



Las Positas College Viticulture and Winery Technology  
Advisory Board  
Fall 2019  
Summary of Program Activities

1. *Winery Bond Update*

- a. The Las Positas College wine program has received its official government approval with the award of a winery bond from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Board.
- b. The approved name of the winery is Las Positas College Campus Hill Winery.
- c. The first vintage that will be allowed to sell or offer to retail outlets is the 2019 harvest.
- d. The Board of the Las Positas College Viticulture and Enology Foundation (which holds the bond) will meet on Thursday, Aug 22, 2019.

2. *Campus Hill Vineyard Update*

- a. Through instructional equipment funding, the VWT program has received state of the art “side curtain” netting. The netting is constructed of advanced material, which is almost impervious to ripping. The white coloring also favors photosynthesis. Besides offering protection against birds, deer and other predatory (on grapes) animals, it also protects against hail. The netting is permanent and is rolled down and attached to the drip wire when not in use.
- b. With the installation of the nets, the 2019 harvest looks very promising. The vineyard is 100% netted. We will begin harvesting within the next 2 weeks.
- c. The college’s contract with Tomas for vineyard support will continue through harvest.

3. *Teaching Winery Facility Design*

- a. The design firm interviewing process has begun. We are meeting on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> to interview and ultimately select the design candidate. The visionary input from the selection committee has been excellent. We are looking at sustainable design with respects to energy efficiency.

4. *Faculty Sabbatical Plans*

- a. David Everett will be on sabbatical Fall 2019 for the purpose of travel and study related to his position.

5. *Fall Schedule of VWT Classes and Support*

- a. Fall class offerings were pared down to accommodate for the sabbatical plans.
- b. Tommy Vanhoutte will be teaching VWT 41 Fall Winery Operations and oversee other faculty responsibilities.
- c. Jim Denham will be teaching VWT 2 Wines of the World Old World
- d. Tom Fuller will be teaching the cross listed course VWT 35/HORT 53
- e. Josefina Bolufer, Meredith Miles and Don Robinson will be providing classified support with the 2019 vintage
- f. Enrollment updates, Staffing

6. *Las Positas College Community Education*

- a. Tasting Room Sales and Service (13 hours - not for credit class) was offered March 2019 and June 2019.
- b. This class was co-sponsored by Friends of Open Space and Vineyards and Las Positas College.
- c. The classes filled and were very well received by the community and local industry.
- d. The next class offering is TBA.
- e. The purpose of this community education class is to educate current and potential tasting room employees on basic sales and service knowledge and skills and to bolster enrollments in the VWT credit courses at Las Positas College.

7. *Next Meeting Date*

- a. TBD; Spring 2020