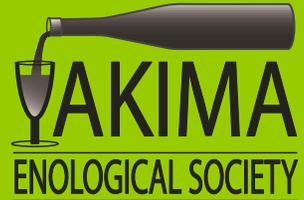


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Explore Canyon's Edge in May



Save the date and mark your calendars for May 14th at the Yakima Valley Museum. We

will be featuring **Canyon's Edge Winery** from Prosser. The owner, Brian Groth, will be on hand to discuss the wines produced from grapes grown on their estate vineyard, Aldercreek Vineyard. We may also have the consulting winemaker, John Haw available. Some of the YES members may recognize John from his time spent as winemaker for Maryhill Winery. Chef Big John Caudill will prepare appetizers and a dessert to pair with the wines.

Hope to see everyone at the tasting.

~ **Julie Johnson**

Plan Ahead...

Summer dates book up early so plan ahead for the June tasting.

Save the date, June 11th at the Yakima Valley Museum featuring Two Mountain Winery.



~ **Leo Lee**

Platinum VI is a sell-out!!!

Hooray! The good news is the Platinum VI event is a sell-out. The bad news is the Platinum VI event is a sell-out. When I wrote this, Platinum VI had only three remaining tickets to be sold. But if you want to go, we encourage you to call in for the waiting list. This sold-out event will be one of the most memorable of the wine-related events that you attend this year (and quite often there are last minute cancellations). The Yakima Country Club is a great location, the chef is one of the best in the state, the nineteen featured wines are some of the best in the Pacific Northwest. The program will be educational and, as always, just plain fun.



Joining us for the evening are 23 of the movers in the Pacific Northwest wine industry, which includes British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Our winemaker's tables are sponsored by **Spangler Vineyards** from Oregon, **Thurston Wolfe** from Prosser, and **Otis Kenyon** and **Dunham** cellars from Walla Walla. The reception starts at 6:00 p.m. sharp and features four wines, two platinum and two double-platinum, accompanied by choice appetizers. Dinner features a five-course gourmet meal paired with 15 award-winning wines, so be there early and be prepared for a memorable evening of food, wine and fun. Dress for the event is nice evening attire.

What..... Platinum VI

Where... Yakima Country Club

When.... Saturday, April 12, 2008

6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner

Who..... Open to Y.E.S. Members and their guests

\$125 per ticket

For a full list of wines and details on the menu, please go to our Website at www.yakimawine.org.

~ **Chuck Johnson**



Two Weekends of Barrel Tasting

April 18-20 & April 25-27 on the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail

If you've never been out to the wineries during these last two weekends in April, it's time to go.

Barrel Tasting is a memorable experience—one people travel hundreds of miles for—and it's right here in our own backyard!

April 18-20: Barrel Tasting in the Rattlesnake Hills

The weekend before Spring Barrel Tasting, the wineries roll out the barrels in a quieter, more intimate event featuring new wine releases, conversations with the winemakers about their hand-crafted wines, and great wine specials. What's the difference between this weekend and Spring Barrel Tasting the next? It's all about the wine this weekend! Smaller crowds, no live bands, and more one-on-one with the winemakers.

April 25-27, 2008: Spring Barrel Tasting

Wine is not all you'll experience during Spring Barrel Tasting weekend in the Rattlesnake Hills. Several wineries will have other things to tease you out of your winter doldrums, including live bands, BBQ at reasonable prices, and artists displaying their art. But the real entertainment is the barrel tasting, where winemakers offer samples of their hand-crafted wares while discussing terroir, grape cultivation, fermentation, or the fruit forwardness of the barreled wine. Learn the art of tasting the fruit of the vine, made and refined in one of the newest American Viticulture Areas that is close to Yakima, the Rattlesnake Hills!

Most of the wineries do not charge a tasting fee, except for their reserve wines, and no ticket is required to visit any of the wineries on the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail. You'll receive complimentary wine tasting direct from the barrels without having to purchase a ticket. We want you to experience the wines in the Rattlesnake Hills. Once you do, we're sure you'll want to buy! However, great discounts and/or free reserve tasting can be yours with a \$5 Passport card. Ask about them at any of the 15 wineries on the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail.

For a complete listing of wines and events during both Barrel Tasting weekends, visit www.rattlesnakehills.com or call 509.965.4521.

Hope to see you on the Trail this April!

~ Shannon Bird
Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail

Annual Meeting Review

The March annual meeting was attended by 44 members along with five guests. As a special treat, the members enjoyed five wines from a longtime orchardist family but a relatively new and upcoming Yakima winery, Gilbert Cellars. Sean Gilbert, an owner, and the winemaker, Justin Neufeld, were on hand to discuss their very well balanced and excellent wines. Hopefully, we will soon be seeing their new tasting room in downtown Yakima as they renovate and occupy the old Corday retail space on Yakima Avenue.

As usual, the YES members outdid themselves with an assortment of excellent potluck dishes. A short business meeting was conducted, a new board voted on and approved, and with anticipation we look forward to a new year of tasting and learning about wine.

~ Virginia Gable

New Member Welcome

We welcome **Alison Holmes, Gina Popovic, Patrick Rawn** and **Matthew Rawn** to YES as our newest members. 

With the new membership year we are at 138 members. There is still time to renew without missing an issue of the newsletter. Check the Website to print a renewal form or to get a membership form for a new member.

~Marie Clark

Vineyard and Winery Technology Program

Join YVCC for Spring Barrel

The Teaching Winery at YVCC is going to release two white wines and a Rose for the Spring Barrel weekend. The college, operating under the winery name Yakima Valley Vintners, will be open from 12 – 5 p.m. on April 25th and from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 26th (closed April 27th). The students will pour wine and lead educational stations inside the teaching winery on food and wine pairings, wine aromas, and Washington’s Terroir. Mark your calendar, and come and help support the students.

Wine Barrels as Planters

The Student Club will be selling wine barrels as planters this May. In addition there will be numerous perennials and annual arrangements to choose from. More information still to come, but look for this in early May at a location near you.

~ Trent Ball, Director
Vineyard and Technology

Upcoming Wine Education Classes

YVCC will host Vinquiry on two occasions in April. Some of the seminars will be:

Introduction to Sensory Evaluation and Descriptive Analysis
April 2, 2008

Mouthfeel Seminar
April 2, 2008

Wine Sensory Defects
April 30, 2008

Winery Analysis: When, Why, and How
April 30, 2008

For more course information go to www.yvcc.edu/wine

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When: Sat. Apr. 12 — 6 p.m. reception., 7 p.m. dinner

Where: Yakima Country Club

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) _____

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Phone: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Hurry! Nearly Sold Out!

Members ----- @ \$125 = \$ _____

Guests ----- @ \$125 = \$ _____

Annual Membership Dues

Couple ----- @ \$35 = \$ _____

Single ----- @ \$20 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Important: Please include your phone number.

The reception features two platinum and two double-platinum wines accompanied by choice appetizers. Dinner features a five-course gourmet meal paired with 15 award-winning wines.

Please clip and mail this form with your check to: Yakima Enological Society, PO Box 2395, Yakima WA 98907
All reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE

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President's Corner

As Spring tries to start, our club is starting a new membership year. At the Annual Meeting, four members were elected to our board for two-year terms. We welcome Brad Baldwin, Gerry Amos, Bert McDonnell and Sally Baldwin to our board. At the board meeting, the week following, we selected our officers for the current year. Marie Clark is President. Lynda Opiela is First Vice President and responsible for our membership list. Julie Johnson continues as Second Vice President and coordinates the publication of our newsletter. Virginia Gable continues as Treasurer and Kathy Michielsen as Secretary. Gerry Amos and Jimi Weaver will share the job of handling registrations for tastings. We will miss Jarvine Mabes and David Lynx as they step down from the board. We are thankful for the many hours they contributed to our group.

We have a great board that works well together. As we map out the tastings for the year, we are open to new ideas and input from YOU, the membership. Please feel free to share your ideas with any board member.

~ Marie Clark