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## WAV Members

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Get ready for  
**2004 LAMANCHA**  
THE THIRD WINE IN THE  
LAMANCHA SERIES!  
DON'T FORGET TO RSVP TO  
THE LAMANCHA RELEASE  
DINNER!

2005 Apple Hill Wine Fest  
On-Line Signups at  
[www.acteva.com/go/AHWiner](http://www.acteva.com/go/AHWiner)  
[ies](http://www.acteva.com/go/AHWiner).

July 30 and 31  
11am-5pm



## Fun Times At Wofford Acres

As you have seen, my promise not to deluge you with mailings when you signed up to receive the newsletter was true- after a year and a half this is the fifth I have managed to get out. I will try to get out at least three a year and supplement the big newsletter with periodic short emails for our new releases and events. In the meantime, thank you for your patience. If you are receiving a print newsletter and have an email address please let us know your email address by writing us at [woffordwines@juno.com](mailto:woffordwines@juno.com) That way we can send you the short notices.

We have some new wines here at WAV- if you haven't tasted the 2004 Molino de Viento Syrah Rose or the 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot

come on up! Just a plug for our WAV wine club- all of the wines get released to WAV members first. Members get first shot at purchasing limited-quantity bottlings (that is why we sold out of the 2003 LaMancha and Late Harvest Viognier in three weeks- the WAV members saw a good thing and bought big when they could!) Not all new releases are WAV shipments, but the members get to try and buy all of the new wines before we release them to everyone else. AND WAV members get 20% off of all purchases. The biggest discount we offer anyone else is 15%. So, if you like Wofford Acres Vineyards (and I assume you do since you signed up for the mailing list) consider joining the WAV. We can now ship to every

state except for Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Utah. Hopefully, if the Supreme Court sees fit to lift the interstate shipping ban, we can ship to those states as well soon. (Log onto [www.freethegrapes.com](http://www.freethegrapes.com) to follow this case through the Supreme Court.) There is no fee to join the WAV- the only obligation is to accept the 4-6 shipments of 2 bottles per shipment each year. And, if you like, you can save yourself the UPS charge by picking up your shipment here at the winery. Think about it- it is a great deal! Come up to Apple Hill soon- the trees are budding and blooming. Thanks for being a part of our winery! Cheers!

**Ann**



## ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Farmers Markets ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

We are now selling our wines at Farmers Markets in the Sacramento area. The markets are from 8 AM until 11:30 AM on Saturdays and Sundays. The markets are as follows;

**Saturdays - Sunrise Mall** (behind Sears) at Greenback and Sunrise, year round.

**Sundays - El Dorado Farm Trails** in Old Folsom at Sutter and Wool, May through December 8th. Under the freeway between W and X streets and 6th and 7th streets, from December 15th through the end of April.

## Apple Hill Wine Fest 2005

The 2005 Apple Hill Wine Fest will be held July 30 and 31.

Tickets can be ordered on-line this year at

[www.acteva.com/go/AHWineries](http://www.acteva.com/go/AHWineries)

Just as we did last year, the 6 Apple Hill wineries will be selling only 400 tickets for each day, so early sign-ups are imperative.

Wofford Acres Vineyards will be having The Old Town Grill cater again- we really did have wonderful food last year, didn't we?! We promise to have something equally delicious this

July. And Paul will be leading the Blending Challenge, so polish up your winemaking skills! You can find pictures of last year's Wine Fest on our website at

[www.wavwines.com](http://www.wavwines.com)

if you missed the fun...



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## ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Mike's View ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ from the "Man Who Dances with Grapes"

Spring has sprung at Wofford Acres Vineyards. The fruit trees have been in bloom for the past month, the grape vines are popping up with new growth, and my favorite native trees, Pacific Dogwood and California Redbud, can be seen in their full beauty on the ride up from Sacramento. It is a fantastic time of year in Apple Hill with the rebirth of Mother Nature's colorful world. Since it is the time for new growth, we are in the process of planting another acre of grapes. We are expanding our white wine grape crop with Gewurztraminer and some more Viognier. We are also adding the red grape Petite Verdot. Paul believes the

growing conditions for these three grape varieties is excellent, with warm summer days and cooler evenings. So, if you see us in the field when you come up, honk and wave to us as we are digging holes, pounding stakes, running wire and irrigation lines, and, most importantly, planting the new vines. Don't forget Mark, our cousin. He can be found at the Farmers Markets on Saturdays at the Sunrise Mall near Sears in Citrus Heights. On Sundays, he is at the Sacramento market downtown, between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and W and X Streets under the freeway, until April 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be at the El Dorado Farm Trails

Farmer's Market in Folsom, from May through December. Stop by and say "Hi."

If you want to catch us out and about, we will be pouring at the following fundraisers:

Roseville Kiwanis Club on April 23<sup>rd</sup>

A Tasting A'Faire at the Placerville Fairgrounds on April 28

Sacramento Grandparent Network on May 15<sup>th</sup>  
California State University – Fresno Viticulture Society on June 5<sup>th</sup>

Wine at Serrano- Rotary of Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills on June 11

The tasting in Fresno is a big one for us as both Paul and I graduated from Fresno State a few, ok, several years ago. This will be our first time participating with OUR wines. See you there!

*Mike*

## ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ A Word from Paul ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

### And Now For Something Completely Different.

As I was sitting and thinking the other day (enjoying a glass of Syrah) I came up with a fun way to thank our loyal supporters. I would like to offer you "An Evening With The Winemaker" - a lottery for the opportunity for 2 lucky people to spend a special evening with the winemaker of Wofford Acres Vineyards. Here are the specifics –

For each case of wine purchased in the month of May we will give one entry into the lottery (WAV Club Members get two entries per case). Group buys are allowed

but you only get one entry (for two people) per case.

On a to-be-determined date the lucky duo will be picked up from their home(s), spend the afternoon playing winemaker with me and then enjoy a scrumptious dinner matching Wofford Acres Vineyards wine with the food that I like to cook. After a hedonistic day of winemaking, eating and wonderful wines, the winners will be taken home with 6 bottles of wine they created.

The afternoon will include working on blends of upcoming

wines, a barrel tasting of all the wines in the cellars, and dinner at sunset, overlooking our fabulous view.

Dinner will be created to your likes with appropriate wines (including selections from my private library) to make for a memorable evening.

This is a unique opportunity to get an inside look into the day-to-day life of being a "winemaker".

What do you think? I will be willing to bet that you will never have the opportunity to enjoy such a special evening. I am looking forward to a great time.