



Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

May 2003

Platinum Wines - May Tasting

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"Check out the website for a complete listing of the 18 Platinum wines to be served at this month's event!"

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

We are excited to welcome **Andy Perdue**, editor of **Wine Press Northwest**, to a first-of-its-kind event featuring 18 of the magazine's Platinum Award winning wines. How about King Estate (Oregon) 1999 Reserve Pinot Noir, E. B. Foote Winery (Columbia Valley) 2000 Syrah or Tualatin Estate (Willamette Valley) 2001 Semi-Sparkling Muscat - just to name a few?

A Reception, to be held for the first time in the lobby of the museum, will consist of six dry white wines. We will move into the banquet room at 7:15 for four wine courses: Pinot Noir, Merlot, Syrah, and Dessert. Each course will consist of three one-ounce wine flights for comparison purposes and will be accompanied by superb appetizers specially selected and prepared by Executive Chefs **Brad Masset** of **Birchfield Manor** and **Ron Richter** of **Cafe Mèlange**.

This promises to be an unforgettable event, one that conceivably could grow into a major tasting open to a much larger audience. My personal vision is for YES to become a permanent host to the Platinum Awards with Andy Perdue announcing the winners at future events. We very much need your sup-



port at the tasting to demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment and to show what can be done in our little corner of the world.

The May Platinum Tasting is a bit more expensive than normal, but features 18 **Best of the Northwest Wines** plus the best of Birchfield and Cafe Mèlange--this is a bargain at twice the price! See you there.

**Date: Wednesday
May 14th, 2003**

Place: Yakima Valley Museum

**Time: 6:30 p.m. Check-In
7:00 p.m. Wine Tasting**

**Cost: \$35.00 Members
\$45.00 Guests**

**Bring: Your Palate
Glasses are furnished**

Limited to 140 Registrants

Postmarked by **Friday, May 9th**, phone calls only on **Monday, May 12th** to **Marie Clark, 697-3364** (until 8:00 P.M.).

Mike Libbee

June Tasting Preview

Join us for a unique evening devoted to Asian Sensations. The June 11, 2003 tasting at the Yakima Valley Museum will feature **Krista McCorkle** (who lived in Tokyo for 2 years), Executive Director of the **Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance** and the fine foods from **Asian Sensations**. All this, PLUS great wines and a surprise to complement our meal. You won't want to miss this one!



Emily Medeiros

President's Corner

It has been an interesting inaugural month as the new President of YES. Almost immediately after taking office and just before the April tasting we were informed that the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest had lost its liability insurance policy and that we were no longer covered. Your Board decided to go ahead with the April Tasting with the stipulation that everyone attending sign a waiver of liability. That was a one-time thing.

Since that tasting your Board has decided that YES would not have another tasting unless we are covered by liquor liability insurance. We have been working hard on this and are going to obtain insurance before the next tasting in May (which should be especially fantastic). The cost may drain our reserves enough that we will be adding a \$1 or \$2 to the cost of future tastings to bring our reserves back to where they should be.

The Board also has decided that future email newsletters will not contain the actual newsletter file. It seems that there were a number of members that never received the April newsletter file. See the article on the email newsletter for an explanation.

The Board would like to hear your input on activities we organize and how you think things are going. Please speak with a Board member at the next tasting you attend. See you at the next tasting.

John Dibari

Custom Trays by Design

Next time you're wine tasting in the Prosser area, check out the [Sixth Street Art Gallery & Custom Framing](#) shop in historic downtown Prosser.

They carry a wonderful new line of trays by "**Custom Trays by Design**" that incorporate wine bottle labels from Washington wineries. **Julie Mercer Matlick**, from Olympia, WA, makes them, and she's obviously had a lot of fun with their design and creation.

Sharon Clinton

Merlotfest

The Yakima Valley Winery Association's 2nd Annual Merlot celebration will be May 9th, at 6:30 PM at Glenwood Square.



Wine-tasting, auction, dinner, speakers, fun. \$80 per person. Call 469-8170 to make your reservation.

Mike Libbee

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 14	Platinum Wines Yakima Valley Museum
May 21	Board Meeting
June 11	Asian Sensations Yakima Valley Museum
July 9	Blues Tropics Yakima Arboretum

April Tasting in Review

The April Tasting at the Larson Gallery with Yakima Cellars was a huge success. There were 104 members and guests in attendance to taste the wines and vote on the Members Choice Award. 

Many thanks to all who helped make this tasting such a great success!

John Dibari

April Email Newsletter

It seems there were problems with delivery of the email newsletter. The reasons are unknown but could be any one of many. Many of the problems have to do with the attachment of the newsletter file. Some servers do not allow any attachments through. Some spam software will delete it before it reaches you and you will never know.



One solution that we are going to try is to not attach the newsletter file but instead include in the email message a link to the newsletter file on the YES website. You can click on the link and go to the newsletter, download it and print it. This will mean a little more time to get the newsletter but it will mean that you should get the message that the newsletter is there waiting for you.

Please send me your comments about this change and if we need to we will put you back on US Mail delivery.

John Dibari

Blues Tropics

Don't miss our annual July tasting to be held at the Yakima Arboretum. The music will be by the "Blue Tropics".

Be ready for wine, food, and dance at a beautiful spot on July 9th.

Shaunna Kobes and Shirley Menard

Northwest Wine Events

School in Session: L'Ecole No. 41, Redmond, Wash. Enjoy the wines of the Walla Walla Valley's L'Ecole No. 41 with the culinary talents of chef Jonathan Zimmer. Cost: \$95. Call 425-881-3250.

Spring Barrel Days, May 9-11, Spokane, Wash. The wineries of the Spokane Valley celebrate spring with new releases, food pairing and more. Call 509-927-9463 or go to <http://www.spokanewines.com>

Mother's Day Brunch at Elk Cove Vineyards, May 11, Gaston, Ore. Catered by Papa Haydn. Reservations required. Call 877-ELK-COVE.

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, May 16, Wine Museum, Kelowna, B.C. Find out about good values of popular varieties and learn about the bad and ugly, including corked wines and other faults. Cost: \$20 CDN. Call 250-868-0441.

Syncline Winemaker Dinner, May 17, Lyle Hotel, Lyle, Wash. Meet James and Poppie Mantone of Syncline Wine Cellars. Call 509-365-5953.

Ryan Patrick Vineyards Barrel Tasting, May 17, Rock Island, Wash. Enjoy this young winery's new offerings and cheeses from Cheesemonger. Call 509-667-9861.

Columbia Cascade Wineries Barrel Tasting, May 17-18, North-Central Washington. Taste the wines of this emerging wine region.

Urban Day Tour, May 24. Washington Wine Tours takes you to such Seattle-area wineries as E.B. Foote, Owen-Sullivan and Chatter Creek. Cost: \$59. Go to www.washingtonwinetours.com

Memorial Day Open House, May 24-26, Willamette Valley Vineyards, Turner, Ore. Award-winning wines, new releases and barrel tastings. Call 800-344-9463.

Taste Woodinville, May 26, Woodinville, Wash. The Herbfarm and Willows Lodge showcase the wineries of Woodinville. Go to www.tastewoodinville.com.

Vintage Walla Walla, May 31, Whitman College, Walla Walla. A limited number of tickets are available for this event, which features the wineries of the Walla Walla Valley in one room. Cost: \$75. Call 509-526-3117.

These are just a few of the many upcoming events posted on the Wine Press Northwest website at www.winepressnw.com. This site has events posted through December, plan early!

Charlena Paschen

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:

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**Happy
Memorial Day!**



Platinum Tasting

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, May 9th

Name(s): _____

Name(s): _____

Guest(s): _____

Guest(s): _____

Phone: _____

Yakima Valley Museum

Wednesday, May 14th, 2003 6:30 PM

Members _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

Guests _____ @ \$45.00 = \$ _____

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
- 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!

