

TO: All LAVA home winemakers who bottle their wine

Below please find information regarding the club's 2 corkers and 5 spout gravity bottler. If you add the inline filter housing to filter your wine, you will need a pump to push it through the filter. The club owns the filter housings and has filters for purchase.

Charlie Starr, equipment manager, (c3mstarr@clearwire.net) has one corker, and Don Norman (donald.norman@sbcglobal.net) has the other.



The 5-spout bottler can be used either as a gravity or pumped unit for bottling. This bottler is located at Charlie Starr's (c3mstarr@clearwire.net)



Since bottling wine is not a critically time dependent activity, PLEASE schedule 2-3 wks ahead of time to reserve the wine bottle filler with the inline filter (we have 2 filter housings) through Don Norman @ donald.norman@sbcglobal.com). **EMAIL ONLY, PLEASE.**

Turnaround time is 36-48 hr. on the bottlers and filter housing (48 hrs for those who live further away).

Scheduling ahead also allows Don ample time to purchase filter cartridges as they are needed.

Obviously, when you are bottling you will be corking the bottles, also. Don will have one of the club corkers at his place and Charlie will have the other corker. If you schedule ahead enough time, you only have to make one stop at Don's if you need the vacuum bottler, corks, filter cartridge and housing, and corker. This procedure is necessary to smoothen out the process with limited effort for everyone involved. Thanks!

When scheduling, please give the following info:

- 1) the time to pick up,**
- 2) if you plan to use a filter,**
- 3) what size filter – 1 or 3 micron, and**
- 4) whether you want to schedule the corker.**

A return email will be sent back to you soon after you email Don or Marwedell. If you have questions, please ask them.

Generally, after you start with a new wine bottle, you should sanitize your bottles just prior to bottling. Use a 6% sanitizing solution to sanitize your bottles. A plastic bottle tree (45 bottles) with a sanitizer that fits on the top of tree works well and is \$30 for the tree and \$16 for the sanitizer from the Concord, CA MoreWine store (http://morewinemaking.com/view_product/15677/Wine_Bottle_Tree_)

