	Donation and Judging Wines Please deliver on or before Thursday, 5pm	Napa Fermentation Supplies Att: Colleen Watkins 575 3rd. St. Napa, CA 94558 707-255-6372
JULY 15, 2008 SATURDAY	Home Winemakers Classic Wine Judging Awards: 3:00 the day of the event	St. Supéry Winery Check-In Time 2:00pm