



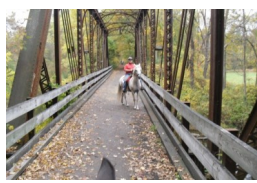
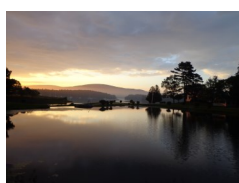
The Power Glide

Mason Dixon PFHA

November—December

Show Year 2014—Volume 2

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and now, a Word from the Mason-Dixon President:

Season Greetings to all members,

First of all I would like to thank BJ and Gary for the use of their restaurant once again for our annual meeting. Second, I would like to thank all that attended the annual meeting and dinner. Third, I would like to say congratulation to all our riders that were awarded high point awards. Fourth, I would like to thank Jenna for her appointment to secretary, however, due to her schedule and her commitment to her education she felt her resignation was needed. So for our meeting Darla Wagner stepped in as the role of secretary and the board would like to thank her for her note taking during our annual meeting. Fifth, I would like to thank Lisa for sharing several important points from the delegate meeting and for fielding all the questions not only from the board, but from the members that had an interest in those points as well.

Once again the subject of our show locations where a hot topic. As we have a deposit standing at Dillsburg the decision was voted on to have the spring show at Dillsburg and to change location for the 2015 show. So far I have looked at two locations, one was at Mountain Springs in Shartlesville, PA and the other at Willowbrook in Allentown, PA. If there are in other locations with an indoor ring please let me know and I would be more than happy to check them out. We will once again hold our second show at the New Jersey Dream Park. We discussed the possibility of going in together with the Northeast region for a collaborated show, but no agreement was made at this time. The Northeast showed their support by coming to our New Jersey show this past year and are planning on attending this coming year. I would like to ask that any members that could or would show the same support to them and their show schedule this coming year would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to persuade all of our members who have an opinion and/or interest in the current rule changes to please contact Lisa and share them. Ask her how she is going to vote and please give her the information that she needs to represent you as our regional delegate to the best of your interest. She is our voice and I can't say how important that is to get our voice heard on a national level.

I would like to thank everyone that helped make 2013 a successful and profitable year for Mason Dixon and hope that 2014 will be a successful year just as 2013. From myself and everyone on the board of Mason Dixon I wish you a happy, safe and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Burgos

Note from the Delegate

The 2014 Rule Proposal Changes will be voted on at the 2014 Annual Meeting in January 2014.

Since I am the Delegate and will be representing and voting for the Mason Dixon Membership your voice and opinions are very important to me.

I have included a voting grid for everyone to use and submit your votes to me on each individual rule. On the grid I have provided the rule number and page number for your reference to the current rule book.

I am available by my cell phone or email just about everyday except for Weds. I would be glad to discuss and answer anyone's questions about the rule proposal changes.

The deadline for submission of the voting grids is January 10th midnight. That gives me a week to tally the voting results before going to the meeting,

Again your voice is part of the membership and your opinion is appreciated so please take the time to review and respond.

Thanks,

Lisa Gorsuch,

MDPFHA Delegate

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Go to:

<http://masondixonpfha.org/news.announcements.php?nt=0>

For the list of Proposed Changes and the Ballot

Mason Dixon & Regional PFHA Events of Interest	
Maryland Horse Exposition 2014 http://horseworldexpo.com/MDmain.shtml .	17-19 JAN 14
Pennsylvania Horse Exposition http://horseworldexpo.com/PAMain.shtml	27 FEB—2 MAR 14
Reading Pet Exposition	TBA
May Day Show in Dillsburg, PA	25-27 APR 14
Mason Dixon Spectacular, Dream Park, Gloucester County, NJ	29-31 MAY 14

DRAFT 2013 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**November 2, 2013****Submitted by Darla Wagner, MDPFHA Secretary**

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm by Nick Burgos president. The welcome message was to welcome everyone in attendance at the meeting. Copies of the agenda 2012 meeting minutes and budget sheets were available on the tables. The objective of today's meeting is to discuss the financial future of Mason Dixon and identify a continuing budget plan going forward.

Approval of the minutes: The first order of business was the approval of the minutes. Lisa Gorsuch made a motion to accept the minutes, Karen Basehore seconded the motion.

Financial Status and Budget: Nicholas Burgos turned the meeting over to Beth Sheldon to discuss the budget. Due to the help and generosity of members, clinics, etc. Mason Dixon is now plus \$5,571. The NJ Show was plus \$3,448 and the Dillsburg show as a plus \$1,000. Sponsorships really helped. There were expenses for High Point. Also, a Special Membership for 2013-2014 was offered and at least 10 new people took this special. Dillsburg show's \$1,500 to \$1,600 can be applied to the upcoming Dillsburg show in 2014. Dillsburg again will feature other gaited horse breeds, as in 2013. High Point awards are for 2012 and 2013, commented Ann Bastian. A motion was made to approve the budget by BJ Schuler and seconded by Lisa Gorsuch.

Delegate Report: There is a Rule Change forthcoming, due to the 9 year old whom rode in the Adult classes. It was discussed that the average age of horses entered at the Nationals was 3 to 5 years of age. Rule change for Jan. 1, 2014 for Embryo Transfers will be double 370 days. It was mentioned there is a pending law suit with American Quarter Horse Association on cloning. It was suggested the Program Permits for Embryo Transfers go to \$500 but, that is under advisement

Delegate Report (continued): with legal council. The fee would double for up to 3 Embryo Transfers. Lisa Gorsuch mentioned she is the Futurity Chair. Also mentioned at Nationals there was a horse with a chip that was read wrong, one of the digits in the chip was not correct and the horse won the class. Lisa mentioned PFHA is looking into smaller Board of Directors at 7 or 9 or 13 Board Members with Interest Groups (rather than the current Delegates and Committees). At present there are 23 total Board Members. As of 2012 there were 221 Mason Dixon Paso Fino Horse Association members. Want to change from regional to Interest Groups but, there is concern that it will hurt the Regions. Weighted voting which now happens gives bigger regions like Florida, Piedmont, Southern Region, gives them larger voting power. Diane Dutt mentioned about if PFHA gets this Interest Group going it would put burden on Members and makes it look like Regions are not needed. BJ Schuler mentioned you need the Regions for local groups and to put on shows, activities. There would be a Head of Shows Interest Group. It would make the Rules Uniform across PFHA. It was mentioned about what autonomy or power do you give to these Interest Groups. Rule Proposal Changes that Lisa Gorsuch has will be published in the December 2013 PowerGlide. There is a proposed Geldings Committee National Point Award Program. It asks the Region to pay \$6 rather than current \$1 fee to PFHA. The program would payout at the end of the year on the points which calculate to dollars. Money left in that pot of money, after pay out, goes to Geldings for Gold. \$5, make it \$6 rather than \$1 fee to PFHA, is a lot to ask the Regions. Big rule change proposal include regional dues of national dues. Question on how much PFHA will ask. Rule – First 100 members = 10 votes and every 100 plus members after that equals additional 1 vote. (Milda Minter is proposing). Doesn't put everyone on an even keel. 200 members = 11 votes. Shifts power to smaller regions. Proposed Different Rated Show Rule – A Rated

shows (\$150/judge), these are higher \$ shows; B Rated shows (\$75/judge). Discussion about judging⁶ and percentage of what you get for “on the board” performance. It is assumed you get 10% of your score for the “On the board” performance but, in actuality, there is no % for that performance. Want to make it 10%, 20%, 20%, 25%, 25%. “On the Board” performance is only to clarify for judge what they see in the ring

Delegate Report (continued): performance. Rule Change for Adding Youth Mundial rules to PFHA. Doesn't need to be pointed. It is being proposed the Country Pleasure does not need mounting block. Also, proposed change for Amateur Trainer, this can't be enforced. Proposal that 1st and 2nd wins in a class must ride in Championship or be disqualified. Proposal for Adult Equitation for two age groups; 18-35 age group; 36 and over age group. Proposal to up the amount of points to get qualified to go to Nationals. Rule is you go to 2 Regional shows, you automatically qualify to go to Nationals.

PFHA National 2013: Lisa Gorsuch discussed the Nationals for 2011 was plus \$70,000; 2012 was plus \$96,000; 2013 was plus \$71,000, due to less horses entered with upcoming Mundial show in Miami only several weeks from Nationals. Video Streaming was paid for by Sociagro and Besilu and was said it was ESPN quality with 42,000 hits, week of show and viewing by 6 countries, also week of show. Bourbon race at the Nationals was a hit, sponsored by Buffalo Trace, and will also be done at the 2014 Nationals. There were many additional stalls, and 2014 will go back to putting up the tents with stalls. National for 2014 will be September 28-October 4. It was commented by Lisa that Rick and Janice Meyer know how to make money at these shows. 2013, the 10 hour judging per day was too much therefore, there were no work offs, due to the exhaustion of the judges. Judges felt their hands were tied about the work offs. 2014, there will be a hiring of a sixth judge for rotation purposes, at the cost of plus \$10,000. Discussion was about breaking out the Youth Championship in various shows throughout the year and start at Nationals on Saturday rather than Sunday. Cost to have two weekends at the Kentucky Horse Park, is a drawback. This will not happen at 2014 Nationals but, prior to August 15th at various shows it was proposed to have National youth Championship. If you do that you may lose Amateur Owner, Pleasure because Youth Show & Amateur Owner & Pleasure may not stay to show later in the Nationals. It was discussed to have 2 separate rings going at the same time. Judges that come to the Nationals, like Nick whom would have nothing in Bella Forma, Performance, could judge that. Judging System will be kept high/low. It was discussed about social media and talking with judges but, this will happen as a normal course of social networking.

PFHA Competitive Program: Carol Garcia resigned the Competitive Program and Robin Ratliff took over which helps with assigned times for this program.

Recreational Rider Program: There will be an expansion of the Recreation Rider program. Will be adding more Amateur Trained and Diagonal classes and also Country Pleasure, if approved.

Power Glide: Diane Dutt said she will get the Mason Dixon Power Glide information to the Paso Fino Horse World Magazine, has been doing this and will keep doing this.

Maryland Horse World Expo 2014: Maryland Horse World Expo is January 18-21, need booth help and Rick Schaeffer will be coordinating.

PA Horse World Expo 2014: The PA Horse World Expo was mentioned as dates of February 27 – March 2, 2014. Gail Peluso read a letter from Lori Wieszkowiak needs the following: Rubber Rug, Movies, Videos, Long Belcro, Stapler, Staple Gun & Staples, Scissors, Permanent Marker (preferably black). It was mentioned in years past we were on Stallion Row at \$650 cost but, it is much cheaper to go to Breed Row for \$250-\$350. Lisa Gorsuch will check into seeing if for 2014 at PA Horse Expo we can move to the Breed Row. BJ Schuler made a motion to go from Stallion Row to Breed Row and Gail Peluso seconded it.

Clinics soon: Upcoming Clinics in Maryland and Pennsylvania, have only 1 to 2 spots open.

Youth Camp Clinic 2014: Beverlea Manderback offered her barn for a Youth Camp Clinic for free.

Dillsburg show 2014: Dillsburg show is April 26-27, 2014 with Keith Dane judging. Rocky Mountain and Walkers will be there and we may get more entries as their Virginia show has been cancelled for April 2014. Possible fun class at lunch time. Possibly outside as 1st class after lunch at Dillsburg and NJ shows. Nick Burgos **Dillsburg show 2014 (continued):** proposed the Dillsburg show be moved to another facility and Gail Pulloise seconded (looking at two locations in PA).

Spectacular, Dream Park, Cloucester County, NJ show:

NJ show will be May 30-31, 2014. Proposed we have Friday night party with food, setting a fee. Also, proposed to contact Devon Horse Show at some point to see about getting advertising in their program and in the future possible Paso Fino demonstration at end of evening at Devon Horse Show (as same weekend as our 2014 NJ show). Other means of promotion the show, was definitely to have the Drill Team Back and give them stalls at cost, if that is all they are performing. Also, Ann Bastian will contact FYI Philly to get the NJ Paso Fino show on their schedule of upcoming events. Nick mentioned that Beth Olsman and Kelly Cox are judges for NJ Paso Fino show. It was mentioned that Northeast will not participate in putting on the NJ Paso Fino show in 2014.

Holiday Parades 2013: November 23, 2013 is the Reading Holiday Parade but, it is the same day as Jim Laird's clinic in Telford PA. Lansdale Holiday Parade also same weekend. 1st weekend in December is Souderton Holiday parade on Saturday and Red Hill Holiday parade on Sunday.

Mason Dixon Annual Awards: Ann Bastian mentioned the awards this year for High Point cost \$20 per award and could go as high as \$80/award if membership wants. Decided to keep at nominal \$20 per award fee. Gail Peluso was congratulated for all the hard work and completion of the 2012 Award Certificates and their distribution. It was mentioned that some awards were not handed out, as the persons were not members of Mason Dixon PFHA. Decided to have Treasurer send out letters to those persons whom were not members that, they may wish to join Mason Dixon PFHA for the upcoming show season of 2014. Ann Bastian mentioned that the family of Lee Gladfelter has been contacted about a perpetual Judge and Amateur/Owner trophy and the club is hoping to hear back soon from the family. It was discussed about a possible High Point Award between Northeast PFHA and Mason Dixon PFHA, for Amateur and Professional that requires attendance at two shows. It was mentioned the

Mason Dixon Annual Awards (continued): Cobelskill show in August 2014 will be combined with Peruvian Paso Finos at Bobby and Michaels.

Proposed Trailer Purchase for Mason Dixon Board and Decorations: Nick Burgos proposed that a trailer be purchased for Mason Dixon PFHA, about \$3,000 to put in Board and Decorations that could be moved easily from show to show.

Mason Dixon Volunteers: It was brought up about recognizing volunteers, volunteers mentioned that a "Thank you" at this meeting was appreciated. BU Schuler said she had free Shirts, that say "Staff" and she was going to get the Mason Dixon PFHA logo embroidered on them for volunteers to wear when helping at the shows.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lisa Gorsuch and seconded by Kathy Dell. Meeting adjourned at 5pm.

MASON-DIXON ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEETING ATTENDEE LIST

BJ & Gary Schuler	Beth & Bob Sheldon	Kathy Holloway
Lisa Gorsuch	Denise Corcoran	Rosemary D'Agostino
Beaverlea Manderbach	George Schlesman	Melanie Petri
Kathy Dell	Gale Peluso	Nick Burgos
Jim & Trish Laird	Diane Dutt	Darnell Williams
Ann Stever	Karen Basehore	Darla Wagner
Ann Bastian	Pamela Stever	Bailey Purvis

Mason-Dixon thanks all of our members who took time out of their busy schedules to come together, re-connect, and make decisions that will effect our region and our membership throughout, regarding the upcoming year. Your opinions are considered valuable input by the Region's leadership. Thank you for attending!

Regional News:	
Northeast	
	No Update Available
Virginia Presidential	
5-8 JUN 14	Show #1
21-14 AUG 14	Show #2
Great Lakes	
2 NOV 2013	Fall Meeting
7-9 MAR 2014	2014 Michigan Horse Expo.
TBD	2014 Equine Affair
TBD	2014 Heritage Show
Piedmont	
2 NOV 13	Open Horse and High Point Award Show—Gaston Equestrian Center
9 NOV 13	Piedmont Annual Membership Meeting and Award Banquet
23 NOV 13	Johnston Co. Christmas Charity Open Horse Show

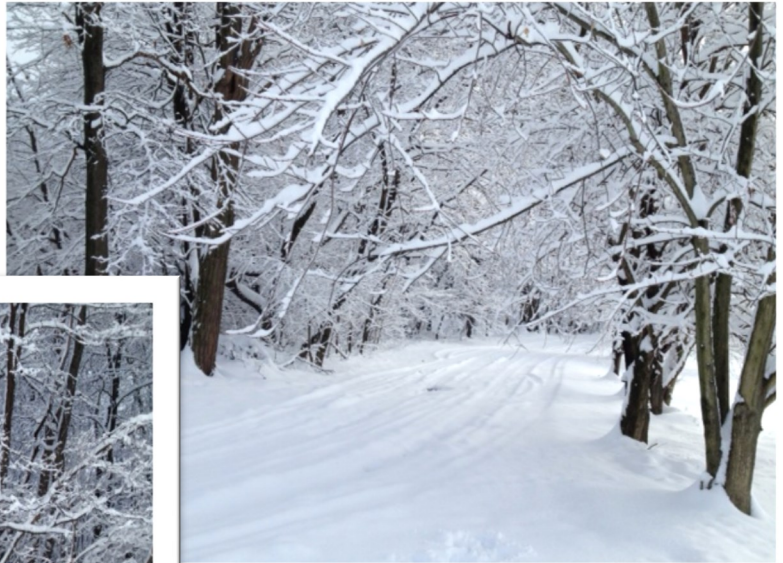


Members Current for the 2013 Show Year (Oct 1, 2013–Sept. 30, 2014)

Karen Basehore	Bailey Purvis
Ann Bastian	Amy Romanofsky
Janice Brennan	Beaverlea & Gary Roye-
Ben & Tammy Boyer	Manderbach
Nicholas Burgos and Darnell	B.J. and Gary Schuler
Williams	Dick and Lynn Shaffer
Denise Corcoran	Beth & Bob Sheldon
Beverly & Kenneth Cross, Jr.	Stephanie Snyder
Rosemary D'Agostino and Ray-	Fransisco Soto
mond Williams	Ann Stever
Susan Data-Samtak and John	Darla Wagner
Samtak	Robin Walton
Kathy Dell	

Diane Dutt
 Barbara Duvall
 Marti Eldredge
 Kathrine Gamble
 Keith and Lisa Gorsuch
 Forest and Judy Gray
 Donna Hurst
 S. Jean Jehu
 Pamela Kavlick
 Karen Kraushaar
 James and Patricia Laird
 Susan Marshall
 Teresa Moebuis
 Shepard & Grace Morgan
 Melanie & Jeff Petri

Please examine the list of current members, presented here. If your name does not appear on this list, please consider renewing your membership by contacting our Membership Chair, Mel Petri (Melanie_Petri@cmsmtg.com). She will help you with the renewal form. Your payment should be sent to our Treasurer, Beth Sheldon (Sheldon.beth@gmail.com). Their phone information is found on the Contacts page of this publication. Please inform Mel and Beth if you wish to advertise in the PowerGlide and what format you would like for your PowerGlide subscription (email, paper, CD)



Teri Moebuis on a winter trail ride. Lovely!
(and... love those earcam shots!)

Gelding's Diary

- 7:00- Breakfast, my favorite thing!
8:00- Turnout, my favorite thing!
9:00- Grazing with friends,
my favorite thing!
10:00- Sniffed a mare, my favorite
thing!
11:00- Human came, my favorite thing!
12:00- Got ridden, my favorite thing!
1:00- Bath, my favorite thing
2:00- Rolled, my favorite thing!
3:00- Put in stall, my favorite thing!
4:00- Dinner, my favorite thing!

@anything_equestrian

Mare's Diary

Dear Diary,

The humans continue to tease and demean me, taunting me while I'm stuck in this awful place. I am fed only dry stalks of "hay" and hard tasteless pellets of a sort of rough grain. Even though I make my discontent with this known by dragging the small creatures to lush green pastures, they only tell me I'm "naughty" and return me to my prison. However, I must eat to keep up my strength, though I am only given the small ration twice a day, barely enough to stay alive. These humans humiliate me, especially in front of the other horses. They've done something to brainwash the geldings, who only stare at me and sniff me. I make it well known that I do not wish to become one of them by aiming a kick or squealing at this, but it only makes the humans laugh at me having a "crush". To make everything worse, the humans sit astride me with spurs and whips, intent on making me "go into a frame" and jump. Occasionally this seems fun, until I realize again that this is only a way for the humans to show their power. Then I stop enjoying myself and give a hard buck or refuse to hop over the small fences. This makes them frustrated at my "moodiness".

Tomorrow I will find out what "being lame" means and how to use it to my advantage

- Contributed by Susan Crawford-Charters

Burgos Trail Ride:
Darla, BJ, Mel, Dave,
Becky and Nick
enjoying the trails at
Jacobsburg State
Park



Mason-Dixon Participates in the 11th Mundial Caballos de Paso Confepaso¹²

-Ann Bastian

Mason Dixon Paso Fino Horse Association was well represented at the 11 Mundial Caballos De Paso Confepaso, held October 23-27, 2013 in Miami, Florida. 7 members attended, and most came home with world placings. Gale Pelsuo's Rayito de Emerald Valley took a fourth place in Pleasure Geldings, and Nick Burgos' and Rosemary D'Agostino's Soberano del Oregano was 3rd in the Fino Gelding division. Unfortunately, there are no championship classes for the geldings. Pirata de Quebrada has earned many titles for Karen Kraushaar in the past, including World Champion in the A/O and Open Performance Stallion divisions when the Mundial was last in the United States in 2007. This Mundial was no different. Pirata earned top placings in the Open Performance Stallions > 100 months, and Reserve World Champion in the A/O Performance Stallions > 100 months. In the championship classes, Pirata earned a 2nd finalist (4th place) in the open class, and 1st finalist (3rd place) in the A/O class. Beaverlea Roye-Manderbach represented the region in both the fino and pleasure division. Beliago De Cedro was World Champion Pleasure Stallions 78-100 months, and was 2nd finalist (4th place) in the championship class. Beaverlea rode Barcarola del Conde to a Reserve World championship in A/O Fino Mares > 100 months. Ann Bastian's Rigoletto de Las Camelias earned a World Championship in Pleasure Stallions 61-77 months, and was 1st finalist (3rd place) in the championship class. For those who have never attended a Mundial, the procedure is different than what you are used to at a PFHA show. The horse are checked in, at which time their microchip, height, genitalia, age,

and hooves are checked. The bit and saddle are inspected, and then the rider and one handler are watched as they saddle the horse. The rider can only mount when instructed. The riders are then moved to a warm up area, where they can warm up the horses (with no additional help). Each horse is introduced as it enters the ring, including the sire and dam. When the placings are announced, the judges explained why they placed the horses in the order they did. It was an honor for all of us who showed at the Mundial, and a great time was had by all.



Current TrailBlazer Roster:

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Karen Basehore

Maureen Boskin

Susan Crawford-Charters

Diane Dutt

Virginia Foster

Kathrine Gamble

Jacquelin Grubb

Maribelle MacAlpin

Carolyn Marinko

Terri Moebius

Toni Roland

Susan Data-Samtak

John Samtak

Maryan Schlesman

George Schlesman

Dorothy Snedden

Michael Srock

Ann Stever

Connie Wolkowicz

Please contact [Susan Data-Samtak](#) and [Mel Petri](#) if you feel there is a discrepancy regarding this list.

PA Horse Expo

MDPFHA members,

It's time to start working on getting things organized for the PA Horse World Expo. Anyone interested in participating with their horse and/or putting some time in at the Association booth please contact me by email kazisimage2@aol.com. An alternate Point of Contact is Gale Peluso at threelfarms@aol.com.

We have a great time and it is a wonderful way to let the world know about our Paso Fino breed.

Regards,

Lori

Paso Fino Vine

Bj Schuler

Introduction

This all started with the wine that we had at the membership meeting. I chose to serve Chateau Ste Michelle Horse Heaven Hills Merlot, not only because it is a great tasting wine for the money but because it had "Horse" in its name and I thought that was very apropos. Anyway, it seemed like everyone enjoyed it, so Diane asked me to write a short piece about the wine. We started conversing about this and my short piece has now evolved into a series on wine. Each chapter will cover a different major wine producing region of the world and the varieties that are notable from that area. Keep in mind volumes have been written on this subject and this is a much abbreviated version. My goal with this series is that you all will come away with some general ideas to make educated decisions when choosing a wine at the store or in a restaurant. My perspective is not from that of the sommelier or wine professional but from the consumer who wants a good bottle of wine at a decent price.

I've had an interest in wine for a long time - who doesn't? A nice glass of wine with dinner is an enjoyable treat. However, ever since we purchased the Rising Sun Inn and I placed myself in charge of the wine list and wine purchasing, I've tried to further my wine education. I am not an expert but I continually try to learn as much as I can from my sales reps, from tastings, and other opportunities so our customers have a nice selection of good value wines from which to choose. So, here we go on our wine tour around the world.

Chapter 1 United States -California

90% of all wine made in the U.S. comes from California. However, before we delve into the good stuff, let's define some terms. When a US winery wants to tell you the geographic pedigree of its wine, it uses a tag on its label called an Appellation of Origin. This tag must meet federal and state legal requirements.

In California, appellations are defined either by political boundaries, such as the name of a county or by federally-recognized growing regions called American Viticultural Areas (AVAs). For a wine to carry an AVA name on its label, at least 85% of the grapes must be grown in that AVA; for county appellations, that number is 75%. And any wine bearing "California" guarantees that 100% of the grapes are grown in California. The terms Appellation of Origin and American Viticultural Area are not synonymous. An AVA is one kind of appellation but not all appellations are AVA's.



This map shows the major wine growing regions in California.

There are over 100 AVAs in California with new ones being petitioned by the growers and approved by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau each year. The smallest AVA is Cole Ranch in Mendocino County at 150 acres, and the largest is the North Coast at 3 million acres, which spans over 6 counties.

Probably the most famous wine region in California is Napa Valley. Technically Napa Valley AVA is part of the North Coast AVA and is located in Napa County. There are 16 sub AVAs located within the Napa Valley AVA. Of the numerous varietals grown in Napa Valley, it is probably most well-known

for its Cabernet Sauvignon. This is the most widely planted grape in the Napa Valley, accounting for 40% of the grapes grown there. These wines can age quite well and the very best will drink well for 30 to 35 years. Cabernets from Napa Valley tend to be more expensive than those from other regions in California but if you are looking for a really good wine to pair with a robust red meat dish, this is the wine to choose. There are over 300 wineries in Napa Valley so the choices are vast. However, a few names that I like that won't break the bank are Bennett Family, Black Stallion (how could you go wrong with this?!), Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Clos du Val, Charles Krug, and Joseph Carr. If Napa Valley is not specified on the label, notable sub AVA's for Cabernet production are Mt. Veeder, Stag's Leap District, St. Helena and Yountville.

Sonoma County is another of the well-known wine regions of California. It produces the most wine in California and has 15 sub AVAs located within its borders. Many different varietals are grown within these AVA's, however, I am going to give you a general idea of which varietal to look for from some of the different AVAs. **Alexander Valley** AVA is the most densely planted. I like **Merlot** from Alexander Valley. Merlot is a very versatile wine and pairs well with almost anything other than fish or spicy food. **Zinfandel** is the hallmark of **Dry Creek Valley** AVA. Zinfandel can be a robust wine with some spiciness and pairs well with red meat BBQ. **Russian River Valley** AVA produces some fine **Chardonnay** as does **Sonoma Coast** AVA. There are over 170 wineries in Sonoma County. Here are a few that I think produce dependable, quality, value-oriented wines - Ferrari Carano, Rodney Strong, Terlato, Sonoma-Cutrer (Chardonnay), Dry Creek Vineyard (Zinfandel), and Clos du Bois.

Going back to the map of the California wine regions, **Lodi** should be mentioned as the "self-proclaimed" **Zinfandel** capital of the world, producing over 40% of California's Zinfandel. Lodi is home to the "old vines" dating back to the 1880's. One name that is notable is **Ravenswood Lodi Old Vine Zinfandel**.

Mendocino County is home to 10 AVAs and is known for its organic wine with 25% of its vineyards recognized as Certified Organic. The **Andersen Valley** AVA is noted for its sparkling wine production due to its climatic similarities to the Champagne region of France. Look for **Roederer Estate** Sparkling Wines. **Par-ducci Wine Cellars** is the oldest winery in Mendocino County and dates back to 1931. Their **Petite Sirah** is a great value. If you are interested in organic wines, look for wines from **Bonterra Vineyards** and **Frey Vineyards**, the latter being the oldest organic vineyard in the U.S.

Paso Robles AVA is located in San Luis Obispo County. It is home to more than 200 wineries. Because of its diverse soils and microclimates, growing conditions are ideal for producing more than 40 wine varietals. It is known for its innovative and proprietary blends of especially the Rhone varietals. Some of the notable **Rhone blends** coming from Paso Robles are from **J Lohr Vineyards**, **Clayhouse Vineyards**, and **Saxum Vineyards**. Paso Robles also produces a heritage **Zinfandel**. Look for those from **Turley Wine Cellars** and **Rosenblum Cellars**.

Carneros AVA is the last one that I will mention in our tour around California.¹⁷ It includes parts of both Sonoma and Napa Counties. It has a cooler climate which is good for producing **Pinot Noir** and **Chardonnay**. Two names that produce a good value **Pinot Noir** are **Garnet Vineyards** and **Schug Estate Winery**.

Next stop -Washington and Oregon- numbers 2 and 3, respectively in U.S. wine production.

Recreational Rider's Corner

-Susan Crawford-Charters

As many of you know, I am pretty new to horse ownership. One of the things that has amazed me is how much stuff you can buy for you and your horse. When I need a mental health break at work, I will spend a few minutes looking at horse stuff. Below are a couple of things that I have found either to be useful or just plain fun. Please email me with your favorite things so that we can share them.



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One of the great things about recreational riders is that they we are not bound by show rules when it comes to tack! As soon as I saw all those beautiful biothane colors I began to swoon. I reached out to one of our own, Brenda Hall from Feather Hill Farms who makes biothane tack and we designed a “blingy” set for my girly, girl LuLu. Now you don't have to go quite that far on the bling side to add a little color to your tack. Talk to Brenda and she will help you design the perfect tack for your trail buddy.



For the Crust:

2 1/2 C. all purpose flour
5 T. granulated sugar
3/4 t. salt
3/4 t. ground cinnamon
6 T. butter, chilled
6 T. shortening, chilled
4-6 T. apple cider or juice, chilled

Sour Cream Apple Pie

from

The Silver Palate Cookbook, by Rosso & Lukins,
Workman Pub. 1982.

Sift the dry ingredients together in a bowl. Cut in the butter and shortening. Add enough cider or juice to moisten the dough so it forms into a ball. Cut 1/3 from the dough. Pat the remaining dough out into a round. Refrigerate both pieces for 2 hours. Remove the larger piece of dough and roll out between 2 sheets of waxed paper. Line a 9" pie pan with the dough. Trim and crimp decoratively.

Filling:

7 tart apples (I prefer Rome; others prefer firmer apples, such as Pink Lady)
2/3 c. sour cream
1/3 c. granulated sugar
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/4 t. salt
1 t. vanilla extract
3 T. all purpose flour

Peel, core and thinly slice apples into a large mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, mix together the remaining ingredients. Pour the mixture over the apples and toss well to coat. Spoon the apples into the waiting pie pan.

Topping:

3 T. brown sugar
3 T. granulated sugar
1 t. cinnamon
1 c. shelled walnuts, chopped

Mix the ingredients together and sprinkle evenly over apple filling. Roll out the remaining pastry between sheets of waxed paper to a 10" circle. Cut the dough into 1/2 inch strips. Arrange the strips across the filling in a lattice-fashion. Trim ends and crimp to crust decoratively. Set the pie on a cookie sheet and bake at 350° for 55-65 minutes.

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