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**July Tasting Announcement
Cascade Nursery**

Come and celebrate summer with good friends, wine and music at the beautiful grounds of Cascade Nursery.

Our entertainment for the evening will be provided by "The Blue Tropics" so wear your Jimmy Buffet attire and dancing shoes!

The tasting will start with white wines, a Pinot Gris by Pontin, a Chardonnay by Bridgeman and a Viognier by Waterbrook. By popular request we are adding reds to the tasting, Syrah by St. Michelle and the Estate Merlot by Columbia Crest.



Bill Burke of Desert Hills has donated two cases of wine for our preview tasting. Bill became certified as a Domestic Winery in January 2002 and will be doing the first crush this fall. Bill's specialty will be primarily reds. We thank you Bill for this opportunity to sample your wines.

The food will consist of appetizers of meat, cheese, vegetables and fruit followed by Ivone's special dessert selection which will be accompanied by Silverlake's Rosa Reisling.

Hope to see you all there to enjoy the beautiful grounds of Cascade Nursery.

Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2002

Place: Cascade Nursery
5704 W. Washington, Yakima

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

Cost: \$25.00 Members, \$28.00 Guests
\$15.00 Member non-drinkers

Bring: Wine glass, YES tray & Lawn Chair

Postmarked by Friday, July 5th. Phone calls only on Monday, July 8th to Marie Clark, 697-3364 (until 8:00 P.M.).

*Shaunna Kobes
Shirley Menard*



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I sat watching the sun set on the longest day of the year, Venus like a beacon in the West sky, and the moon nearly full, casting long shadows on the lawn, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to live in this valley. On the front patio, James & I shared a bottle of Chateau St. Jean 2000 Fume Blanc from Sonoma County on this "windless" evening. I was hoping for lots of those windless evenings this summer. Hopefully June 29th will be one such evening when the Farmers Market present their **Vines to Wine** event. It sounds like a great evening of wines, food and music.

I am thrilled with the new wine section of the Yakima Herald Republic on Wednesdays. For those of us not directly related with the wine industry, it gives us "wine enthusiasts" a bit more insight into what is happening with our growing industry.

Our June tasting was fantastic. I would like to thank **Scott Summers** and his crew for putting on an excellent tasting. The food and wines were superb. **Pete and Chris Hedges** were informative and very entertaining. It was a great night!

Thanks to all who contributed to it's success. And finally, I would like to give a warm welcome to our newest members, **Gorden Vorenkamp, Conrad & Sheryl Hale, Dick & Janus Anderwald, Jerry & Susan Talbott** and **Kevin & Teresa Martin**. You will not want to miss our July tasting at Cascade Nursery! I look forward to meeting you all there!



Gina Milliron

September Tasting Preview

Please join us on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at the Yakima Valley Museum for a special "Italian theme" tasting. The wines will feature Italian varietals from the Yakima Valley and the cuisine will be Italian.



We look forward to welcoming you there.

Jim Stoffer

Volunteers Needed

Help is needed in continuing the Y.E.S. tradition of putting on quality tasting events at minimal cost to our membership. With the dramatic increase in membership/attendance to events it has become increasingly difficult to keep the degree of service at a level we have come to expect.



Accordingly, this call for volunteers is being made to broaden the base of participation and tap into the skills/expertise of the membership we know is lurking out there.

Do you have a knack for making great hors d'oeuvres? Can you flambe with the best of them? Or do you "kick it up a notch" ala Emeril? Any and all of the aforementioned could be put to use in future tastings.

So please, mull it over and give serious consideration to volunteering your skills/time to continue the tradition of Y.E.S. events, we welcome your participation!!

Feel free to contact any Board Member to sign up/ express an interest in becoming involved. We are your Society.

Gary Cox

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 10	Blue Tropics Cascade Nursery
July 13	Grand Old Wine & Food Festival Central Washington State Fair
July 15	Winemakers Dinner Chinook Winery - Ellensburg
July 20	Grand Vin Wine Celebration De Atley Mansion
July 26	MerlotFest Yakima Convention Center
July 27	Jazz in The Valley Ellensburg
Aug 17	Case of the Blues Sarge Hubard Park

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:

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June Tasting in Review

The June Tasting at the Yakima Valley Museum was a great success. We had 135 members and guests attend this tasting presented by Hedges Cellars.

Pete and Chris Hedges were present from the winery to showcase their wines. The vertical tasting of the 1997, 1998, and 1999 "Three Vineyards" from Red Mountain distinctly showed how there can be variations from one year to the next from the same vineyards. A fun time was had by all thanks to Scott Summers and his crew.

WINE LOVERS' VOTING BOOTH: NEXT HOT WINE-GRAPE TREND?

Every now and then a grape variety or blend emerges from obscurity to become the next hot thing, and the name of the grape and the wine it makes is suddenly on everyone's lips.

For our current survey, we invite you to select from a short list of newer varieties that are starting to catch the attention of the marketplace, and tell us which of this list you believe is most likely to be the next hot variety or grape blend.

Simply click to the Wine Lovers' Voting Booth, <http://www.wineloverspage.com/votebooth/index.shtml> to cast your ballot. From "The 30 Second Wine Advisor"

Sharon Clinton

Yakima Home Winemakers

We had our first meeting on June 8th. We discussed a wide variety of topics and agreed to meet monthly for ongoing discussions and information exchange with the purpose of furthering knowledge of all the aspects of making wine at home, including resources and tasting.

There were too many intriguing ideas to list them all here, but I can say that Yakima is an incredible place to be learning about winemaking. The primary topic for our next meeting will be about obtaining high quality grapes. We will also continue to discuss issues pertinent to formation of this group. Our next meeting will once again be at the Yakima Mall food court, 1:30 pm, Saturday, July 13.

All interested people are encouraged to attend, we even plan to be honored with the presence and wisdom of two of our most recognised winemakers, Bill Myers and Louie Boawn. Hope to see you there.

George Petzinger

Red Mountain Appellation

In April, **Keith Pilgrim** from **Terra Blanca Winery** joined us, and talked a little bit about the **Red Mountain Appellation**, as we tasted Terra Blanca wines.

In June, we met **Pete and Chris Hedges**, and enjoyed wines from Hedges Cellars, some of which was made from grapes grown in the Red Mountain Appellation.



The Red Mountain, Yakima and Walla Walla Appellations are all a part of the larger Columbia Valley Appellation, which stretches from Wapato to Milton-Freewater and actually crosses the Columbia River into Oregon. The Red Mountain Appellation comprises the southeastern portion of what was previously the Yakima Valley Appellation – it was submitted to be a separate American Viticultural Area (AVA) and finally in April of 2001, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms approved it as such, because it has a different and distinct microclimate.

It's estimated that less than 25% of the approximately 3,600 acres in the Appellation's boundaries are currently planted, and that over 35 wineries in Washington and Oregon use grapes from Red Mountain, which are mostly Bordeaux varieties, including cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, merlot and syrah.

To read the fascinating details about how the first vineyards came to be planted in the desert looking area between Prosser and Tri-Cities, go to **Susan O'Hara's** article "**Red Mountain People**," which is available at the "Wines Northwest" website at <http://www.winesnw.com/redmtnarchive.htm>.

Hedges Cellars also talks about the Appellation on their website at <http://www.hedgescellars.com/> (click on "The Winery" then click on the square on the bottom that says "Red Mountain, and read on). Terra Blanca discusses it as well, on their website at <http://www.terrablanca.com/> (click on "The Red Mountain Appellation).

We're going to be hearing more and more about the Red Mountain Appellation, named for a red-colored grass native to the area, as wines produced from this AVA become more known, and as more of the acreage is planted.

Sharon Clinton



A CASE OF THE BLUES & ALL THAT JAZZ

Join us to celebrate the 10th anniversary of this party in the park! On August 17 from 3:00-11:00pm, Sarg Hubbard Park on the Yakima Greenway will be filled with the very best in blues and jazz music, award-winning local wines and microbrews, a delicious array of foods and desserts, and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$35 in advance (\$40 at the door) and are available through the Greenway office. Ticket price includes admission, souvenir beer or wine glass, 5 script (used to purchase food and drink), and entertainment. Must be 21 or over to attend.

(Tickets were sold out ahead of time last year!) The Y.E.S. tent, table and chairs will be located in the same area as last year. When you enter the Registration Tent, turn left and it will be right next door. Look for the Y.E.S. sign hanging from the tent. Our tent is convenient to the wine/beer tents! All Pacific NW Enological Chapters are welcome to join us under our tent!



A Case of the Blues & All That Jazz benefits the community through the Yakima Greenway Foundation and Junior League of Yakima.

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Saving or collecting wine labels just got easier. WINESQUIRE.COM carries a product called LABELOF, which "removes most labels quickly and safely by applying a strong commercial adhesive that actually splits the wine label, removing only the printed surface.

You are left with a durable, laminated memento, ready for your cellar album or cellar walls. Each 5" by 6" adhesive strip will remove virtually any label." Just visit them at: <http://www.winesquire.com/biz/products.htm#labelof>.



Sharon Clinton

Northwest Wine Events for July

Nehalem Bay Winery Fourth of July Old Fashioned American BBQ, July 4, Nehalem, Ore. Free admission. Call 503-368-9463.

Maryhill Winery Fourth of July party, July 4-7, Maryhill, Wash. Live music (Mark Reynolds, Bill Hornbrook, John Mitchell and Rob Neuberger), barbecue and more. Call 509-773-1876 or go to <http://www.maryhillwinery.com>

Chateau Ste. Michelle Summer Festival on the Green: B-52's, July 6, Woodinville, Wash. Purchase tickets through Ticketmaster.

Music on the Lawn: Karla Bonoff, July 6, Three Rivers Winery, Walla Walla, Wash. Cost: \$65. Only 250 tickets available for this internationally known recording artist. Call 509-526-9463.

Empty Heads & Comet Tales, July 12-13, E.B. Foote Winery, Burien, Wash. Breeders Theater presents this original comedy. Tickets are \$20. Call 206-242-3852 or 206-824-9463.

Montinore Vineyards Barrel Tasting Tour, July 13, Forest Grove, Ore. Try wines before they are blended and bottled. Tour lasts about an hour and costs \$5. Groups are limited to 25 people. Call 503-359-5012 or email barbara@montinore.com

Columbia Cliffs Vineyard and Winery Summer Release Open House, July 13-14, Wishram, Wash. Call 509-767-1100 or email cascadecliffs@gorge.net

Chateau Ste. Michelle Summer Festival on the Green: Linda Ronstadt, July 18, Woodinville, Wash. Purchase tickets through Ticketmaster.

Chateau Ste. Michelle Summer Festival on the Green: Trisha Yearwood, July 19, Woodinville, Wash. Purchase tickets through Ticketmaster.

Empty Heads & Comet Tales, July 19-20, E.B. Foote Winery, Burien, Wash. Breeders Theater presents this original comedy. Tickets are \$20. Call 206-242-3852 or 206-824-9463.

Music on the Lawn: John Stewart July 27, Three Rivers Winery, Walla Walla, Wash. Cost: \$65. Only 250 tickets available for this internationally known recording artist. Call 509-526-9463.

Sun Valley Wine Auction, July 25-28, Sun Valley, Idaho. One of the nation's top wine charity auctions. Call 208-726-9491.

Jazz at the Winery, July 28, Ste. Chapelle Winery. 208-459-7222, 19348 Lowell Road, Caldwell, Idaho. Purchase tickets through Ticketmaster.

Information taken from the www.winepressnw.com website. More events available at the site!

Charlena Paschen



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First Class Mail

July 2002

Happy 4th of July!

Blues Tropics

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, July 5th

Name(s): _____

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Guest(s): _____

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Phone: _____

Cascade Nursery

Wednesday, July 10th, 2002 6:30 PM

Members _____ @ \$25.00 = \$_____

Guests _____ @ \$28.00 = \$_____

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

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

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All Reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE!

