SUMMER 2019

AN INVITATION TO WINEMAKERS AND GUESTS OF: SACRAMENTO HOME WINE MAKERS

 LAMORINDA AVA GRAPEGROWERS, and THE CONTRA COSTA HOME WINEMAKERS

 To Join

 THE 5th ANNUAL LAKE COUNTY WINE TOURING AND TASTING WEEKEND

 Led by

 HOSTED BY DAVID HICKS, LAKE COUNTY GRAPE GROWER AND WINEMAKER

 And Lafayette Resident

3 DAYS/NIGHTS OF TASTING AND FUN FROM FRIDAY JULY 12 THOUGH MONDAY AM JULY 15

The event this year has a new and exciting format. [NO TOUR BUS!] You will all be staying at a private estate/resort, 4 miles from my home in Buckingham Park. Your home base will be Bell Haven Resort in Soda Bay Ca. with cabins and suites for 30 private guests. Go to the BELL HAVEN RESORT web site to view this lovely and impressive lake side property. Also go to the Lake County web site and the Lake County Winery Association site to learn more about Lake County and its wines.

Bell Haven has beautiful grounds, home style accommodations with Adirondack chairs, a common room with pool table, a state-of-the art exercise facility, a huge lawn area, and a large boat dock with BBQ area. If you have a boat, feel free to bring it and tie up right at their dock. And, a warm lake to in which to swim. This year I have chartering the entire Bell Haven Resort for the three nights therefore all guests will be required to stay at Bell Haven.

This is a great opportunity for folks from three different special interest wine associations/clubs in Northern California to have lots of time to mix and mingle and get to know each other and taste each other’s wines as well as Lake County wines that many have not discovered before.

We will be wine touring on Saturday with a box lunch provided at the second winery. The 3d winery will be near the funky town of Finley. It would be great if guests could get together and car pool for the winery tour, with a designated driver? After the winery visits you will be free to visit the nearby old town of Kelseyville which has 5 wineries tasting rooms within walking distance and tour at your leisure. After the tour you may return to Bell Haven to kick back and enjoy the rest of the afternoon in anticipation of dinner.

On Saturday evening we will have a catered dinner and wine tasting of Lake County wines at Bell Haven on the lawn next to the Lake catered by “Rosie Cooks” the best caterer in the county. At the end of the evening you will be able to just stroll back to your room. As we are serving you Lake County wines tonight please DON’T bring your own wines this evening. We are saving your wines for Sunday afternoon and evening.

On Sunday you will be provided with maps to wineries and the general area of the county you are free to go on your own or connect up with other winemakers and friends to visit other wineries and see our lovely county. If you don’t wish to tour on Sunday, you can just hang out at Bell Haven in the AM. On Sunday afternoon from 2:30 PM on you are invited to my home in Buckingham Park [4 miles away, directions will be provided] to hang out on my deck and lawn. You can bring swim suits and sunscreen if you wish to swim in the lake. We will serve a 6PM supper on the lawn next to the lake and a chance for everyone to taste each other’s wines. This dinner will also be from “Rosie Cooks”.

The cost for this fabulous weekend covers: 3 nights at Bell Haven Resort, 2 catered dinners and one box lunch. There are two breakfast/lunch places within walking distance of Bell Haven. You will be on your own for Friday dinner, all breakfasts, and lunch on Sunday. I will provide you with information re: restaurants as well as other wineries you may wish to visit. Follow up emails will include separate directions to Bell Haven sent to the Sacramento and Bay Area guests.

The previous four times I’ve done this event it sold out quickly. A number of folks did not respond quickly enough in the past and were not able to attend. I do these events to benefit my wine club friends and taste each other’s wines and to showcase the wine industry of Lake County.

Email me now to RESERVE your space today and get on the first come first served list. Please send the full names of attendees, your mailing address and email address, and the phone # of the person paying. No one under 21 please?

Cost PER PERSON includes 3 nights at the resort, 2 catered dinners, one at Bell Haven Resort, second at my home, a Saturday box lunch, and the tours of 3 wineries is: $390.00 PER PERSON

You are on your own for Friday dinner, all breakfasts, Sunday lunch, transportation to and from Lake County, all local driving, incidental wine and other purchases. We will be asking folks to carpool to the wineries visits on Saturday as well as to my residence on Sunday. This is a great opportunity to meet other winemakers from all over Northern California.

FULL PAYMENT IS TO BE MAILED TO ME NO LATER THAN April 20, 2019. I require paper checks or money orders made payable to David Hicks, mailed to the address below. I will be committed to both the caterer and the resort for full payment at that time. If for any reason you have to cancel after payment you can pass your res on to someone else and they can take your spot, or I will attempt to book the next folks, if any, on a wait list and if I do so your payment will be refunded.

Feel free to email or call me for further info about Lake County or the event. I look forward to having you all as my guests for this fun event.

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