



## Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

January 2003

### The Blind Leading the Blind

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#### "I wonder as I wander ..."

This Christmas carol goes through my head as the next tasting gets closer. I **wonder** how well you will do in recognizing the different varietals we will taste. As you **wander** the room trying the wines you will be able to mingle with fellow members. With their help or hindrance will you be able to identify the 6-7 varietals that we will taste?

This is a humbling experience. Do not be afraid to test yourself. Can you recognize your favorite wine varietals without looking at the label on the bottle? If a bottle is mislabeled, would you be able to tell? Will the suggestion of another taster change your mind and lead you down the merry pathway? Will you be comparing notes on the wines or leading the blind to a different conclusion?

A free tasting will be handed out to the person with the most correct answers. Door prizes will be available to those



selected from the entries turned in for scoring. Testing yourself is one way of checking out your knowledge. Doing it with others increases the fun. Good Luck!

**Date:** *Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 2003*

**Place:** *Yakima Valley Museum  
2105 Tieton Drive, Yakima*

**Time:** *6:30 p.m. Registration  
7:00 p.m. Tasting*

**Cost:** *\$17.00 Members,  
\$22.00 Guests  
\$10.00 non-drinkers*

**Bring:** *One wine glass & Snack Tray*

Postmarked by **Friday, Jan. 3rd**, phone calls only on **Monday, Jan. 6th** to **Marie Clark, 697-3364** (until 8:00 P.M.).

*Marie Clark*

### YES February Tasting: Washington vs. The Rhone

The February tasting will be held at the Yakima Y.W.C.A. on the 12th.

Featured wines are Rhone wines and Washington varietal and blend counterparts. These will be carefully paired with cheeses, savory pastries, bread and dessert from **Essencia Artisan Bakery**.

The characteristics that unite and separate our region and wine styles from the Rhone will be discussed. Save the date for this event that will provide a provocative comparison between two

premiere wine regions. And perhaps, a wine surprise as well...

George Petzinger



## President's Corner



Now that Christmas has come and gone and looking forward to a new year, I look back on our past year with the Yakima Enological Society and am reminded of good friends, great winemakers and fantastic wines. I have enjoyed our wine tastings this past year. I hope that you all have as well. Our Christmas party at the Yakima Country Club was very festive. Ray Dilschneider and Ken Leader put on a great evening. Thank you to both gentlemen.

January will be great fun when Marie Clark puts our taste buds to the test. I am looking forward to a fun night. If you have a favorite appetizer you would like to share with us, I am sure she would love to have you participate.

Thanks again to all of you for making 2002 a great year with the Yakima Enological Society. **Have a very Happy New Year and we will see you in 2003!**

Gina Milliron

## YES 2002 Christmas Party Review

*“Guests were treated to a varied selection of wines and some wonderful food served up by the staff of the Country Club”*

Our Society welcomed 155 guests to it's annual Christmas Gala at the Yakima Country Club on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Attendance was up almost **sixty per cent** from last year, a testament to your Society's amazing membership growth over the past year. The club's dining room, board room, and lounge were truly filled to the gills!

Guests were treated to a varied selection of wines and some wonderful food served up by the staff of the Country Club.

**Ken Leader** did his usual great job

of providing music for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure. There was hardly a spot left open on the dance floor as our guests swung and beebopped the night away.

Our special thanks to **Sharon and Joseph**, and the Country Club's dedicated staff for serving up the Holiday hospitality.

And thanks to all of you who made this a special evening by attending this year!



Ray Dilschneider

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 8	<b>Blind Leading the Blind</b> YV Museum
Feb 12	<b>WA vs. The Rhone</b> Y.W.C.A
Mar 12	<b>Annual Meeting</b> YV Museum
Mar 19	<b>Board Meeting</b>
April 9	<b>Tasting at Larson Gallery</b>

## Important! - Registration Process Change

In an effort to make the registration process more efficient, beginning with our January meeting, the main doors to the dining room will remain closed until 6:30 sharp.

The registration desk will open at 6:30 to pass out name tags. We will begin serving the greeting wine at 6:40. If you happen to find yourself arriving prior to 6:30, in anticipation of a great evening, we would kindly ask you to remain the Museum's beautiful new gallery until 6:30.

Thank you for your cooperation and happy tasting!

Gina Milliron

## Annual Meeting

Don't forget about our annual meeting - March 12, 2003 at the Yakima Valley Museum. We look forward to seeing a lot of our new members attending and wanting to get involved with the workings of the club.

We will be having openings on the Board. Board members meet each month, one week after the tasting date to discuss how the last tasting went, setting up all the coming dates, and who will be available to host each of them.

Please put the date on your calendar - March 12th. We have great food (it's a potluck), wine and a lot of fun. Any questions, please call Virginia Gable at 452-8780.



*Virginia Gable*

## Winery Association News

The Yakima Valley Winery Association has named Russ Dix its first Executive Director. Russ and his wife Shelley own Idea Marketing on Chestnut Avenue in Yakima and are also new members of YES.

Although Russ will only work part-time for the association, his appointment will help the YVWA become more competitive with Walla Walla and the Tri-Cities, which both employ full-time Executive Directors.

The association has also named its slate of officers for the upcoming year: President--Scott Pontin of Pontin del Roza Winery, Vice President--Becky Yeaman of Thurston Wolfe Winery, and Treasurer--Gundra Parker of Kestrel Vintners.



*Mike Libbee*

## Northwest Wine Events

**Sip Sail Away**, Jan. 11-18, Mexican Riviera. Four Columbia Valley wineries join together for a unique winemakers cruise to Mexico. Barnard Griffin, Gordon Brothers, Preston Premium Wines and Terra Blanca Vintners will conduct their first-ever "Sip Sail Away." For information or reservations, call 509-783-4645.

**Name That Aroma**, Jan. 11, Hip Chicks Do Wine, Portland. Ever wonder how people can name all the spices and fruits in wines? Introduction to sensory evaluation led by the Wine Goddess of Hip Chicks Do Wine. Cost: \$25. Call 503-753-6374.

**Something's A-Foote!**, Jan. 17-20, E.B. Foote Winery, Burien, Wash. Breeders Theater will perform an original comedy. Tickets are \$20. 127-B S.W. 153rd St. Call 206-242-3852.

**Wine 101**, Jan. 18, Clackamas, Ore. Sommellier E. Harry Ryan will lead this class that will cover sensory evaluation, types of wines and grapes, great wines of the world, ordering wines in restaurants and food-wine matching. Cost: \$35. Reservations are required. Call 503-554-5400.

**B.C. Wine and Oyster Festival**, Jan. 28, Vancouver, B.C. The ninth annual festival is put on by Lib-

erty Wine Merchants at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver and will feature more than 50 B.C. wineries and showcase some of the world's finest oysters. Tickets are \$39.99 CDN. Call 604-739-7801.

**Red Wine and Chocolate**, Feb. 7-9, E.B. Foote Winery, Burien, Wash. Enjoy dozens of chocolates along with current and newly released red wines. Scheduled for release: 2001 Syrah. 127-B S.W. 153rd St. Call 206-242-3852.

**Oregon Wine and Food Festival**, Feb. 14-16, Salem, Ore. Sample Northwest wines, enjoy cooking demonstrations and more at the 21st annual Oregon Wine and Food Festival. Jackman Long Building, Oregon State Fairgrounds. Call 503-580-2509.

*Many more wine events are available at the [www.winepressnw.com](http://www.winepressnw.com) website.*

*Charlena Paschen*

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Happy New Year!



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Yakima Valley Museum

**Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, Jan 3rd**

**Wednesday, Jan 8th, 2003 6:30 PM**

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

Members \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Guests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$22.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Drinkers \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL Enclosed:** \$

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

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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!**

