

L.A. Convention Fun



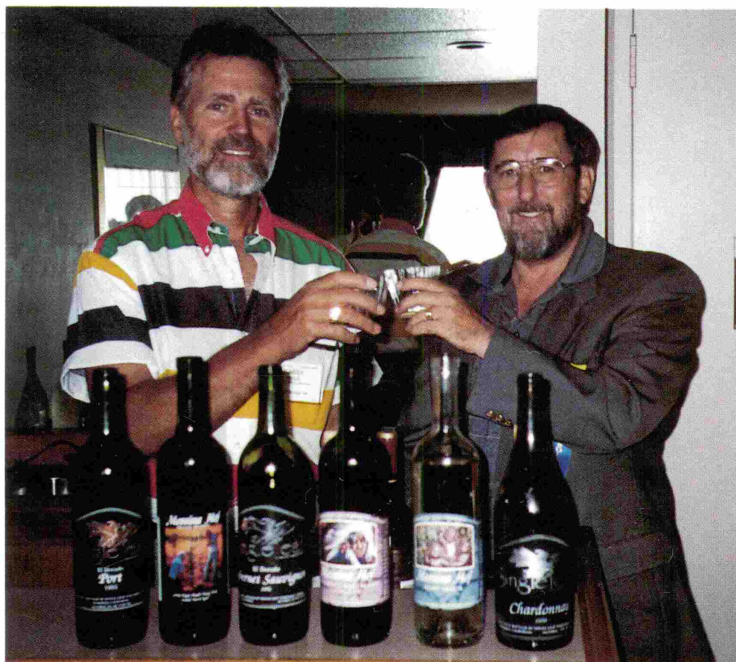
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Convention Fun L.A. 2000

The AFA Convention 2000 in Los Angeles was one of the most enjoyable of all the conventions – everyone had FUN. There were a lot of activities hithertofore never seen at an AFA convention with just a few of them depicted here in photos with more photos to come later.

At a board meeting in Phoenix almost a year before the convention, the idea for a fundraising “Wine Tasting Challenge” came up and President Benny Gallaway issued the challenge which was taken up by Northern California’s Barry Wold. There it was – Texas wines versus California wines. All wine to be donated with proceeds from the contest going into the AFA coffers. There was a modest entrance fee with Dwight Greenberg holding the money-bag at the door. Dwight’s looming bulk encouraged large donations while discouraging, nay, eliminating gate-crashers. Nearly \$600 was collected. The skilled judges rendered their decision regarding the winner. Ask Benny.

Perhaps the outstanding highlight of the convention was the presence of many of the AFA’s past presidents. They were both praised and teased by three of southern California’s finest celebrities – Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable, and the Duke himself, John Wayne (superbly carried off by three of Hollywood’s best impersonators). Indeed, the three celebrities made a great hit with all the attendees and wandered about after the hilarious skit to mingle and share photo ops with the guests. In coming issues you’ll see more. The gig was instigated by our creative president Gallaway. Benny also came up with the



Let the Challenge begin. The wine tasting challenge is kicked off by Barry Wold (left) and Benny Gallaway representing California and Texas respectively.

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Barry Wold serves another “red” to the waiting judges. Score keeper Jenni Jackson (beside Wold) logs the decisions. The neutral judges are (L. to R.) Elizabeth Gurkleys, Arizona, Mark Lyke, Alaska, and Melanie Allen, Florida.

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Jenni Chan (seated) won the Blue and Gold Macaw raised and donated by Nancy Gallaway (standing).

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