



ELEVATION TEN

Wine Club Newsletter

Our Second Annual Winemaker Dinner! Friday, March 28th



Join us for our 2nd Annual Winemaker Dinner on Friday, March 28th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm at Mulvaney's Building and Loan located in Downtown Sacramento!

This dinner will include passed appetizers and a five-course gourmet meal along with your favorite Elevation Ten Wines! Our winemaker Marco Cappelli will be in attendance to talk about our wines, the wine making process and to mix and mingle with all of our guests!

The menu will be posted on our website very soon! We are sure this event will sell out so buy your tickets in time!

Tickets can be purchased on our website or in our tasting room. Club members will receive their 15-20 percent discounts. Ticket prices are \$115 per ticket for non-members, \$92 per ticket for Navigator's or Red's Only Club and \$97.75 per ticket for Compass Club! We look forward to seeing you at this fabulous event!



Mulvaney's Building & Loan is located at 1215 19th Street in an 1893 Firehouse. The name Mulvaney's Building and Loan is taken from the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" where

Jimmy Stewart did not want to stay in his small town and take over his father's business Baileys Building and Loan, he wanted to go off to the big city and make a future for himself, and by the end of the movie, it was realized that his future was in investing in his own community and that is how they feel at Mulvaney's.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

TOM MERWIN



Elevation Ten is excited to have the very accomplished and charming Tom Merwin as part of our team! Tom is a 7th generation farmer in the Sacramento Valley and currently manages the day-to-day business operations of his family farm in Clarksburg, where they specialize in varietal winegrape production, alfalfa, wheat, and safflower.

Tom earned his B.A. degree in International Relations from UC Davis. While at UC Davis, Tom earned an Undergraduate Fellowship with the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, which allowed him to study counter-terrorism and democracy in Israel and Washington, D.C..

Tom currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Clarksburg Library as well as on the board of directors for the Clarksburg Wine Growers and Vintners Association. He also serves on the finance committee for the Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America.

In fall 2013, Tom was accepted into class 44 of the prestigious California Agriculture Leadership Program. The aim of the program is to grow leaders in agriculture who make a difference, locally, statewide, and nationally. In the Fall, Tom will travel to Dubai, Zambia, and South Africa to meet with ambassadors, foreign dignitaries, diplomats, corporate executives, and small business owners as part of the program.

Tom also enjoys the outdoors and sports—specifically basketball, golf, waterfowl hunting, and backpacking. Tom learned to appreciate wildlife and the outdoors on his journey to becoming an Eagle Scout—one of his proudest achievements.

So as you can see, Tom is the definition of "locally grown" and looks forward to growing future grapes for Elevation Ten wine. Be sure to stop by and say hi to this fascinating guy!

Upcoming Events

MARCH

March 28th - Second Annual Winemaker Dinner

Enjoy a 5-course meal crafted by Patrick Mulvaney himself. Tickets on sale now!

March 29-30 - Bud Break and Barrel Tasting Event

Live Music, Food Vendors, Vineyard Tours, Sensory Wine Evaluation Seminar, Real Cork, and Wine Barrel Vendor Demos! This is a FREE event!

MAY

May 10th - Spring Wine Club Pick-Up Event

Enjoy a fabulous day filled with lots of "Fiesta" and delicious Elevation Ten wine in your shipments!

JUNE

June 28-29 - Old Sugar Mill Food Truck Event

Come out and enjoy a day filled with Food Truck Fun! Enjoy the selections of several different local gourmet food trucks, live music and your favorite wines! This is a FREE event!



Wine Updates

NEW RELEASE: Elevation Ten is excited to announce the release of our newest wine - our 2011 Syrah from Napa Valley!

This Rhone style Syrah reflects the earthy and spicy characteristics that result from a cool and wet growing season. With notes of hibiscus on the nose and a beautiful garnet color, the 2011 Syrah is an expressive wine with hints of peppercorn and white pepper.

COMING SOON: Coming soon are the following varietals: 2012 El Dorado Zinfandel, 2012 Clarksburg Proprietor's Blend, 2012 Napa Valley Syrah, 2012 Clarksburg Malbec, 2013 California Rosé Carignane

ALMOST GONE: Our 2009 Semillon is almost sold out! Make sure to buy a bottle or two before it is gone for good!

OSM Spring Wine Event

March 29th & March 30th 11am to 5pm.

Seven wineries of the Old Sugar Mill are rolling out the wine barrels to celebrate Bud Break! Enjoy a barrel tasting from each winery, as well as live music, vineyard tours, sensory wine evaluation seminars and cork and wine barrel vendor demos!

We will have Sacatatoes and The Pasta Queen as well as other food vendors on site. The weather will be beautiful so bring a picnic, and enjoy the patio and sunshine.



Syrah, Shiraz and Petite Sirah -

What's the difference between these similar sounding varietals?

Syrah and Shiraz come from the same grape—a small, thick-skinned, dark colored grape—it just goes under different names depending on where it's grown. In Australia, it's called Shiraz—and when made into wine, it's very approachable and easy to drink, even young. Shiraz has a typically New World flavor profile: bold, fruit-driven, spicy, rich, less minerality. Great with hearty, full-flavored meals like BBQ, grilled meats or chili. In France's Rhone Valley, the same tiny grape is referred to as Syrah and creates ripe, smooth wines that age well. These wines are well balanced and smoother than Shiraz, with an Old World flavor profile that's more complex and savory, subtle and earthier. Excellent with braised or slow-cooked meats. Try either of these with aged cheeses, like Cheddars or Grana Padano.

Petite Sirah grapes, grown primarily in California, are distantly related to Syrah/Shiraz. There's quite a confusing pedigree about this grape; what's important to know is that, despite its name, California's Petite Sirah is a big, bold wine. It presents a characteristically New World flavor; fruity, almost jammy, intense, and tannic. Less complex than Syrah or Shiraz, these grapes are often blended to create powerful, rustic reds.