



Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

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Maryhill Winery

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

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

A spectacular site on the high cliffs above the mighty Columbia River; that is **Maryhill Winery**, our featured winery for the June 8th tasting at the **Yakima Valley Museum**. Surrounded by vineyards that produce the zinfandel grapes for their award winning wines, it is truly a location for inspired winemaking. So far in 2005 alone, Maryhill has won several awards (too many to mention in this article) which are listed on their website: Maryhillwinery.com. Many of us who attended the Platinum III tasting in March also know how many medals they were awarded from the **Wine Press Northwest** magazine judging.

The Yakima Enological Society is fortunate not only to have **Linda Derrickson**, Special Events Coordinator for Maryhill to share the evening with us but also **John Haw**, the Maryhill winemaker himself. John will be available to discuss all the unique conditions that have helped Maryhill acquire a reputation for excellent wines in only four years of operation!

For this event, we have selected Maryhill wines to showcase not only the variety of wines available at the winery but also the price ranges. We will begin with the **White Riesling** as a greeting wine and then move on to the **Viognier**, for all those members who feel there are never enough white wines at our events. Next we will pour the **Fort Rock Red**, a

blend of cabernet sauvignon, syrah, merlot and cabernet franc. We will also compare the Maryhill **Syrah** and **Proprietor's Reserve Syrah** before finishing the evening with the **Proprietor's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon**. We will have a variety of appetizers to complement the wines prepared by **Jessica Smith**, a YES member.

Don't miss this opportunity to try Maryhill wines and visit with the winemaker who is responsible for these award winning wines, if not the beautiful location.

Date: Wed, June 8th, 2005

Place: Yakima Valley Museum
2105 Tieton Drive

Time: **6:30 P.M.** Check In,
Greeting wine
7:00 P.M. Wine Tasting Begins

Cost: \$23.00 Members
\$28.00 Guests
\$18 Member non-drinkers

Bring: 2 Wine Glasses

Postmarked by **Friday, June 3rd**.
Phone calls only on **Monday, June 6th**
to **Marie Clark, 697-3364**.

Julie Johnson

May in Review

The **Local Flavors** tasting in May was an amazing array of wines and food. **Mike and Joy Clark** of **Selah Heights Winery** provided the greeting wine **Kaleidoscope**, which we paired with

cheese, fruit and bread. Mike spoke about the blend of white varietals that comprise Kaleidoscope.

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President's Corner

I want to thank **David Lynx, Julie Johnson, Peggy Briskey, Kathy Michielsen** and all of the others who worked together to make the May tasting such a successful evening. The speakers from the local downtown wineries were well received as were their wines. Some of the members in attendance had not realized what fine wines were available locally. I encourage everyone to check out **Donatelia, Yakima Cellars, Kana** and **Selah Heights** wineries. They all have tasting rooms that are very close by and they would enjoy seeing you.

We have some great events coming up with **Maryhill** in June and the Summer event at the **Arboretum** in July. Be sure to sign up early as the limit is usually met for the July tasting. There are also a number of local events coming in the next month or so that are wine related.

Remember that if you check out our website at www.yakimawine.org and find an event in the Northwest that you would like to attend, you can do so at the member rate. All of the members of YES are accepted at other Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest chapter events at the member rate. Be sure to show them your membership card.

Watch the newsletter for events and check out the websites for times and cost.

*John DiBari
President, YES*

The Wine Shop of Yakima



Proudly owned and operated by YES members **Lynda and Ray Opiela**, The Wine Shop of Yakima is now OPEN in **Glenwood Square**. It is in the former Twisted Sisters location, on the main floor, between Solar Eclipse and Merle Norman Cosmetics. Doors opened on Thursday, May 12th with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

YES members receive a **10% discount** on wine purchases with a current membership card. Lynda has a plethora of events planned for June, including complimentary wine tasting every Friday and Saturday. Call 509-972-2811 or email thewineshopofyakima@hotmail.com for a complete schedule.

Mike Libbee

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Dr. Mark Maiocco from **Donitelia Winery** introduced his Pinot Grigio and set the stage for a comparison tasting of Donitelia's **Elderling Vineyards Sangiovese** with the **Red Willow Sangiovese** from **Yakima Cellars**. Both of these wines were a wonderful complement to the Grilled Polenta with Pastrami and Tomato Pesto.

Yakima Cellars **GM Phil Cline** spoke about the Red Willow Sangiovese and introduced the **Elephant Mountain Syrah**. Guests enjoyed a Wild Mushroom Quiche while listening to Phil, and then enjoyed **Kana Winery's Red Willow Zinfandel** while hearing from owner **Palmer Wright**. Kana also showcased the **Dark Star** wine, which was added to the wonderful Berry Blast chocolate dessert.

Ivonne Petzinger and **Judy Dibari** from **Esencia Bakery** carefully prepared the food that complemented the wines. The event was a great success due to the efforts of **Kathy Michielsen, Julie Johnson**, and the many volunteers who helped with pouring, setup and cleanup.

David Lynx

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 8th	Maryhill Winery Yakima Valley Museum
June 25th	Sunshine & Wine Central WA Fair Grounds
July 13th	Summer Event Yakima Arboretum

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:
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E-mail: chaleepas1963@yahoo.com

Yakima Cellars Wins Encore Award

Yakima Cellars took home the **Sipping the Grape Award** at the inaugural 'Encore! Awards' sponsored by the **Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau**. The organization feted nominees and award winners at a luncheon on May 17th for "making a positive contribution to our community by consistently providing excellent service to their customers."

YVVCB honored Yakima Cellars for providing the best tasting room experience. *"Yakima Cellars' idea to bring a winery to downtown Yakima was a dream come true. Their beautiful tasting room is ideally located near the Convention Center and has become an integral part of Yakima's Entertainment District."* **General Manager Phil Cline** accepted the award on behalf of the local ownership team.

Other nominees for the award were **Bonair Winery** and **Hyatt Vineyards Winery**.

Local Wine Events

June 11 - An Evening of Tapas at Windy Point Vineyards. Chef **Chris Van Dyke** creates an array of Tapas paired with Windy Point wines to create a "meeting of the cultures." Ole! \$35.00 per person. 877-6824.

June 13 - Cascade Cliffs at Bob's Keg and Cork. Join owner **Bob Lorkowski** for Bordeaux wines originally grown in the south of France as well as Piedmont varieties originating in northwest Italy. \$25, appetizers, 6:30 PM, reservations preferred to Bob at 573-3691.

June 18 - "Let's Get Summer Started BBQ" at Tefft Cellars Winery. A tasty feast of chicken and BBQ Ribs with your friends and the friendly staff of Tefft Cellars. Dinner includes a glass of wine, great conversation, lots of fun, and you keep the glass. 5:30-9:00 PM, \$25, 888-549-7244 or tcwinery@aol.com for reservations.

June 26 - Food and Wine Cooking Class at Windy Point Vineyards. "Beat the heat" this summer with cold soups and entree' salads. Join Chef "**Big John**" **Caudill** for complete hands-on lessons, then enjoy the finished meal in Windy Point's beautiful dining room overlooking the valley. \$45 per person. 3:00PM, call 877-6824 for information and reservations.

Mike Libbee

Be The First To Know

Yakima – You can be among the first to know which wines will be in short supply if you attend **Sunshine and Wine, June 25th at State Fair Park**, formerly the Central Washington State Fairgrounds. The winners of the Washington State Wine Competition will be announced at this fourth annual event giving Sunshine and Wine attendees a head start on the wine lovers who will quickly snap up these coveted wines.

"The plaques and awards definitely help sales because consumers know they won't find a wine like this at another winery," explained **David Lowe**, of **Wineglass Cellars** winner of the 2001 Governor's Trophy. *"They like to know how our wines compare with others and competition awards are one way of finding out."*

The Washington State Wine Competition remains the only competition focused entirely on Washington State wines. It gives consumers a guide to which Washington wines should be sampled when confronted with the ever growing selection of wines on the local grocery shelf. While it is not a definitive list, it does provide a starting point for further exploration.

Sunshine and Wine begins at 2:00 PM on June 25 with food and wine tasting. Over 42 wineries and 18 restaurants will be featured under the canopies on the State Fair Park grounds. Attendees will sample food and taste wine while listening to live music by **Blind Lemon Pie**. Many wineries will offer samples of their medal-winning wines, allowing each guest to determine which wines are worthy of purchasing for their wine cellar.

At 5:00 PM, the action moves into the Agricultural Building where auctioneer **Paul Newman** will help raise money for the preservation and renovation of historical buildings at State Fair Park. Proceeds from the event also go to support the YVCC Viticulture Program. At the conclusion of the auction, the Washington State Wine Competition winners are announced. The **\$70** ticket cost covers all wine and food.

Tickets are available for purchase by calling 509 248-7160. Tables of 8 are available for \$600, which includes a Best of Show bottle of wine. Additional information, and featured auction items, can be found at **www.sunshineandwine.com**.

Yakima Arboretum

The **YES Summer Event** is July 13th at the **Yakima Area Arboretum**. We have a New Orleans theme this year “**Let the good times roll**” with music by **The Blue Tropics**.

The menu is in the planning stages with Jambalaya, gumbo, barbequed meats, salads, fruits, desserts and other interesting delights. Oh yes, wines to complement the cuisine. The event will be picnic style; bring a lawn chair and/or blanket, wine glasses and other items of your choosing.

Reminder we are limited to a 200 attendance and this event sold out last year. More details to follow in the July newsletter.

Peggy Briskey

Welcome New Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new members who joined us at the beginning of the year; **Scott & Meshelle Woodworth, Michael & Francine Dubrule, Charles Lund & Eileen Pilcher, Bob & Kaye Seitz, Arnie & Ruth Korynta, Ruth Anglin & Barry Brammer, Doyle & Pat Ehl, Teresa Kloster & Michael Combs, Donna Lambert & Elliot Baker, David Langford, Jennifer Lee, and Theresa Campbell-Simpson.**

Total membership in Y.E.S. is now at 241.

David Lynx

Happy
Father's Day

Northwest Wine Events

Anne Amie, June 2-4, Lake Oswego, Ore. Anne Amie will feature a tasting at Oswego Wine Co. at 449 B Ave., Lake Oswego. Dinner and appetizers also are available. Location: Oswego Wine Co. Hours: 5-9 p.m. Cost: \$10. For more info, call 503-635-2112.

Winemaker Dinner: Rex Hill, June 4, Astoria, Ore. This dinner with The Cellar on 10th and Silver Salmon Grille costs \$85. Call 503-325-6600.

Vintage Walla Walla, June 4, Walla Walla, Wash. This annual event at Whitman College showcases the wines of the Walla Walla Valley. Tickets: \$100. Call 509-526-3117 or go to www.vintagewallawalla.com

Taste Washington, June 5, Spokane, Wash. The Inland Northwest plays host to this food-and-wine event. Call 206-667-9463 or go to tastewashington.org.

Sunshine & Wine, June 25, Yakima, Wash. This event is part of the Washington State Wine Competition. Call 509-248-7160 or go to sunshineandwine.com.

Oregon Wine & Art Auction, June 25, Carlton, Ore. This event at Anne Amie winery benefits several charities. Cost: \$60. Call 503-883-0323.

Wine Tasting, June 25, Astoria, Ore. Complimentary wine tasting featuring the Willamette Valley winery of Mia Sonatina. Location: Cellar on 10th, in the Astoria Underground at the corner of 10th & Marine Drive. Hours: 1-4 p.m. Cost: Complimentary. For more info, call 503.325.6600, e-mail thecellaron10th@aol.com or go to www.thecellaron10th.com.

Celebrate Summer Days, June 25-26, Benton City, Wash. Oakwood Cellars provides a picnic on the patio, winemaker's classic cars and new wines.

Something's A-Foote! July 15-17, 20, 22-23, 27, 29-30, Burien, Wash. This original comedy will be performed live at E.B. Foote Winery. Tickets: \$20. Call 206-242-3852.

Wine tasting: Barnard Griffin, July 16, Astoria, Ore. This complimentary tasting from 1 to 4 p.m. is at The Cellar on 10th. Call 503-325-6600.

Winemaker Dinner: Amity Vineyards, July 23, Astoria, Ore. This dinner with The Cellar on 10th and Silver Salmon Grille costs \$85. Call 503-325-6600.

Wine tasting: David Hill, July 30, Astoria, Ore. This complimentary tasting from 1 to 4 p.m. is at The Cellar on 10th. Call 503-325-6600.

These events and more can be found by visiting www.winepressnw.com.

Charlena Paschen



June 2005

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Happy Father's-
Day!



MaryHill Winery

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, June 3rd, 2005

Yakima Valley Museum

Event: Wednesday, June 8th, 2005 6:30 PM

Name(s): _____

Members: _____ @ \$23.00 = \$_____

Name(s): _____

Non-Members: _____ @ \$28.00 = \$_____

Name(s): _____

Non-Drinkers: _____ @ \$18.00 = \$_____

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!

