



Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

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Blind Leading the Blind - Around the Southern Hemisphere

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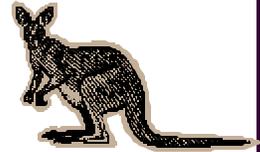
Would you like to fly south for the winter and sample some of the wines from down under? Few of us will take the time and money to make the 12 hour trip to New Zealand. It is even longer to go to the wineries of Australia or South Africa. Is it daunting to go to the store's wine racks to make a selection of a foreign wine? Do know which areas specialize in or are known for their specific varietals?

So join us for the January Tasting to sample wines from several countries in the southern hemisphere. **Kristi Payne of CWU's World Wine Program and Seattle's "Wine Events and Promotions"** is selecting the wines for the evening's tasting. We will taste the wines blindly, trying to figure out the varietal it is and the country that produces it.

While we tabulate the results, Kristi will discuss the wines. She will cover where it is grown and made, what makes the area special for that varietal, and maybe some hints on how to tell what varietal it is.

This year the affair will be a sit down

event. I recommend that you bring several glasses. There will be 6 varietals. Sharing glasses with your partner is acceptable. You may want to save some of your wine to taste while Kristi is discussing the wine.



Date: Wed, January 11th, 2006

Place: Yakima Valley Museum

Time: 6:30 P.M. Registration
7:00 P.M. Tasting Begins

Cost: \$20.00 Members
\$25.00 Guests
\$15.00 Member non-drinkers

Bring: 1 Glass minimum, up to 6 preferable

Postmarked by **Friday, January 6th**.
Phone calls only on **Monday, January 9th** to **Marie Clark, 697-3364**.

-- Marie Clark

YES Christmas Party Rings Out 2005

Our annual Christmas extravaganza drew a small, but enthusiastic crowd of diners and wine afficianados. The **Yakima Country Club** was decked in its Christmas finery and the wait staff greeted us with plates of hor's doevres and a Gold Medal **Cuvee' Brut** from **Domaine Ste. Michelle**.

Executive Chef Greg Masset's Osso Bucco was divine; no knife needed to cut the falling-off -the-bone veal shank. Our wines for the evening were donated by three leading Yakima Valley wineries: **Bonair Winery, Portteus Vineyards and Winery, and Windy Point Vineyards**. The owners of these wineries not only supported us with the fruits of their labors, but also stayed late dancing! **Bill Hornbrook** of Goldendale was stellar in his one-man band musical performance.

Our great thanks to **Rene' Groeger** and the YCC wait staff for having the food and wine presentation perfectly timed. Thanks also to **Laurie Kirkland, Jim Bales, and Debbie Libbee** for helping to organize the party.

-- Mike Libbee

President's Corner

Reflecting on 2005 and the wonderful events that YES has sponsored, I want to express my thanks to everyone who helped make the events happen and those who participated. It is the people involved in YES who make it a success and fun to be involved.

Times change, as do people's tastes. YES is experiencing a drop in attendance at tastings and events. This is happening throughout the enological societies in the Northwest. What the members of the Board would like to know is why? Is there something that those organizing a tasting event could do to attract more members?

There is still a whole lot more to learn about wine. I know that I am constantly learning things that I did not know about wine, wine making, new varietals, etc.

The Board is always looking for new ideas, articles and suggestions from the members of YES that will help make our events and newsletter more interesting to the membership. If you have any input for the Board or the newsletter, please let me know by email (jdibari@charter.net) or phone (972-3818). I would like to hear from you.

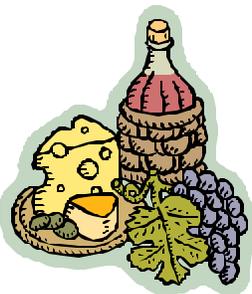
-- **John DiBari**
President, YES

Who Knows Pinots?

The February tasting will feature Pinots from around the world. Participants will explore the world of pinots, which include Pinot Noir as well as Champagne, Pinot Blanc, and Pinot Gris.

Wines from South Africa, Spain, Oregon, California, Washington and Canada will be featured. Add February 8 to your calendar at the YWCA.

-- **Mike Harves**



New Seattle Wine Shop

Richard Kinssies, noted wine writer for the Seattle PI, sommelier, and *raconteur*, has opened **Wine Outlet** one block south of Safeco field on 1st Avenue. Wine Outlet is a unique wine shop dedicated to searching the world wine markets for high quality wines of extraordinary value that can be offered exclusively to our customers. This is a great place for hard-to-find wines at very reasonable prices. Check it out on the web at www.seattlewineoutlet.com and stop by for a first-hand experience on your next trip to the big city.

-- **Chuck and Julie Johnson**



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 11th **Blind Leading the Blind**
Yakima Valley Museum

Feb 8th **Pinots**
YWCA

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:
Charlena Paschen, 2480 Selah Loop Rd.,
Selah, WA 98924 - Phone: (509) 697-3931
www.dreamdesignconsulting.com coming soon!
E-mail: chaleepas1963@yahoo.com

Local Wine Events

Not much happening on the Local Wine scene for January, but members may be interested to know that both the **Yakima Symphony Orchestra** and **Seasons** are offering wine tastings in association with upcoming concerts.

You can catch the **Brubeck Brothers Quartet** at Seasons on 18 January and on the 21st at **The Capitol Theater**. Wine-tasting will be provided at both venues by **Windy Point Vineyards**.

These two Yakima institutions need your support. Call for future concert and wine tasting schedules.

-- *Mike Libbee*

Walla Walla Wine Institute & Wine Tour

Saturday, February 25th - \$ 85 per person

Walla Walla Community College's Institute for Enology and Viticulture provides students with hands-on experience in winemaking, viticultural practices and wine sales. We'll step into this learning environment and see the teaching vineyards, the certified nursery and the state-of-the-art teaching winery—the only one of its kind at any two-year college in the United States!

We'll taste student-made wines and learn about the wine industry in Washington State. We'll also visit three other wineries in the Walla Walla area, including **L'Ecole #41** in Lowden. A delightful lunch in Walla Walla is also included. On our way home, time permitting, we'll stop in at a winery or two in the Tri-cities.

Tour departs from Yakima, Zillah, Toppenish, and Prosser. Call Accent Tours at 575-3949 or email info@accenttours.com.

-- *David Lynx*



Northwest Wine Events

Breeders Theater Presents "Rescues, Inc.", Jan. 20-22, 27-29, Feb. 1, 3-5, Burien, Wash. Live theater in the winery where a professional theater group puts on an original comedy play between wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. The show is adult humor with no profanity or nudity. Tickets available by calling the winery. Location: E. B. Foote Winery. Hours: Fri. Sat. Wed. 6:30 p.m., Sun. 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. For more info, call 206-242-3852, e-mail winemaker @ ebfoote-winery.com or go to [www.ebfootewinery.com / EB-FooteWineryCalendarOfEvents.html](http://www.ebfootewinery.com/EB-FooteWineryCalendarOfEvents.html).

A Celebration of Washington Wines, Jan. 21, Woodinville, Wash. Black-tie gala with silent and live auctions benefits Washington State University's program in viticulture and enology. Auction items include private wine tastings, getaways, special bottlings, the "CEO Collection", a unique collection of autographed books on cooking, wine and entertaining - and much more. Proceeds help fund scholarships and classroom/laboratory equipment. Location: Chateau Ste. Michelle. Hours: 6 p.m. silent auction & reception; 7:30 dinner & live auction. Cost: \$175 per person. For more info, call 206-448-1330, e-mail jacobsj @ wsu-west.edu or go to <http://www.wineauction.wsu.edu>.

E. B. Foote Winery Red Wine & Chocolate, Feb. 9-12&14, Burien, Wash. Enjoy dozens of chocolates along with award-winning red wines. Six red wines will be sampled including three new releases at E. B. Foote Winery. Hours: Thur. 5-9 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Cost: Free. For more info, call 206-242-3852, e-mail winemaker @ ebfoote-winery.com or go to [www.ebfootewinery.com / EB-FooteWineryCalendarOfEvents.html](http://www.ebfootewinery.com/EB-FooteWineryCalendarOfEvents.html).

29th annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival, Feb. 24-26, Newport, Ore. More than 100 exhibitors (wineries, microbrews and food) for this Oregon classic. The festival, almost 30 years old, takes place in Yaquina Bay, hosting the Newport Seafood & Wine Festival. Location: Rogue Ales Warehouse. Hours: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.. Cost: \$6-\$12. For more info, call 800-262-7844 or go to <http://www.newportchamber.org>.

Visit www.winepressnw.com to get information about these and other events that are listed on their website. You can also join their mailing list, and it's free!

-- *Charlena Paschen*



January 2006

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Happy
New Year!



Blind Leading the Blind

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, Jan. 6th, 2006

Yakima Valley Museum

Event: Wednesday, Jan. 11th, 2006 6:30 PM

Name(s): _____

Members: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$_____

Name(s): _____

Non-Members: _____ @ \$25.00 = \$_____

Name(s): _____

Non-Drinkers: _____ @ \$15.00 = \$_____

Name(s): _____

TOTAL Enclosed: \$

Phone: _____

Please give your e-mail address 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!

