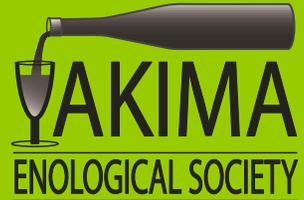


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Platinum VI Update Early Bird Special

Your YES Platinum VI committee is proud to announce that this year's dinner will be held at the Yakima Country Club on Saturday April 12th. Chef Greg Masset will provide a six-course meal to accompany the wines that were selected from the 2007 Platinum judging recently completed by Wine Press Northwest. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a reception featuring Platinum award-winning wines, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The dinner will be accompanied by a flight of Rieslings, a flight of Merlots, a flight of Cabernet Sauvignons, a flight of Syrahs and finally late harvest ice wines to cap the evening.

Seating is limited at the Yakima Country Club, so as YES members you have first chance at the tickets and an early bird price of \$110 per person if your paid reservation is received by 2/15/2008. This price is good for you and any guests you want to bring, but all tickets must be paid for by the deadline of 2/15. After 2/15 the price will be \$125 per person and we will expand our advertising to the general public and members of the country club.

Again this year there will be six Wine Makers tables available. These will accommodate eight guests per table plus the wine-maker. Cost for these special tables is \$135 per person — early bird if received by 2/15, after

The Heart of Chelan



Beat the rush and avoid the crowds on Valentine's Day by spending it a day early with Larry and Jessica at Buhrmaster Baking Company — AKA "Jessica's Place." Space is limited to 60 for this tasting, so get your registrations in as soon as possible. Seven wines will be poured.

We will feature Chelan wines paired with hors d'oeuvres prepared by chef Jessica Smith. H. Lee Lewis, manager of Tsillan Cellars and a certified wine educator, will be the guest speaker. He'll talk about the history, wines and wineries in the Lake Chelan area. Wines will be available for purchase at Buhrmaster's after the event... for those who may want a gift idea for Valentines.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a greeting wine. The tasting will begin at 6:45 p.m. "Boarding Passes" will be issued for the Lady of the Lake tour of Lake Chelan wineries with six stations (wines) to visit. This is a casual tasting. There will be some seating available, but please wear comfortable shoes.

~Kathy Michielsens

What..... The Heart of Chelan

Where... Buhrmaster Baking Co.

1 W Yakima Ave #30 (Track 29)

When.... Wed., Feb. 13, 2008

6:30 p.m. registration, 6:45 p.m. tasting

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

\$28 for Members, \$33 for Guests

Postmarked or online pay by Feb. 9, 2008.

Phone calls only on Feb. 11, 2008 to Jimi Weaver at 575-7511.

which the cost goes to \$150 per person. Remember that in addition to spending the evening with a special wine person, you also receive a bottle of wine from that winery to take home with you.

A registration form is included in this newsletter, so get your

group together and get your money in for the early bird special. Remember you can always pay online at www.yakimawine.org. More updates, wine lists and menu information will follow in next month's newsletter.

~Charles Johnson

How Blind Are We?



Well... We are blind enough that you would not want most of us driving down the road with the same level of skill. But we had a GRAND time. Chuck Johnson, John DiBari and Pam Larin all tied with the same number of correct responses.

Special thanks to Pam Larin and Karen Lee for helping me provide the food for the evening and to Sandie and Ray Menard for their help at the museum with food preparations. Thanks also to those staying late to clean up, including Gen Rennie, Marcus Kieltyka, Karen and Leo Lee, and Chuck and Julie Johnson.

Thanks also go to Steve Marvin, the Wine Manager at Wray's, for helping with the wine selection and gathering a whole flight of wine together for the late registrants.

We tried nice wines from wineries that are new to us and that we will try again. The glass cork on the Zantho Blaufrankisch from Austria sparked additional conversation. The essence of pineapple in all the white wines added another twist to varietal tasting.

The following are the wines we tasted:

Lone Canary Sauvignon Blanc,

Columbia Valley 2006 (Spokane) — \$10.00

Washington Hills Gewurztraminer, 2006 — \$7.00

Kyra Chenin Blanc, Columbia Valley, 2006

(Mattawa/Moses Lake) — \$11.00

Saint Laurent Syrah Rose, Mrachek Vineyards, 2006

(Wenatchee) — \$14.75

Masset Winery Rosato di Sangiovese, Yakima Valley,

(Wapato) — \$13.25

Chinook Cabernet Franc Rose, Yakima Valley (Prosser) — \$14.49

Zantho Blaufrankisch, 2005 (Burgenland, Austria) — \$11.75

Merry Cellars Sangiovese, 2005 (Pullman) — \$17.00

Jones of Washington Cabernet Sauvignon (Quincy) — \$13.00

~Marie Clark

In Memoriam

Our friend and former YES Board Member Gerry Perryman passed away on January 17, 2008. We will always remember fondly his friendship and contribution to our group.

~David Lynx



Gilbert Winery in March

Save the date of March 12 for one of the most popular tastings of the year, our annual potluck. This year, to complement our food, we will be tasting wines from Gilbert Winery. The tasting will begin with a short annual meeting.

~Virginia Gable

New Wine Class Starts Successfully

Vines, Wines, & Dollar \$igns, is a learning community that runs from 6:30-9:30 p.m., on M/W this quarter. It is a new program that offers three linked classes: AG 120- Intro to WA Wines, AGSCI 131- WA Terroir, and BA 298- Wine Marketing. There are more than 16 students that have signed up for the triage of classes, with half in Yakima and half in Grandview. Students will work with a winery in Yakima and one of the new wineries in the Grandview Teaching Winery to help provide new marketing opportunities and ideas. As part of the final grade, students will present their marketing proposals to the respective wineries. This is a very exciting partnership, and we hope to offer more classes like this in the future.

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

~ Trent Ball, Director
YVCC Vineyard and Winery
Technology Program

Local Wine Events

Cafe' Melange and Windy Point Vineyards are teaming up for a Leap Year February to provide the best of local food and wine. Restaurateur Lisa Rembold and Wine Steward Bronwyn Coffey will proudly feature Windy Point's Red Wine Collection throughout the month.

This historic downtown eatery will feature hand-made chocolates utilizing Windy Point wines, as well as a 25% discount on any red Windy Point wine for the Valentine's Day/Presidents' Day Weekend (Thu.—Sat., Feb. 14-16). You may well discover the winemaker and grape grower at a table in a romantic corner. Feel free to interrupt their dinner, ask questions, seek autographs (ha!), or just exchange views on our increasingly vibrant downtown dining and wining scene. Reservations: 509-453-0571.

~Mike Libbee



Red Wine and Chocolate

February 16 – 18, 2008

Three delicious days of wine and chocolate!

(Saturday, Sunday, and Monday — Presidents' Day weekend.)

Experience the true flavor of luscious red wines and ports in the tasting rooms of the Rattlesnake Hills wineries when they are paired with dark, bittersweet, or milk chocolate delicacies. Find newly-released wines and old favorites. No charge - no tickets needed!!! Come and enjoy our COMPLIMENTARY samples of great wines, decadent chocolates, and weekend specials! (Visitors must have a wine glass to taste.)

Special discounts and/or reserve tasting can be yours with a Rattlesnake Hills Passport card for \$5 (not required, but definitely worthwhile!) Purchase your Passport and logo wine glass at any of the Rattlesnake Hills wineries or at the Yakima Visitor Center just off I-82 at exit 33A.

~Shannon Bird,
Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail

What: The Heart of Chelan

When: Wed., Feb. 13 — 6:30 p.m. reg., 6:45 p.m. tasting

Where: Buhrmaster Baking Co. (1 W Yakima Ave. #30)

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) _____

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Phone: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Postmarked by Friday, Feb. 9, 2008

You can also pay online at
yakimawine.org

Members ----- @ \$28 = \$ _____

Guests ----- @ \$33 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Important: Please include your phone number.

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

___ Set Up ___ Food Prep ___ Registration ___ Greeter ___ Pourer ___ Clean Up

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

Last year, at our annual meeting, it was suggested by one of the members, and then unanimously accepted by all present, that we raise the annual membership fees in 2008. The annual membership fees are primarily set to cover the cost of insurance and producing the newsletter. These fees have gone up substantially. The new membership fees, as established by the board, will be \$35 for a couple and \$20 for a single. As a volunteer organization, we are also asking your help to meet some of the costs of running the Yakima Enological Society. If you are currently receiving the newsletter by mail, and are capable of viewing it online, please change your preference on your membership form. Also, help us get the word out about our organization and encourage others to join. We will be working on new materials to promote our wonderful group. I hope to see you in February at our Chelan tasting, and at our annual potluck in March.

~ David Lynx

New Member Welcome

During the season of chilly temperatures, let us give an especially warm welcome to Michelle Smith. She is our 191st member this year.

It is time to renew **your** membership. Memberships expire on March 1st. Your renewal form will soon be in the mail.

~Marie Clark