



Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

Newsletter Date November 22, 2003

2003 Y.E.S. Christmas Party

available at the YES website (www.yakimawine.org), attached to last month's newsletter.

Date: Wed., December 17, 2003

Place: Yakima Valley Museum

Time: 6:30 pm Doors Open
7:30 pm Dinner

Cost: View November Newsletter for Registration Form.

Limited: Members Only

Postmarked by **Friday, December 5th, 2003**. Phone calls only on Monday, December 8th, to Marie Clark, **697-3364** (until 8:00 P.M.). Phone reservations have an obligation to pay the appropriate fee even if you do not attend the event.

Ray Dilschneider

If you haven't already signed up for this year's Yakima Enological Society Christmas Party, you may be missing your chance to enjoy your Society's gala event of the season on **Wednesday, December 17th** at the **Yakima Valley Museum**.



There is no better opportunity for local wine lovers to gear up for the Christmas and New Year season.

Wine, food, dance and a good dose of holiday cheer will be included in the program this year. From the gourmet appetizer, main course and dessert dishes served up by **Lucho De LaCombe** from **Zesta Cucina**, to the wide array dance-inspiring tunes of **Ken Leader**, the night will be one to remember. Tables are filling up quickly with all of your fellow Enological Society party-loving friends.

Doors open at 6:30, with dinner served at 7:30 and dancing till 11:00. If you've already registered, don't be late. And if you haven't yet sent in your registration, please do so right away.

Seating is limited and restricted to members only. Registration forms are

Blind Leading the Blind

In the past year have you found the essence of another varietal wine? The first tasting of the new year will challenge all of us and our sensory skills as we try to determine what varietal wine we are drinking. The Blind Leading the Blind on January 14th at the Yakima Valley Museum will test your sensory perceptions and your ability to stand by them as someone else explains why they think it is something else.

If you would like to help with set up and/or appetizers, contact Marie Clark at 697-3364.

Marie Clark



A Special Thank You!

I wish to sincerely thank all of the wonderful people who have been so very kind and generous to help me in my time of need. The financial and emotional support are greatly appreciated.

*Thank You,
Roberto Donato*

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President's Corner



I hope that you went out and enjoyed the Thanksgiving in Wine Country Event at the local wineries over the Thanksgiving weekend. The Y.E.S. Christmas Party at the Museum is almost sold out so your Board decided not to include another registration form in this newsletter. Since there are still a few seats left you can register for the event using the registration form from last month's newsletter or can obtain one from the November newsletter on our website.

At the November tasting I indicated a need for new board members. We are going to experience some transition in March as board members who have been involved for a number of years choose to move on to other things in their lives. I am making an appeal to the membership to get involved in your wine tasting society. If you want to be involved in the YES organization at a deeper level we would like to hear from you.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Dibari

New World Showdown in Review

Despite a few glitches and some interesting scrambling, we feel that this tasting demonstrated some of the best the new world has to offer. Unfortunately, **Stan Clarke** got sick at the last minute and was unable to join us to make his presentation. However, he was able to send us his PowerPoint presentation from his sick bed, for which we are grateful.

We are especially grateful to **John Caudill** for stepping in at extremely short notice and providing us with a masterful, entertaining and informative presentation. Thanks John.

To review, the following wines were tasted over the course of the evening:

- **Sauvignon Blanc** - Marlborough, NZ 2002-Geisen
- **Chardonnay** - California 2001, Hess Select
- **Chardonnay** - Australia 2002, Penfolds Koonunga Hills
- **Chardonnay**-Washington 2002-Barnard Griffin
- **Syrah**-Central Coast, CA 2001 Edna Valley
- **Syrah**-Columbia Valley, WA 2000, Seven Hills
- **Shiraz**-South Australia 2001, Buckley's
- **Merlot**-Napa Valley, CA 2000 Pine Ridge, Crimson Creek
- **Merlot**-Columbia Valley, WA 2000 Tamarack Cellars
- **Merlot**-New South Wales 2000 Rosemont, Orange Vineyard

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 17	Y.E.S Christmas Party Yakima Valley Museum
Jan 14	Blind Leading the Blind Yakima Valley Museum
Feb 18	Platinum Tasting II Yakima Valley Museum

We would like to thank **Scot Hanson of Northwest Select** for recommending and sourcing the wines for us, and for providing the winemakers' notes that we handed out to you.

We would like to thank **Cory Everts, the Barrel House** chef, and his staff for the superb meal. We didn't properly explain that the vinaigrette for the salad was prepared with Chardonnay to ensure that it

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New World Showdown Continued...

would pair even better with the Chardonnay flight of wines and that the daube of lamb was prepared with Syrah so that it would pair even more perfectly with the Syrah / Shiraz flight of wines. Great job, Cory!

We would like to thank the myriad of volunteers who helped with set up, food preparation, pouring, serving and clean up and all the other tasks that had to be done to make the tasting a success. In particular, we would like to thank **Sally** and **Jim Baldwin**, **Bert McDonnell**, **Scott Summers**, **Virginia Gable**, **Marie Clark**, **Darrel** and **Marilyn Smoot**, **Nelda** and **Keith Bruner**, **Doris** and **John Hodgson**, **Joan** and **John Sausley**, **Patsy** and **John Gorman**, **Cheryl** and **Gene Probasco**, **Steve Emhoff**, **Kathy** and **Don Guintoli**, and **Mike Wilson**. We would especially like to thank our wives, **Linda Stoffer** and **Sharon Hysert** for all their help, support and advice throughout. We have almost certainly left out some volunteers and for that we apologize. However, we thank all of you. Pouring the wine was rather an *ad hoc* affair, for which we depended on volunteers from each table. The fact that this worked so well is a tribute to all of you.

All in all, we were pleased with the tasting. We hope you all had a good time. We look forward to the next event.

Jim Stoffer and David Hysert

Platinum Tasting II

Our 2nd Annual Platinum Tasting is at the Yakima Valley Museum, 18 February 2004. We will again feature a wide array of award-winning wines from throughout the Northwest as judged by Wine Press Northwest magazine. **Brad Masset** of **Birchfield Manor** will do the culinary honors with reception appetizers provided by **Classy Catering**. **Hank Sauer**, tasting facilitator for the magazine's Platinum Awards and an enthusiastic oenophile, will be our guest speaker. More details in next month's newsletter.

Mike Libbee

Local Wine Events

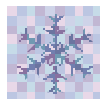
5 Dec - Rosauer's - Champagne tasting with guest speaker **Dennis Neubert**, retired winemaker at **Chateau Ste. Michelle**. Appetizers. 7:00 PM. \$20. Call Kim at 972-2327.

8 Dec - Bob's Keg and Cork - Featuring **Owen Sullivan Winery**. Appetizers. 6:30 PM. \$25. Reservations suggested. Call Bob at 573-3691.

12 Dec - Rosauer's - Port tasting with guest speaker **Mike Wallace**, owner and winemaker of **Hinzerling Winery**. Appetizers. 7:00 PM. \$20. Call Kim at 972-2327.

15 Dec - Bob's Keg and Cork - Featuring **Dunham Cellars**. Appetizers. 6:30 PM. \$30. Reservations suggested. Call Bob at 573-3691.

Mike Libbee



Old Man Winter's on his way...

Northwest Wine Events

Christmas Open House, Dec. 4-7, E.B. Foote Winery, Burien, Wash. Sample current and new releases. New gift ideas and wine releases. 127-B S.W. 153rd St. Call 206-242-3852.

Holiday Winelover's Dinner, Dec. 6, Chateau Bianca, Dallas, Ore. Five courses paired with five wines. Call 503-623-6230.

Chalet Winemaker Dinner, Dec. 12. A four-course gourmet dinner with Chalet Estate's award-winning wines. Cost: \$70 Canadian. Call 250-656-2552.

Holiday in the Cellar Dinner, Dec. 14, DiStefano Winery, Woodinville, Wash. Celebrate the holidays with this special dinner that includes barrel samples and a vertical of Cabernet Sauvignon. Cost: \$89. Call 425-487-1648.

N'Ice Wines, Dec. 18, Wine Museum, Kelowna, B.C. Get into the holiday spirit with this tasting of ice wines, ports, and late-harvest wines, along with great desserts and chocolates. Cost: \$20 CDN. Call 250-868-0441.

Many more wine events can be found at www.winepressnw.com.

Charlena Paschen



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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!



Harvest Fest Finale

For those of you that were not able to attend the November wine tasting, the fundraising committee was able to present a check for \$8751.00 to Roberto Donato. We were able to present this amount with expenses of only \$183.00 due to the incredible generosity of our Y.E.S. members and the community members from around the Yakima Valley.

We would like to thank the individuals and businesses listed below for their help in making the Harvest Fest fundraiser such a success. In no particular order:

<i>Selah Civic Center</i>	<i>CWI Security, Inc.</i>	<i>Snipes Mtn, Brewery</i>	<i>Grocery Outlet</i>
<i>YVCC Jazz Ensemble</i>	<i>Selah Red Apple</i>	<i>The Barrel House</i>	<i>901 Pasta</i>
<i>Yakima Brewing</i>	<i>WA Mutual Bank</i>	<i>Costco</i>	<i>Tree Top, Inc.</i>
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<i>Washington Hill's Winery</i>	<i>Jeannette Witham</i>	<i>Darlene LaBella</i>	<i>Ron and Mary Anderson</i>
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<i>Bev and Johnny Warren</i>	<i>John and Gina McGowan</i>	<i>Bill and Michaela Hughes</i>	<i>Minerva Riehl</i>
<i>Kestrel Vintners</i>	<i>Connie Fallon</i>	<i>Jack and Vi Topper</i>	<i>Yakima Cellars</i>
<i>Willow Crest Winery</i>	<i>Tefft Cellars Winery</i>	<i>Maison De Padgette</i>	<i>C.R. Sandridge Winery</i>
<i>Selah Heights Winery</i>	<i>Silverlake Winery</i>	<i>Bonair Winery</i>	<i>Kathy Miechelson</i>
<i>Wine Glass Cellars</i>	<i>Kameo Flower Shop</i>	<i>Essencia Bakery</i>	<i>Eaton Hills Winery</i>

Lighthouse Gifts-Union Gospel Mission

Please show your support for the businesses that have done and continue to do so much for our local community!

Thank you, Harvest Fest Committee