



# LFW G r a p e v i n e

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## Stellar from the Cellar at LFW's Annual Dinner/Dance Bash

On March 2, 2007, we returned to our venue by the bay, the St. Francis Yacht Club, to celebrate our annual meeting.

President Bill Smith presided over the festivities to acknowledge the results of our recent Board of Directors election which returned four incumbents to serving our club: Mike Carbone, John Roveda, Bill Smith, and yours truly, Christopher Blunden.

Our membership is nearly full at 94 out of our maximum 100. (If you wish to sponsor a potential new member, do it soon before the waiting list sets in.)

Our officers for the coming term are:

President: Bill Smith  
1st VP/Secretary: R.J. Waldsmith  
2nd VP/Treasurer: Ray Bergez

LFW Cellar Master Steve Pitcher then awarded honorary tastevins to Carl Schetter and David Anderson (the two handsome lads in the photo upper right) recognizing 3+ years of membership.

In addition to the Golden Gate setting, great company, and fine food, we treated ourselves to some wonderful wines under Steve's guidance.

We started with Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve Champagne which Steve attained at a price we couldn't refuse. At dinner, we first tasted 1997 Rosemount "Balmoral" Syrah, McLaren Vale (Australia) which earned all-around smiles from our members, only to be topped by a fabulous 1999 Gregory Graham Syrah, Napa Valley.



Our Strawberry Bagatelle dessert was complemented by an excellent 2005 Quady "Essensia" Orange Muscat Fortified Dessert Wine California.

Music, dancing and socializing among old and new friends capped the evening adding to our album of fun and successful Lawyer Friends of Wine events.



## New Members – Welcome!

**Paul F. Kelly**, sponsored by Mike Marron  
**Michael Verna**, sponsored by Bill Smith  
**Jack Brown**, sponsored by Mike Carbone



## White Oak Tour, Tasting, and Luncheon: Outstanding!



Lawyer Friends of Wine celebrated its own special brand of Cinco de Mayo 2007.

This year's annual spring trek to the wine country brought us to White Oak Vineyards & Winery, a beautiful winery situated in the Alexander Valley in a rustic setting along scenic Highway 128 near Healdsburg.

Our private motor coach arrived in perfect weather whereupon our gracious hosts greeted us with a flawless wine to match: their 2005 White Oak Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley.



After generous pours of this personal favorite of our cellar master Steve Pitcher who masterminded this trip, plus some excellent White Oak Merlot, we ambled to the nearby vineyard for a fun and personalized informal talk revealing some insights about our delectable beverages.

Our adventure continued with a sumptuous buffet luncheon accompanied by the house Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon & Syrah.



This turned out to be an ideal day for our new members to experience the wines, friends and camaraderie of our club.

We then got a chance to take a bit of our wine country encounter home by ordering our favorite wines of the day at a 20% discount. Almost everyone took advantage of this opportunity.

With the approaching season of warm weather entertaining, you might try enticing those hard core Red wine aficionados with an opening glass of the Sauvignon Blanc that so many of us bought.



Our candid photo of the event features RJ Waldsmith and new member Mike Verna studying the sculpting technique used to produce artwork that begs to be touched. As usual for our events, a good time was had by all . . . (even the sculpture).