

**YES!**



*A monthly publication for members of the Yakima Enological Society*

## A Picnic in the Park

On May 12th, Y.E.S. will host a picnic at Franklin Park (or inside the Yakima Valley Museum if the weather is inclement). Bring your favorite side dishes or desserts to pair with wines from **Whisper Ridge** and **Masset Winery**. Winemakers Bill Mechem and Gregg Masset will be on hand to discuss winemaking and their wines. Wines will be listed in next month's newsletter to help you make dish selections.



~ Gerry Amos

## Plan Ahead YES Calendar of Upcoming Events

**April 10**

Platinum VIII

**May 12**

Picnic in the Park

**June 9**

Summer Night Downtown II

**July 14** (pending)

Summer Party

**August 21**

A Case of the Blues

**September 8**

Wines of Argentina

~ Julie Johnson

## Ready for a great Platinum VIII

I hope everyone read the great write up that our Platinum event received in the spring 2010 edition of *Winepress Northwest*. If you did not see the article you should, and also subscribe to WPNW. It is a great wine magazine. On page 16 under "10 great things to do in Northwest wine country," number two is titled "Another shot at Platinum" and gives a good write up on our upcoming event.

This year's event should even surpass prior years for several reasons. The menu is more varied than last year and has some interesting twists such as yellowtail tuna, crab crusted scallops, duck and osso bucco — to name a few of the entrees. We are also serving twenty wines, most of them sold out and no longer available. There will be some great wines in the mix and all will be available to bid on during the live auction. Out of the twenty wines, we have one sparkling (Double Platinum), one dessert (Double Platinum), five whites (three Double Platinum), two roses and nine reds (four being Double Platinum).

Again, as in previous years, we are offering winemakers tables for just \$10 more than a regular ticket. Remember you get to take home a bottle of wine from that winemaker. This year we have **Glencorrie** (Walla Walla), **Jones of Washington** (Quincy), **Powers Winery** (Kennewick), **Whitman Cellars** (Walla Walla) and **William Church Winery** (Woodinville) sponsoring our winemakers tables. All of them are Platinum winners. Several seats are still available at these tables so pick a winery, get to know the winemaker and take home some wine. In addition to the wineries sponsoring tables, we will also be joined by representatives from five other wineries including two wineries from Canada. During a reception that kicks off the events of the evening, we will be honoring the winemakers, owners, managers and employees of these wineries of the Pacific Northwest. At a silent auction during this reception, we will also be offering beautiful gift baskets —made by Beverly Warren— featuring some of the wines from our event.

At the end of the six-course dinner we will also have a brief live auction featuring sets of the evening's wines, as well as the two-day wine judging from Wine Press Northwest to determine the 2010 Platinum wine winners. Remember that the proceeds from this event go to the Wine & Technology program at Yakima Valley Community College.

We still have tickets available and definitely want to make this annual event another success. This is one YES wine event not to be missed. I hope I have convinced you to attend and to support your Yakima Enological Society, the Yakima Community College wine program and the great wine industry of the Pacific Northwest. A registration form is included in this newsletter.

~ Charles Johnson

☀️ **Platinum VIII** ☀️ **April 10** ☀️ **Don't miss it** ☀️

## March in Review

The March Annual meeting was at the Yakima Valley Museum and was attended by 34 members and five guests.

YES President, Marie Clark, introduced three students from the Yakima Valley Wine & Technology Program at YVCC as well as the program director, Trent Ball. Two students were current scholarship recipients from the proceeds of our 2009 Platinum VII wine dinner and one was a previous scholarship recipient who is now working in the wine industry. The students thanked YES for their awards and discussed what they were learning in the program and what they hoped to accomplish in the future.

Marie Clark then presented a short business meeting recapping our previous year's tastings and what we will be looking forward to during this current year. Remember the board is always looking for suggestions for new tastings. Two new board members were approved and outgoing board members thanked for their service.

As usual, everyone enjoyed the wonderful potluck meal and tasted some good wines to go with the food. The March meeting is usually one of the most fun meetings of our year.

~ Virginia Gable

## Support a Worthy Cause

### Vino Cache Adventure and HoBO Dinner

The Lower Valley Hospice is hosting a fund raiser for the Heartlinks Kids program on May 1st. It involves the current craze of Geocaching, where treasure seekers use their GPS units to find tokens at wineries, vineyards and other interesting places.

For more information call 509-837-1676 or 800-474-6008.



~ Marie Clark

## Welcome!



The Y.E.S. Board would like to welcome new members **Benjamin & Leanne Antonio** to the Yakima Enological Society.

Remember, March is the start of our new membership year, so if you haven't already done so, send in your renewal fee. If you renew right away, you will not miss any of our monthly newsletters concerning information on upcoming tastings. If you forget to renew, after a couple of months your newsletter will stop and we would hate to lose anyone from our wonderful society.

~ Gerry Amos



### Yakima Enological Society Membership Application

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter by email? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application with check to:  
Yakima Enological Society  
PO Box 2395  
Yakima WA 98907

**PLEASE NOTE: Law requires members to be of legal age. Minors are not permitted at tastings.**

As a volunteer organization, it is expected that members will check at least one box below:

- Help with food preparation for tasting
- Help with greeting and guest registration
- Help with organizing a tasting
- Board membership/planning
- Writing/finding articles for newsletter
- Anything to help at a tasting

- Wine research for tastings
- Pouring wine/serving food
- Help with set-up for a tasting
- Help with clean-up after a tasting
- Sharing my wine knowledge at tastings
- Sharing knowledge with handouts, talks, slides

Annual Dues: \$40 \_\_ Couple \$25 \_\_ Single

Membership term from 03/01/2010 to 03/01/2011

**Membership is non-transferable.**

# Platinum VIII Dinner Reservation

*Saturday, April 10, 2010 ~ Yakima Country Club*

*6:00 pm ~ Reception & Greeting Wines*

*7:00 pm ~ Dinner featuring six courses  
and Platinum Wines*

You may purchase tickets individually or purchase a table of ten. If you are purchasing a Winemakers table, the table will be limited to eight as you will be seated with a winemaker and their guest (for a total of ten). You will also go home with a bottle of wine! *If you are buying a whole table, please send in the money for all of your table along with a list of the people at your table. In that way you will be guaranteed to sit together!* If you are not buying a table, but would like to be seated with friends, please write their names below and we will make an effort to seat you accordingly.

- 1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_
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- 7. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular seating - \$140/person: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$140 = \_\_\_\_\_

Wine Makers Table - \$150/person: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$150 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

*Every effort will be made to seat you with the people you have listed, however this can not be guaranteed unless you are purchasing a whole table.*

*If no seating preference is made, your seating will be assigned for you.*

Please mail this form along with your check to:  
Yakima Enological Society - P.O. Box 2395, Yakima, WA 98907

*All Reservations must be paid for in advance and are Non-Refundable.*

## Yakima Enological Society

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### *Yakima Enological Society*

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## *President's Corner*

As always, a good time, with good food, and good wine were offered up at the YES Annual Meeting held at our delightful Yakima Valley Museum on March 10. Kudos go to Virginia Gable for the successful event and to our out-going President, Marie Clark, for a stellar job as our Y.E.S. President for the last two years. She has graciously agreed to chair our Registration committee for 2010-2011.

I would like to introduce myself, Sally Baldwin, as the new Board President. The following members were nominated or re-nominated to the following positions for this year.

First VP: Gerry Amos; Second VP: Julie Johnson; Treasurer: Virginia Gable; and Secretary: Kathy Michielsen.

Returning Board Members: Brad Baldwin, Marie Clark, Carolyn Ferris, Ron Larin, Bert McDonnell, Susan McPhee, and Curt Robins.

We welcome newly elected Board Members: Dorene Boyle and Jill Skone.

A warm thank you goes out to our two retiring Board Members, Judy Thoet and Jimi Weaver, for their past services. We have one board vacancy still open to our membership; we would welcome fresh input to our fun, ever-changing organization.

Let us "spring" forward and make plans to attend the ever-popular Platinum VIII event on Saturday, April 10th at the Yakima Country Club.

**~Sally Baldwin, President**

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