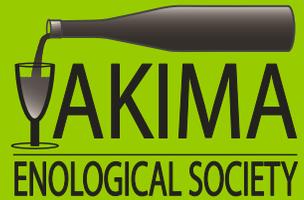


**YES!**



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## A Case of the Blues...

As long-standing YES members know, there is no wine tasting in August so members can support our local Case of the Blues and All That Jazz. The event runs from 3-11 p.m. on August 16 at Sarg Hubbard Park. Enjoy the day sampling wines and microbrews, feasting on fantastic food, and listening to blues and jazz. Tickets: \$40 in advance or \$45 at the gate. For more information, call 509-453-8280 or visit the website at <http://www.yakimagreenway.org/blues/>

~ Julie Johnson

## Plan Ahead YES Calendar of Upcoming Events in 2008

### September 10

Round-up at Tumbleweed Ranch

### October 12

Bus trip to Prosser wineries with lunch at Desert Winds

### November 12

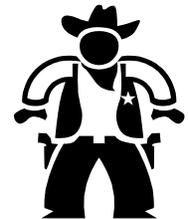
Portuguese wines at the Yakima Valley Museum

### December 9

YES Christmas Party at the Yakima Country Club

~ Julie Johnson

## Round-Up at Tumbleweed Ranch



Attention all you cowboys and cowgals! Save the date; **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.**

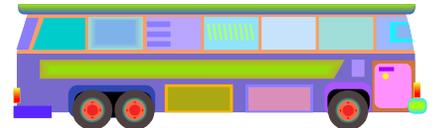
We're having a round-up at Tumbleweed Ranch in Gleeed, home of the Pegasus Program. The setting is spectacular! Large lush grassy areas bordering on two ponds all beautifully landscaped.

Chef Jessica Smith will be in charge of the chuckwagon and dishing up her incredible food. She will be featuring her famous barbecued pulled pork sandwich...mmm, mmm! Our wines will reflect our theme, Dancing Cowboy and 14 Hands are just two that we'll be tasting.

Dust off your boots and brush your hat, we'll be having a contest for the best dressed cowpoke. Lasso your best gal, guy or pal and bring them on out for a grand time!

~ Donna Lambert

## Get Onboard the YES Bus Trip!



**Finally** we have finalized the details for our upcoming October 12th Bus Trip to Prosser— and what an event is in store for those lucky members who sign up early! With over 20 wineries to choose from this will definitely not be “the same old thing.”

We will meet at the Yakima Valley Museum parking lot between 9 and 9:15 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. Our first stop will be the **Prosser Wine & Food Park**. During the two hours we will spend there you can choose from any or all of the following wineries, since all are within one to two blocks of each other: **Alexandria Nicole Cellars, Cowan Vineyards, CR Sandidge, Hogue Cellars, Kestrel Vintners, Mercer Estates, Prosser Wine Company, Heavens Cave Cellars and Whitstran Brewing.**

At 12:30 p.m. we will board the bus and go to **Desert Wind Vineyards** for lunch. The lunch will be buffet style and will feature two bottles of Desert Winds wine (one red and one white) on each table. You will have approximately one-and-a-half hours to have lunch, taste additional wines, shop at their

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**REGISTER  
EARLY!**

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wonderful gift shop and tour the beautiful grounds.

At 2 p.m. sharp we will re-board the bus and proceed to the **Vintners Village**. During the scheduled two hours that we are here you can select from any of the following wineries: **Airfield Estates, Milbrandt Vineyards, Olsen Estates, Thurston Wolfe, Willow Crest** and the **Winemaker's Loft** which is a wine studio shared by several small Boutique wineries including **Apex Cellars, Masquerade Wine Co., Michael Florentino, RiverAerie Cellars, Tasawik Cellars** and **Maison Bleue Winery**. Again all are within a two- to three-block area. However, to avoid "winery fatigue" our suggestion is to pick and choose the wineries you wish to visit.

At 4:15 p.m. we will leave Prosser to return to Yakima. We should be back by approximately 5:15 p.m. Naturally if anyone wishes to purchase wine, there will be plenty of room in the baggage area on the bus. Just make sure your wine is well identified with your name.

The cost of this bus trip is \$45 per person. The maximum that we can take on the bus is 47 people. We need your commitment and money as soon as possible to pay a 50% deposit by September 1st. So get a group of friends, go to your calendars, mark the date, fill out this registration form and send in your payment as soon as possible!

~ **Chuck Johnson**

## Cabana Party Recap

Thanks to all who participated in the Summer Cabana Party at the beautiful McDonnell residence. A special thank you goes to **Bonair** and **Donitelia** wineries and to all the individuals who brought food and helped with the set-up; Jim & Sally, Susan, Virginia, Kathy, Tim, Jerry and Bruce & Donna. I couldn't have done it without all your help.

Even though it was a little windy, over 60 people seemed to enjoy themselves until the wee hours. Sally Dwinell was the winner of the "mystery" bottle of wine raffle - Congratulations!! Thanks for sharing the magnum of Russell Creek Cab, now I can display the beautiful etched bottle! As a side note, all the YES yard sale items were sold! Not only did the club make a tidy little profit but we eliminated a chronic storage problem. Thanks to everyone who purchased items. Enjoy the rest of your summer and hope to see you in September.

~ **Bert McDonnell**

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## Did you hear about...?

### "A Taste of WSU"

Washington State University Extension and the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences presents the annual "**A Taste of WSU**" event on Thursday, August 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Benaroya Hall (200 University Street, Seattle). Cost is \$50 per person.

Sample from a feast of tasty treats prepared by a dozen of the Seattle area's top chefs and enjoy premium wines, beers and ciders all made from ingredients produced in Washington state. Meet the producers and the WSU researchers whose efforts and collaborations make our state one of the nation's most bountiful. The event will showcase how WSU research and outreach contribute every day to the lives and communities of Washington state residents. It's a great opportunity to learn about a wide variety of new research endeavors, including those aimed at providing viable alternative sources of energy and fuels.

To register, visit the website: <https://ocrs.wsu.edu/Signup/?eventid=410>

### Rattlesnake Hills Inaugural Cruise

Join the Director of the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail wineries, the "Wine Therapist" from Bonair Winery and other surprise guests on a fabulous 7-day cruise on the Golden Princess to Alaska right out of Seattle! Visit Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Ketchikan and Victoria BC and enjoy special wine receptions, seminars and food pairing classes with Rattlesnake Hills wines.

Don't delay...space will go fast on this fabulous inside passage cruise. Prices start at \$1032.00 (inside cabin). Call and get more information direct from AAA Travel in Yakima (509) 248-3491.

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## The perfect temperature



*My apologies to the author. The following excerpts were taken from an Associated Press article by Holly Ramer that was recently published in The Yakima Herald Republic, June 25, 2008, titled "Setting the Perfect Temperature for a Drink." I found the comments about wine temperatures interesting and worthy of sharing:*

~ **Julie Johnson**

Temperature is far more important than it typically gets credit as being when it comes to flavor...Twenty or even 10

degrees can make an enormous difference in how the exact same wine tastes. A wine that was thin and "hot" at room temperature tastes much "rounder" and fruitier at five or 10 degrees lower says Andrew Dornenburg and Karen Page, authors of "What to Drink With What You Eat."

Even casual drinkers of wine know that white wines are served cooler than reds. But few realize the difference a few degrees can make, and not just with wine.

Wine often is served at the wrong temperature, says Natalie MacLean, editor of a wine newsletter which explores how wine is made, marketed, matched with food and consumed. "Too cold, and a wine's complexity and aromas are numbed; too hot, and it tastes alcoholic and flabby," she says. The old advice about serving reds at "room temperature" comes from the days when the "room" in question was a drafty medieval castle, she says, not today's toasty, centrally-heated homes.

Red wine should be served at about 60° F, though some light reds, such as Beaujolais, are better served cooler, she says. White wine should be chilled to about 55° F; the glass should feel cool but not ice-cold. When in doubt, check the label: many bottles indicate the optimal serving temperature. "We were recently tasting an Italian red that was unimpressive until we noticed that it was at room temperature and its label suggested 63 degrees," Page says. We chilled it and retasted it and voila! It made a far better impression."

### What: Bus Trip to Prosser Wineries

When: Sunday, October 12 from 9 a.m.—5:15 p.m.

Where: Boards at the Yakima Valley Museum

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Important: Please include your phone number.**

### PRE-REGISTRATION

**Send in your registration early to ensure we can make the deposit for the bus.**

Members ----- @ \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests ----- @ \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please include your email address if you would like to receive future newsletters by email

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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*

Many YES members have problems viewing and/or downloading the newsletters. As computer technology evolves, some things are made easier and some things just aren't. Adobe Acrobat was developed several years ago to make it easier to send computer files between computers that did not have the originating software. The sender of the files bought the Adobe Acrobat program to convert the file for sending. The receiver of the file just had to download a free part of the program (Adobe Reader) to read the file. This solved some problems, but with time updates were made to the program. The result is that not all versions are compatible with each other or with our computers.

If Adobe Reader isn't working for you, Leo Lee has suggested the "Foxit." Here is the link to learn more about it:

[http://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf/rd\\_intro.php](http://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf/rd_intro.php)

And here is an excellent article that can help you understand why we are having this problem:

<http://nurseweb.ucsf.edu/www/adobe-problems.htm>

~Marie Clark, President