

OCWS Events - Year at a Glance

January - May

Winery Programs* (monthly)

March - May

Spring Membership Social**

Winemakers' Group Cork & Bottle Purchases

April

Wine Auction**

May

Wine Competition Preparations***

June

Commercial Wine Competition***

Home Wine Competition**

July

Wine Courtyard at the OC Fair***

August

Wine Courtyard at the OC Fair***

August - October

Fall Membership Social**

Winemakers' Group Grape Purchase

September

Annual Business Meeting

Annual Board Elections

December

Holiday Dinner Dance*

Winemakers' Group Holiday Potluck*

Other Events (months & dates vary)

New Member Mixer (2-3 times/year)*

Mini-Tastings (4 times/year)*

Bubbles n' Brunch (3-4 times/year)

Varietal Hours (every other Monday)

Winemakers' Group Quarterly Meetings (4 times/year)

Winemaking Classes and Activities (various times)

Tastings at OC Wineries (various times)

Volunteer Needs

* A Few Opportunities (< 10)

** Many Opportunities (11-100)

*** Significant Opportunities (Over 100)

Information on Events

Website (ocws.org)

Monthly Newsletter

Weekly eblast email reminders

Event specific eblasts

See back for description of each event



OCWS Event Descriptions

OCWS Flagship Events

Commercial Wine Competition - OCWS hosts the OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition, the largest California only wine competition in the world. OCWS volunteers work throughout the Spring to put on this event.

Home Wine Competition - OCWS hosts the OC Fair Home Wine Competition, one of the largest Home Wine competitions.

Wine Courtyard at the OC Fair - OCWS runs the Wine Courtyard each year during the OC Fair. The business is our largest fundraiser of the year and requires hundreds of volunteers.

Wine Auction - Wines from the previous year's Commercial Wine Competition are sold at our members only auction. Wines are offered at a fraction of the retail price in silent and verbal auction lots. One of two fundraising events for OCWS. The event includes food and wine.

Other OCWS Events

Winery Programs - Wine tastings with a winemaker or representative at a local hotel. Includes meal and several flights of wine. Discounted wine offered for purchase.

Spring and Fall Membership Socials - Saturday or Sunday afternoon events including food, wine, live music and dancing. Each event typically has a theme.

Annual Business Meeting - This members' only meeting reviews the previous years' financials and volunteer awards.

Annual Board Elections - Each September, OCWS elects three of its nine board members for a three-year term.

Holiday Dinner Dance - OCWS hosts a semi-formal dinner dance at a local hotel, complete with plated dinner, wine, live music, and dancing.

Mini-Tastings - The events take place at members' homes and feature wines with a particular theme and a potluck dinner. Awards are given for the best chef at each location.

New Member Mixer - New Members are invited to an afternoon event featuring appetizers and wine, to learn more about the events that OCWS hosts throughout the year.

Bubbles n' Brunch - Brunch at a local restaurant with members providing wine to share.

Varietal Hours - Online Zoom meeting with specific theme where members bring wine to discuss.

Winemaker Quarterly Potluck Meetings—Quarterly event at a member's home featuring food and home-made wine from members.

Winemakers' Group Holiday Potluck - The OCWS Winemakers' Group hosts a holiday potluck event with food and wine. All OCWS members are invited to attend.

Winemaking Classes and Activities - Hands on classes and activities to support members who make wine.

Tastings at OC Wineries - Organized outings to local wineries to taste wine.