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IGGPRA Christmas Social

Date: Dec. 18, 2010

Time: 6 to 10 pm

Place: Falcon Nest Winery
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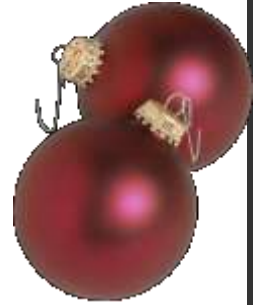
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November 2010

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Annotations for November 2010:

- VOTE**: Points to Sunday, Nov 7.
- Daylight savings**: Points to Sunday, Nov 7.
- Don't Forget to Turn Back Your Clock**: Points to Saturday, Nov 6.
- Central Coast Grape Expo**: Points to Saturday, Nov 13.
- Veteran's Day**: Points to Friday, Nov 19.
- Thanksgiving**: Points to Thursday, Nov 25.

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Annotations for December 2010:

- Christmas Party**: Points to Saturday, Dec 11.
- Merry Christmas**: Points to Friday, Dec 24.
- New Year's Eve**: Points to Saturday, Dec 31.

Our Social Chair-Elizabeth Torp

I think our Oktoberfest this year was a major hit. We had 90 people enjoying the afternoon at Silver Horse Winery. Being indoors we didn't care if it rained or not. Our new speakers on towers made it easy to hear our members speak.

Christmas is around the corner, so mark the social on your calendar, Dec. 18th at Falcon Nest Winery for a fabulous Italian feast. I can't wait to taste the chicken dish. See you there.

2010 IGGPRA CALENDAR

All dates/seminars are subject to change.

Suggestions for seminars are welcome. Contact ANY board member to offer your suggestions!

Nov 12	Central Coast Grape Expo	PR Event Center	
Dec 19	Christmas Social *		6pm-10pm
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011			
Jan	2011 seminar		tbd
	Why we prune		
Feb 18	ANNUAL MEETING & Social		6pm-10pm
	SAN MIGUEL PARISH CENTER		
Feb	seminar		tbd
	Rules & regs		
Mar	seminar		tbd
	Frost protection strategies		
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Air board votes to end smoke test on many vehicles By Steve Adler

Issue Date: October 27, 2010

Rejecting a recommendation from its staff and agreeing instead with a proposal from the California Farm Bureau Federation and other agricultural and business groups, the California Air Resources Board voted unanimously last week to drop a requirement that certain on-road diesel vehicles undergo annual smoke testing. Instead, those vehicles will be required only to have biennial smog checks.

The ruling applies to 1998 and newer diesel vehicles, such as pickup trucks, between 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating and 14,000 GVWR. Requirements of the Periodic Smoke Inspection Program still apply to many diesel vehicles that are 1997 and older.

Without this change, owners of two or more commercially operated 1998 and newer on-road diesel vehicles could have been required to have the vehicles tested every year, alternating between smog checks one year and smoke testing the following year. This was because of an overlap between a fairly new smog check law enacted by the state Legislature and long-existing CARB smoke testing regulations. Now, only the smog check is required of these vehicles.

Cynthia Cory, CFBF director of environmental affairs, testified before the board that the regulation being proposed by its staff amounted to excessive testing and that the biennial smog check—similar to what is required of gasoline-engine vehicles—is sufficient. The board agreed. **“The Periodic Smoke Inspection Program is a separate program from smog check, with which most of us are already familiar. A wrench got thrown into the works on Jan. 1, when diesel passenger cars and trucks that are 1998 model year and newer and 14,000 GVWR or smaller,**

were included for the first time in the smog check program,” Cory said.

“The diesel smog check program now requires all California vehicles that fit certain size and age specifications to undergo emissions checks every other year. Confusion arose because the expansion of the smog check program meant that diesel vehicles from 1998-2007 and between 6,000 and 14,000 pounds GVWR would have been regulated under both PSIP and smog check,” she said.

Rancher and hay producer John Pierson of Vacaville was among the farmers who had expressed their concerns about the regulation. When he was told of the CARB vote, he commended Farm Bureau for carrying this message to the air resources board.

“It was just grossly unfair what they were doing to the small individual who had only a couple of diesel pickups. It was so confusing that I was highly against it,” said Pierson, who serves on the CFBF board of directors.

“This is the kind of thing that really hurts our economy. It indirectly affects everybody, not just our agricultural sector,” he said. “The average family farmer can’t go buy this new equipment like it’s yesterday. So what you do is either put a guy out of business or he runs as a renegade until he gets caught and he pays a fine.”

Cory said that CARB acknowledged that it has not done an adequate education outreach effort on the PSIP with farmers and ranchers, and will work to rectify that. The PSIP is a confusing program, she said, because unlike being notified by the Department of Motor Vehicles during the registration process that you need to get a smog check, **“you are just supposed to know that if you own two or more diesel vehicles from 1997 or before that are**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The many years that I have been growing wine grapes I think this year is among the top five for being the most difficult. First it started with a *cool spring* and stayed that way much of our growing season with a couple of exceptions. That in itself told us we needed to do early and complete canopy management for good air movement through the vine and if this was not done mildew was a real problem and then later bunch rot was found in some locations even before the first rain. The heavy crop this year needed to be thinned so air could move freely between the bunches and keep them dried out. If you are going to put bird netting on your crop be sure you don't pull the canes down over the fruit zone and block air movement and sun light.



We all are going through some tough times now with our economy still not good, wineries not selling the wine like before and some growers having a hard time finding a buyer that will pay a fair price so we can stay sustainable and get through these stressful situations. If you keep quality upper most in mind and keep some of your product to prove what you and your vineyard can do it will be a good tool for selling your future crops.

This year the crop if harvested at the right time is going to be one to remember. Even though we had the cool year that gave us problems it also gave us mature flavors at a lower brix than in recent years therefore you could see some great wines with a lower alcohol. The numbers were all about a perfect as you could get them. We have been getting new members each month and we welcome them to enjoy and learn from IGGPRA There has been a number of our members signing up for different committees, it is great to see their interest. Coming up soon is the election of some new board members and with the many qualifications in our organization I would like to see at least ten people on the ballot

So put your name on it, we need you.

Recently one of our board members had some surgery and all the membership of IGGPRA wishes for Tom Hinkle to have a rapid recovery.

Richard Sauret

Invitation To Get Involved With IGGPRA!

Hello IGGPRA Friends

-We hope all of you are experiencing a pleasant Harvest Season...Always a challenge, it is nice to know that as friends and neighbors, we are all in this together. Keeping good thoughts for all!

- As Board Members, we would like to extend an invitation to all of you to actively get involved with our organization on a personal level. We have distinctly unique and talented members in our group that could greatly contribute to the growth of IGGPRA. We would love to benefit from everyone's shared expertise. Hope some of you would be willing to share your talents and join a committee in our efforts to expand our IGGPRA association.

-We have great volunteers already, but our goal is to be more inclusive while making our association better. Not always a huge commitment, everyone's contributions are appreciated in helping us move forward with our upcoming projects.

THESE ARE THE COMMITTEES THAT NEED MORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION:

1. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: (Membership Drive - November, December, January)
2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE **
5. In-Kind DONATIONS COMMITTEE
6. COMMUNITY GIFTING COMMITTEE
7. MARKETING GRAPE INFORMATION COMMITTEE
8. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)
9. RELATIONSHIP w/other ORGANIZATIONS

If you would be interested in participating in any of the above committees, please feel free to call Tom Hinkle* at (805) 237-8884 or send an email to: info@riosecowine.com

* Tom has had surgery and is in the process of recovering. Please leave your information at this number which is the Rio Seco Winery phone number. Your information will be given to the board.

**see the actions of the November board meeting.

OCTOBER SOCIAL~2010

Thanks to our hosts, Jim and Suzanne Kroener, our enclosed meeting place made a very pleasant atmosphere to discuss wine grapes, politics and last but not least taste all the wonderful dishes . Pot luck is GOOD.



Not only did we have a super turn-out of our members, but we were honored with Robert Hall personally presenting the plaque commemorating the Robert Hall Winery receiving the Golden State Honor at the California State Fair. Thank you Robert.



Our Socials are useful tools for our growers and winery members to talk about everything in the wine grape growing business.

The winner of the 50/50 ticket draw for the October social, Meredith Jackson, donated her share of \$255 back to IGGPRA. IGGPRA donates all proceeds to the Paso Robles High School Pruning Team. Meredith owns the former Mondelo Vineyard now called Fonte Vineyard. Thank you Meredith for your generosity.

Williamson Act gains funding in new budget

Issue Date: October 27, 2010

By Kate Campbell
Assistant Editor

By signing a budget "trailer" bill last week, Gov. Schwarzenegger assured interim funding for the Williamson Act farmland-conservation program.

Senate Bill 863, a follow-up bill to the recently approved state budget, contains \$10 million in funding that will go toward reimbursements for counties that participate in the Williamson Act program in the 2010-11 fiscal year.

The California Farm Bureau Federation worked with legislators and the Schwarzenegger administration to develop program alternatives and the interim funding that CFBF

President Paul Wenger called key to the program's survival.

"We appreciate, in a very tight budget year, that Governor Schwarzenegger recognized that the agricultural community stepped to the plate and provided an interim solution for maintaining this program and keeping it going with interim funding until the state budget **situation gets better," Wenger said.**

SB 863 also contained technical changes to the previously adopted Assembly Bill 2530 by Assemblyman Jim Nielsen, R-Gerber. The new law essentially replaces AB 2530 and adds an urgency clause, allowing counties to move forward in implementing it for 2011.

Because Williamson Act funding had been vir-

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Message From Your Membership Chair ~ Herman Salazar

MEMBERS! Please encourage and invite others you know and meet to join the membership of IGGPRA!

- New members enhance crucial networking and industry resources.
- You may emphasize to prospective members that all membership levels offer a greater connection with the Paso Robles wine community, services, news and information.
- Mention the enjoyment and benefits of the shared knowledge, experience, resources and information, as well as the camaraderie of a community with strong common interests. An application is enclosed as well as available on line; or contact me and I would be pleased to assist.

Herman's e-mail & phone number sf49giants2@hughes.net or 805 467-3280. We have included membership applications for you to hand to potential new members! Thanks, please use them!

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tually deleted from the previous state budget, some counties have considered not renewing their contracts and exiting the program.

In 2008, state general fund contributions for reimbursements to counties with a Williamson Act program amounted to about \$33 million. Last fiscal year, the program funding was a mere \$1,000.

The act, created 45 years ago, currently protects about 16.5 million acres of farmland. Farmers and ranchers who enroll in the program enter into 10-year or 20-year contracts with the county, by which they promise to keep the land in agriculture rather than opting for some other land use, such as commercial or residential development.

In exchange, the land is taxed based on its agricultural income, its acquisition value under Proposition 13 or its current market value, whichever is lower. The contracts automatically renew each Jan. 1, unless counties vote not to renew them.

Wenger said the program modification contained in the new law provides flexibility and

gives counties a way to recoup some of their lost revenue from the drastically reduced state reimbursements.

SB 863 allows counties voluntarily to implement new contracts that can be 10 percent shorter in duration—in return for a 10 percent **reduction in the landowner's property tax relief.**

Adoption of the new, shorter contracts will require a majority vote of county supervisors and the program modification will only be allowed in years when counties receive replacement funds of less than one-half of their foregone property tax revenue related to the program.

"Farm Bureau sponsored this alternative funding approach in order to save a very successful land conservation program that not only provides farmers with significant property tax relief, but also the certainty that they can continue to farm without incompatible, non-farm uses coming in next to them," said John Gamper, California Farm Bureau taxation and land use director.

For growers, the new law is an important development, Wenger said.

(Continued from page 9) Williamson Act

“If you’re in the Williamson Act, this legislation means that rather than losing 100 percent of your benefit, you’ll keep 90 percent of it,” he said. “If this solution had not been developed, many counties would not have renewed the program and taxes on agricultural property would have skyrocketed at rates not seen in many years.”

Although the new law provides immediate support, Wenger noted it includes a four-year sunset provision. That means the agricultural community will need to be engaged in maintaining the Williamson Act program into the future, he said.

“Maintaining this program is important,” Wenger said. “What most people don’t realize is that there is going to be a lot of land transitioning from one generation to the next. When that

happens, the land will be reappraised. The values placed on that land at transfer will make the taxes cost-prohibitive. It’s imperative that this land conservation tool be available, because I see more land needing to be enrolled in the Williamson Act, rather than less.”

Wenger said county Farm Bureaus have been instrumental in supporting the recently signed legislation. He said Farm Bureau would encourage members to become involved in their counties to see it implemented. The revamped program will work, he said, if properly implemented.

“This legislation offers a proactive solution,” Wenger said.

(Kate Campbell is an assistant editor of Ag Alert. She may be contacted at kcampbell@cfbf.com.)

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used for non-personal use over 6,000 GVWR, that you need an annual PSIP test.”

But, Cory said, if you only own one 1997 or older diesel vehicle over 6,000 GVWR, no matter how you use it, you are exempt from PSIP. All diesel vehicles from those model years over 6,000 GVWR that are exclusively for personal use—driving to church, school, grocery store and so on—are also exempt, she said, but agricultural activities are not considered personal use. A person would also be exempt if he or she owned one 1997 or older diesel vehicle that was used exclusively for personal use and another that was used for farming.

Even though the CARB voted to drop the smoke testing regulation for 1998 and newer diesel vehicles between 6,000 and 14,000 GVWR, the vehicles must still comply

with other CARB requirements. For example, the engines need to be equipped with an “Emission Control Label” that verifies the engine meets California emission standards. These are put on the engine when it is manufactured. If the label is missing or not readable, regulators may charge an additional penalty. An authorized dealer should be able to help replace an engine label if one is needed, Cory said.

For more information about PSIP, see the California Farm Bureau website at www.cfbf.com/psip.

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

HERMAN SALAZAR WILL BE SENDING OUT THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS STARTING THIS MONTH ON NOVEMBER 25TH FOR 2011.



Wine & Dine

Calvados pan-fried pork chops

SERVES 4 | 25 MINUTES For this recipe, look for the prettiest, most curvaceous bone-in pork chops you can find, rather than the hefty squarish kind. Serve the chops with Roasted Winter Kale and Spicy Roasted Pears. 4 bone-in center-cut pork loin chops (1-in. thick; about 2 lbs. total)

1/2 tsp. sea salt
 1/4 tsp. pepper
 1 tbsp. fresh thyme leaves
 Several small whole fresh sage leaves
 3 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
 1/4 cup Calvados (apple brandy)
 1 cup baby chanterelle mushrooms

Season chops all over with salt and pepper, then sprinkle with thyme and sage. Heat oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add chops and cook 5 minutes, or until nicely browned underneath. Turn chops over and pour in Calvados; cook until liquid evaporates, 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce heat to medium low, cover pan, and cook 6

minutes, or until chops are barely pink in the center (cut to test).

Transfer chops to a warm plate, tent with foil, and let rest 5 minutes.

Add mushrooms to pan and cook in pork juices 2 to 3 minutes, or until tender. .

Roasted winter kale SERVES 4

Lacinato kale (often sold as “dinosaur kale” or “Tuscan kale”) is a little crisper when roasted than ordinary kale, and its shape looks prettier on the plate. Flavor-wise, though, regular kale would be just fine to use. Serve the kale on its own as a snack, or as part of a composed plate with Calvados Pan-Fried Pork Chops and

1/2 bunch Lacinato kale (4.5 oz.), rinsed and thoroughly dried
 1/3 cup olive oil
 Pepper and coarse sea salt to taste

1. Heat oven to 375°.
2. Toss kale leaves in olive oil and spread in a single layer on a large sheet pan. Season with pepper.
3. Roast 10 to 13 minutes, or until crisp, turning over halfway

through.

Remove from oven and sprinkle with salt and more pepper.

Spicy roasted pears SERVES 4

Slightly under ripe pears are perfect for roasting because they soften just enough in the heat of the oven. Serve them with any kind of roasted pork, or as part of a composed plate with Calvados Pan-Fried Pork Chops and

2~ medium red pears, cut into eighths and cored, but not peeled
 1/4 tsp. ground ancho chile
 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
 1 sprig (4-in.) rosemary
 Coarse sea salt and black pepper to taste

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Put pears in an ovenproof baking dish big enough to hold them in a single layer.
2. Whisk ancho chile and maple syrup together and drizzle over pears. Tuck in rosemary sprig.
3. Roast, uncovered, turning once, 20 to 25 minutes. . Remove from oven and sprinkle with salt and pepper.



Bon Appetite'

IGGPRA NEWSLETTER

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