



# LFW

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## Lively LFW in 2011!



Your Lawyer Friends of Wine Board of Directors and Program Committee headed by Program Chair Steve Martin have been working at a frenzied pace making arrangements for what could be one of our most exciting event-filled years ever.

January: Our reliably raucous and festive Winter Follies (bring your own wine to compete in our tasting contest) will be in a gorgeous setting in Tiburon on Saturday, January 29 (more details coming soon in your private flyer) so save the date.



February: Luncheon in San Francisco with guest winery host, Thursday, Feb. 17.

March: Annual Cellar Treasure Dinner Dance (Black Tie Optional) featuring our finest wines.

April: Wild Game BBQ & Wine Picnic at a special member's private wine country ranch.

May: Wine Country Getaway Luncheon, Tour and Bus Trip (Winery to be revealed soon).

June: Cooking with Wine Dinner at the California Culinary Academy in SF.



July: International Wine & Food Pairing evening / themed country event. (Will it be Italy, France, Spain, Argentina, Chile, South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Germany, China? OK, not China this year . . . )

August: Small group wine tour? Winery hosted Luncheon in San Francisco? Both?



September: Harvest Moon Dinner in Wine Country. (Surprise destination being arranged.)

October: Blast by the Bay wine tasting, food, music & fun.

November: Small Group Event; suggestions welcome.

December: Claret Dinner / Sequoyah Country Club.



Toss in an LFW Golf Tournament, Beer Tasting Seminar from [Cellar Master Rod Santos](#), and other ideas we're exploring, and you'll appreciate why we're looking forward to a very special year.

This year, we've made a special effort to avoid schedule conflicts that our members might otherwise have attending events with other organizations. We'll provide advance notice of firm dates as they become available. Your attendance is what helps make all the planning worthwhile!

### **100 Enjoy Claret 2010 Event!**

Our member suggestions and survey responses helped us launch the holiday season with our festive Claret Dinner gathering at the Sky Room of the Sequoyah Country Club which served as a great new venue for our annual event. A door prize and 3-way tie outcome of our holiday tie contest led to lucky winners of fine bottles of wine.

Many folks discovered they love a fabulous Merlot after all. (Fun fact: Cellar Master

Rod notes the scene in the movie *Sideways* that dissed Merlot featured a "preferred" wine made mostly of . . . you guessed it, Merlot.)

Special thanks to Program Chair Steve Martin, his able program committee members, and Mark Penskar, all of whom were responsible for helping us make this year's Claret Dinner a wonderful event.

### **Lawyer Friends of Wine Membership Packets**

You'll soon be receiving your membership renewal notice by postal mail. Please submit your (green page) Roster data and dues payment by January 31.

We look forward to your active participation in LFW events all year long.

Despite the poor economy, tighter venue demands for advance deposits, and occasionally undersubscribed events, our Board of Directors has kept our club on firm financial ground. Most events are self-supporting by event-specific reservation charges, and our dues support our cellar wine events, administration fees, etc.

We have a cap of 100 members and only a couple of memberships available, so if you do not intend to renew your membership, please let us know so that others can participate in our upcoming events.

Also, please mail in your (blue page) Nominations for Board Members as there are Board member positions that expire in 2010. We actively encourage nominations (including self-nominations) and your help in making our club better than ever!

### **Welcome New Member!**

***Sue E. Michaelsen*** of Santa Rosa.

