



Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

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Platinum II Tasting



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*"Check out the website
to view photos from
several Society Events!"*

We're on the web!
www.yakimawine.org

Ultra Important Warning: *Remember last year when 20 people had to be turned away from the first Platinum Tasting? Make your reservations early!*

Our second annual "Best of the Best" tasting will feature 16 truly outstanding wines, including the three that topped the rankings in the winter issue of **Wine Press Northwest** magazine.

Reception will be held in the foyer of the museum with three classy whites, led by the Platinum-winning **Gehringers Brothers 2002 Dry Rock Chardonnay**. We will move into the banquet room for three-wine flights of Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah, followed by a bonus tasting of the wine selected **Best in the Northwest** (Double Platinum): the **Dunham Cellars 2001 Syrah**. Dessert will feature two sparkling wines and an incredible Riesling Ice Wine from **Jackson-Triggs**. This wine alone is \$70 Canadian for a split bottle! (Visit www.yakimawine.org for the complete list of wines.)

On the food front, each of our reception wines will be paired with appetizers especially prepared by **Wendy Burns**, former caterer for **Covey Run**. The red wine and dessert courses will again feature **Brad Masset**, Executive Chef at **Birchfield Manor**. Brad is a master at matching his culinary creations to

wine, as anyone who attended last year's event will attest. No eating beforehand!

Hank Sauer, Tasting Facilitator for Wine Press Northwest and owner of **Fine Wine Line**, will be our guest speaker. Hank is gregarious, enthusiastic and knows just about everyone in the wine business. I am not yet at liberty to reveal names, but we are also expecting a number of high-profile winemakers to join us.

Our decorating committee has outdone itself this year and invites attendees to help carry the "**Platinum and Black**" theme in their attire. Glitz is good! I hesitate to say "semi-formal," but let's say it anyway.

Date: Wed., February 18th, 2004

Place: Yakima Valley Museum

Time: 6:30 pm Registration
7:00 pm Tasting

Cost: \$45 Members
\$50 Non-members

Bring: A refined appetite (glasses provided)

Questions? Call Mike at 829-6810.
Postmarked by **Friday, February 13th**. Phone calls only on Monday, February 16th, to Marie Clark, **697-3364** (until 8:00 P.M.).

Mike Libbee

March Annual Meeting

March 10th will be our Annual Meeting and our fun filled pot-luck where all our great cooks bring their specialty to share. We'll be looking for new Board Members - and the beginning of a new full year getting acquainted with our new members and keeping in touch with our old standbys.

Virginia Gable

President's Corner

I want to encourage all who are interested to sign up early for what is fast becoming our signature event of the year. I am speaking about the Platinum Tasting in February. This event will be sold out early. To avoid disappointment make sure you send in your registration with your check as soon as possible. If you wait to the end of the registration time you may get a phone call saying "Sorry, but the event is sold out".

This event will feature 16 of the wines chosen by **Wine Press Northwest** as the Best of the Best. There will also be fabulous food by **Brad Masset** and attendance by several of the wine makers. Don't miss it!

This month also marks the annual "Red Wine and Chocolate" event in the local wineries. This is a very nice event in all the wineries that participate and is well worth the effort to get out there and visit them.

I also want to remind everyone to renew your membership in the Society. The membership renewal drive starts with this newsletter and continues until April 1st. See the article that is also part of this newsletter.

John Dibari

The Blind are Not so Blind

Every year the tasters at The Blind Leading the Blind get better. This year **Linda Dilschneider** and **Gerry Perryman** are sharing the honor of having the most discriminating tastes by correctly identifying 5 of the 6 varietals. What a great job!! Each one was given a certificate for a free tasting. Close behind them identifying 4 of the varietals were **David Hysert**, **Paul Vandenburg** and **Mike Libbee**.

The Merlots, receiving half the votes, was our "Favorite Wine". The Gewurztraminer was the easiest of our varietals to identify. The Viognier and Gewurztraminer were evenly split in vote as being the least expensive varietals when the Viognier was the most expensive.

Thanks to **Gene Evans**, **Marilyn Fike**, **Virginia Gable**, **John** and **Joan Sousley** and **Jo Ewart** for helping provide the food. Thanks also go to the many others that help with setup, cleanup, pouring, and registration.

The varietals featured in our evening of second guessing ourselves are:

Gewurztraminer

- *Gold Digger Cellars, 2001, Oroville Maryhill 2001, Celilo Vineyards*

Sauvignon Blanc

- *Sancerre 2002 Grande Reserve, Henri Bougeois*
- *Quincy Haute Victorie, 2002, Henri Bougeois Arbor Crest 2001, Columbia Valley*

Viognier

- *Condrieu 2001, Cave de Charte-Per Drix Yakima Cellars, 2002*

Pinot Noir

- *Airlie 2000, Willamette Valley LaVignee 2001, Bourgogne, Bouchand Pere & Fils*
- *Sagelands 2001, Columbia Valley Bridgeman 2000, Columbia Valley*

Cabernet Franc

- *Eaton Hill Cox Canyon Vineyards 2002*

Marie Clark and George Petzinger

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 18	Platinum II Tasting Yakima Valley Museum
Mar 10	Annual Meeting Yakima Valley Museum
Apr 16	Larson Gallery YVCC Campus



Yakima Enological Society

Membership Renewal

Application

___ New ___ Renewal

Mar. 1, 2004 – Feb. 28, 2005

Name _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Name _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Newsletter by email Yes ___ No ___

City: _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

PLEASE NOTE: **Law requires members to be of legal age**

I would like to help with:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food preparation for tastings | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine research for tastings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting and guest registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Pouring wine/serving food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing a tasting | <input type="checkbox"/> Providing location for a tasting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board membership/planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Finding articles for newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing my wine knowledge at tastings -
handouts/talks/slides |

Membership is non-transferable. Minors are not permitted at tastings.

Annual Dues: \$25 ___ Couple \$15 ___ Single



Membership Renewal

Each year your membership in the Yakima Enological Society must be renewed on March 1st. The above membership form is to be used for your renewal. Please fill it out and send with the appropriate amount to the Y.E.S. PO Box on the form. Those who have joined in the last few months should know that their membership fee was reduced for the last half of the year and is due again for the year beginning on March 1st. If you have any questions on the amount that you owe please send me an email at jdibari@elltel.net or give me a call at 697-3519.

It is very important that current members renew before April 1. After that date the Y.E.S. Board has decided that persons signing up for Y.E.S. tastings that have not renewed their membership will pay the extra \$5 per person (guest fee) for wine-tastings. Your newsletters will also end with the April mailing.

As a member of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest we owe dues to the umbrella group each year. When membership renewals come in over a period of months it causes extra problems with record keeping and accounting.

Since those who perform these duties for Y.E.S. are volunteers, it is best to keep the process to the shortest period of time. If you want to stay a part of Y.E.S. please remember to take care of this as soon as possible.

John DiBari

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

Local Wine Events

9 Feb - Charlie Hoppes at Bob's Keg and Cork. Charlie will discuss the wines he crafts for **Fidelitas, Goose Ridge, and Canon del Sol.** 6:30, appetizers, reservations recommended (573-3691).

14-16 Feb - Celebrate Valentine's and Presidents' Day Weekend with Red Wine and Chocolate at all *Yakima Valley wineries.* Chocolate confections paired with the valley's best reds.

Mike Libbee

April Preview

We will again be visiting the Larson Gallery for the April wine tasting. This tasting takes place during the 32nd Annual Photo Exhibition where the members who attend the tasting get to vote on the \$100 YES Members Choice award for one of the photos in the Exhibition. Watch for more details in the next newsletter.

John Dibari

Winery Association News

On 14 January, the **Yakima Valley Winery Association** (wineries) and **Appellation Yakima Valley** (wine grape growers) merged into a single organization called Wine Yakima Valley. The new 75-member group is combining assets and resources to make the Yakima Valley the premier wine-producing region in the world. It will be one inclusive, positively focused trade association dedicated to representing, promoting and marketing the wines and vineyards of Washington's oldest AVA. The group's website is not yet fully functional, but the new Wine Yakima Valley logo can be viewed at www.wineyakimavalley.com

Mike Libbee

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:

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www.creativedesignconsulting.com

Ph: (509) 697-3931

E-mail: chaleepas1963@yahoo.com

Northwest Wine Events

Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers Convention, Feb. 4-6, Yakima, Wash. Grape growers and winemakers gather for this annual education and promotion event. Call 509-782-8234 or go to www.wawgg.org.

St. Joseph's Art & Wine Festival, Feb. 7, Pasco, Wash. The eighth annual festival is at the Tri-Cities Prep gym, 8611 St. Thomas Drive, Pasco. Call 509-586-3820.

Valentine's Weekend Party, Feb. 14-15, Goldendale, Wash. Maryhill Winery pairs its award-winning wines with chocolates from around the world. Go to www.maryhillwinery.com

Taste Washington London, Feb. 17-19, London. Washington wineries travel to Europe to showcase their wines.

Facelli Tasting, Feb. 19, Seattle. Il Fornaio features Facelli Winery of Woodinville. Cost: \$10. Call 206-24-0994.

These and many more wine events are listed on www.winepressnw.com web site. Enjoy!

Charlena Paschen

Montana Wines?



Montana Wines is New Zealand's leading winemaker and pioneer of the Marlborough wine region. The company's Montana, Brancott Vineyards, Lindauer and Stoneleigh brands are the most popular New Zealand wines globally.

Nearer to home, Montana State has several wineries: Lolo Peak Winery is located in Missoula, Montana and makes about 1,200 cases per year of fruit and honey wines, including cherry, apple, rhubarb, plum and raspberry wines; Mission Mountain Winery in Dayton, Montana bottles table wine and sparkling wines, including Riesling and Merlot. Tom Campbell, who used to own and run Horizon's Edge Winery, is the founder and owner. Both wineries have websites.

Sharon Clinton



February 2004

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Happy
Valentines



Platinum II Tasting

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, Feb 13th

Name(s): _____

Name(s): _____

Guest(s): _____

Guest(s): _____

Phone: _____

Yakima Valley Museum

Wednesday, Feb 18th, 2002 6:30 PM

Members _____ @ \$45.00 = \$ _____

Guests _____ @ \$50.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL Enclosed: \$

Please give your e-mail address below if you would like to receive future issues of the newsletter via e-mail:

If you would like to help with the tasting, please select one of the following:

- Set Up Food Prep Registration
 Greeter Pourer Clean Up

Please clip & mail 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!

