



## Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

Newsletter Date: February 22, 2004

### Annual Meeting

The Society's annual meeting will be held **March 10, 2004** at the **Yakima Valley Museum** at **6:30 PM**.

This is a potluck party where all our great cooks are asked to bring their special offering for sharing -- appetizers -- casseroles -- salads --or a yummy dessert. The Club will furnish wines and rolls & butter.

There will be a short meeting and you will be given a financial report of our past year.



There are openings on the Board of Directors to be filled and we would appreciate knowing what you liked or disliked about the tastings along with any suggestions for the coming year.

Take a minute to thank the out-going Board Members - and also volunteer for one or two of the coming tastings. It takes more than just the Board members to put on a tasting.

Get acquainted with some of the new members -- we now have 340+ members in our Yakima Club.

If you have any questions call Virginia Gable 452-8780.

**Date:** Wed., March 10th, 2004

**Place:** Yakima Valley Museum

**Time:** 6:30 pm Registration  
7:00 pm Potluck

**Cost:** \$10 Members  
\$15 Non-members

**Bring:** Appetizer, Casserole, Salad or Desert (whichever you prefer) AND one (1) wine glass

Postmarked by **Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**.  
Phone calls only on Monday, March 12th, by 8:00 pm to Marie Clark, **697-3364**.

*Virginia Gable*

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

We're on the web!  
[www.yakimawine.org](http://www.yakimawine.org)

### Larson Gallery



On April 14<sup>th</sup> we will again return to the **Larson Gallery** on the campus of **Yakima Valley Community College** for the Central Washington Photo Exhibit. Windy Point Winery will be presenting their wines to us.

During the greeting period from 6:30-7PM ballots will be handed out to those present so that they can vote for a YES Member's Choice Award for one of the photographs in the show.

Promptly at 7PM we will begin the wine tasting. So be sure to plan on being at the gallery early.

Last year this was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended, so be sure to put it on your calendar.

*John Dibari*

### Goose Ridge Vineyards

Please join us in May and taste the wines of Goose Ridge Vineyards. These wines have been hand crafted by the award winning winemaker, Charlie Hoppes.

We will be pairing the wines with the wonderful food from **Cafe Melange**. **Steve Womack** from **Goose Ridge**, and also our resident sommelier from **Birchfield Manor**, will guide us through the evening. See you there!

*Gina Milliron*



## President's Corner

The February Platinum II Tasting at the Yakima Valley Museum was a really great event. I congratulate **Mike Libbee** and his committee for a job well done. The volunteers from the **Yakima Valley Community College Enology Program** provided us with good service and I wish to thank them very much for helping.

There were some members who were not able to attend and ended up on a waiting list for cancellations. This event has a limit of 160 seats and could not accommodate all who were interested. For a popular event such as this it is very important to send in your reservation with a check as soon as you get your newsletter by mail or by email. Do not delay because we take the reservations on a first-come first-served basis. There is a possibility that this event will be even bigger next year. Your YES Board will be discussing this in the coming months.

Members please note that the next month's newsletter is usually completed and either in the mail or posted on the YES website at <http://www.yakimawine.org/> by the end of the previous month. If you have not received a newsletter by regular mail or a notice by email, go to the website and find it. Email notices do not always make it through spam filters at internet providers which is something that YES has no control over and cannot do anything about. If you think there is an error please notify me at [jdibari@elltel.net](mailto:jdibari@elltel.net).

We have 78 members to date that have joined or renewed their membership. It is important that we get those renewals in a timely way. Remember that after April 1 you will need to renew or add \$5 per person to attend a YES Tasting. Also be aware that you will get the April newsletter or announcement by email but nothing after that from YES unless you renew your membership.

I would also like to remind members that when you attend a wine tasting please do not wear perfume or aftershave. Being able to truly discern the aroma's and flavors in wine is adversely affected by external scents from perfume, aftershave and shampoos. To be considerate of others please do not use these scented products before attending a wine tasting.

I hope to see everyone at the **Annual Meeting** at the Museum. This is an important event and is the time for you to give feedback to your Board. We have a number of people leaving the Board this time and this will be your opportunity to thank them for their service. We will also have a number of new people being elected to the Board. Also know that the wine being served at this tasting is what has been leftover from other tastings through the year. Some of that wine is fantastic so don't miss out.

John Dibari

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar 10	<b>Annual Meeting</b> Yakima Valley Museum
Apr 14	<b>Larson Gallery</b> YVCC Campus
May 12	<b>Goose Ridge Vineyards</b> Yakima Valley Museum

## Platinum Tasting in Review

Great wines, incredible foods, a glitzy crowd, and poetry from **Eric Dunham!** What more could one ask from a wine tasting?

Our second annual tribute to **Wine Press Northwest** magazine's "Best of the Best" was a huge success. Picking the evening's top wines is probably futile, but I think I heard the most buzz about these three: **Gehringer Brothers Estate Winery 2002 Dry Rock Chardonnay**, **Dunham Cellars 2001 Syrah**, and the **Silvan Ridge 2002 Semi-Sparkling Early Muscat**. All 16 of the wines were fantastic (and then there were the two bootleg bottles that Eric brought--sorry I didn't share!).



*Platinum II In Review, continued from Page 2...*

Pinch-hitting for his injured son **Brad**, the legendary **Will Masset** showed why he has long been considered one of the top chefs in the Northwest. No one does sauces like Will. For the second consecutive year, I think the Duck Course emerged as the crowd favorite. Remember to support **Birchfield Manor**, it is one of the jewels of the valley.

Our featured speaker, **Hank Sauer**, was terrific in his roles as greeter, commentator, and one-man entertainment. Hank made a concerted effort to visit every table and I could tell there were some lively conversations that probably focused as much on life as on wine. Well done, Hank!

A huge vote of appreciation goes to our volunteer wine pourers and wait staff from the **YVCC Viticulture and Enology Program**. The performance of the students and their instructors far exceeded anything we had a right to expect and they looked great! Their presence and enthusiasm allowed our members and guests to just enjoy the festivities.

A big shout goes out to the wineries that sent representatives: **Barnard Griffin, Columbia Crest, Duck Pond, Hogue, Kestrel, Snoqualmie, Thurston Wolfe**, and, of course, **Dunham Cellars**. Half of the 16 wines were donated and we procured the others at substantial discount due to the generosity of the wineries. Keep them in mind next time you are trying to decide what wine to buy.

How about those decorations? Thank you **Debbie Libbee** and **Sandy Saffell**.

We have a great collection of photographs from the event that will soon be posted on the YES website. See yourselves on the Internet!

Finally, a belated thank you to **Larry and Sharon Clinton**, who drove to the Great White North and battled their way through a blizzard to bring back our three Canadian wines. Great job, guys.

That's it until next year. I welcome and appreciate any comments that might help in our planning. Call (829-6810) or drop me an e-mail ([zillah@claarcellars.com](mailto:zillah@claarcellars.com)).

*Mike Libbee*

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## Taste Washington!

The Ultimate Wine & Food Event \* Register early! - The Taste Washington V.I.P./Early Entry is already sold out here. - Tickets are still available at the Retail Stores listed on the Ticket Information page

<http://www.tastewashington.org/tickets.cfm> and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Taste Washington is an epicurean delight featuring the wines and foods of the Pacific Northwest.

Thanks to dedicated gourmards like you, Taste Washington grows each year. In 2004, Taste Washington expands to a three-day festival - April 16-18 - which kicks off with MAGNUM, the opening party on Friday, April 16, continuing on Saturday with a day of Washington wine focused seminars and concluding on Sunday with a wine and food pairing extravaganza featuring 150 Washington wineries and 90 regional restaurants. You can also find information on this event in local wineries.

*John Dibari*

## Northwest Wine Events

**Classic Wines Auction**, March 4-6, Portland. This annual event benefits Portland area families in need. Winemaker dinners at 10 Portland restaurants, the Ambassadors Dinner at the University Club and the auction at the Marriott Hotel. Call 503-232-0007.

**Hooked on Chinook**, March 12, Woodinville. Chef Lisa Dupar teams up with Kay Simon and Clay Mackey of Chinook Wines for this five-course spring dinner. Cost: \$55. Call 425-881-3250.

**Sweet Retreat**, March 13-14, Tri-Cities, Wash. The Columbia Valley Winery Association puts on its fourth annual celebration of sweet wines. Call 866-360-6611 or go to [www.columbiavalleywine.com](http://www.columbiavalleywine.com) for participating wineries.

**McMinnville Wine and Food Classic**, March 26-28, McMinnville, Ore. This annual festival features Oregon wines, crafts, food and more. Call 503-472-4033 or go to [www.macwfc.org](http://www.macwfc.org)

These and many more wine events are listed on [www.winepressnw.com](http://www.winepressnw.com) web site. Enjoy!

*Charlena Paschen*



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**Annual Meeting**

**Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, March 5th**

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

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

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

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

**Yakima Valley Museum**

**Wednesday, March 10th, 2004 6:30 PM**

Members \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL Enclosed:** \$

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

