Learn about the basics of wine tasting

Rick Kushman, wine and food writer and educator, will teach a Wine 101 class called "Why Wine is More Fun Than People Make it Seem" on May 12 from 1:30-3pm at Lava Cap Winery in Placerville.

Kushman will cover how to get more out of a wine country experience and drinking wine. Learn tips on tasting — and practice with Lava Cap wines — discover keys to grape growing and winemaking, and why any of that matters.

He'll also decode some of the more annoying "wine speak" and offers pointers on how not to be a wine snob, even accidentally.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Seating is limited. To purchase tickets, call (530) 621.0175.