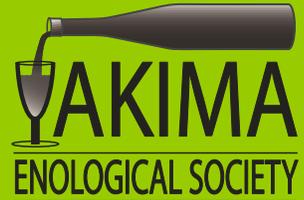


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**Y.E.S!**



*A monthly publication for members of the Yakima Enological Society*

## June Teaser Downtown Yakima

With the warmer weather we will once again visit downtown Yakima June 11<sup>th</sup> to enjoy some local wine and food pairings... always a treat! Check out next month's newsletter for the details, but mark your calendar now as you won't want to miss it!

~ Dorene Boyle



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Society on Facebook.

## Plan Ahead Y.E.S. Calendar of Upcoming Events

**June 11...**  
**Downtown Yakima**  
TBA

**July 9...**  
**Apples at Apple Tree**  
Apple Tree Golf Course

**August...**  
**No Y.E.S. event**  
Support the Valley events

~ Robin Kisala

## You Be the Judge!

For those who were able to enjoy a great Platinum Dinner event a couple of weeks ago, you realize just how incredible those wines were AND why they were selected as platinum award winners!

Now, we'd like to provide you an opportunity to experience—first-hand—the steps taken toward distinguishing great wines during our "You Be the Judge!" event, set for Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Yakima Valley Museum.



We have a superb selection of wines for you to sample, enjoy and weigh in on, through the tutelage of our facilitators from the Yakima Valley Community College Vineyard and Winery Technology program. The students will walk you through the judging process of visual, aroma and palate descriptors. We will feature 11 wines throughout the evening (two served during greeting and nine among three flights to be judged), complemented by the culinary talents of Chef Greg Massett.

We ask that each person bring three wine glasses with you to accommodate the flights of three. We will have a limited number of wine glasses available for purchase for those who'd prefer.

We hope you'll be able to join us!

**Date: Wednesday, May 14**

**Place: Yakima Valley Museum**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. registration; 7 p.m. start**

**Cost: \$40 members; \$45 guests**

**Bring: Three glasses**

**Mail-in registrations** must be postmarked by Friday, May 9.

**Online reservations** accepted until midnight, Sunday, May 11.

**Phone calls** until 8 p.m. Monday, May 12. Call Marie Clark at 697-3364.

~ Bryan Hollenbaugh



## Eat this... Drink that

Recipe submitted by *Christine Amos*  
Wine suggested by *Brad Baldwin*



This month: **Sparkling White Sangria** prepared with **Jones of Washington 2013 Pinot Gris**. Regular price: \$13.00. YES price: \$10.40 at Stems in downtown Yakima.

### Sparkling White Sangria

**Olé! Nothing kicks up a spring celebration like fresh-and-fruity sangria. This twist on the classic red is crisp, clear and party-pretty.**

In a large pitcher, combine **1 bottle dry white wine**, **1 cup seltzer**, **½ cup Calvados** and **¼ cup agave**; stir until well combined. Chill in refrigerator.

When ready to serve, stir in **2 cups ice**, **1 cored and sliced Granny Smith apple**, **1 sliced star fruit** (optional), **1 cup halved green grapes** and **1 sliced lime**. Pour over ice. Makes 8 servings.

**Note:** When Christine Amos recently served this at a Y.E.S. board meeting, she made a much larger batch, using two bottles of Chardonnay and one of Pinot Gris.

### Membership Update

Our current membership is at 91. That's pretty good for this time of year, although several long-time members haven't yet sent in their renewal for 2014. We know you don't want to miss the educational and fun activities we have throughout the year, so get your membership renewal in! You will find the membership renewal form on the Y.E.S. website. Feel free to share an extra application with family or friends!

~ Susan McPhee

### Wine Trivia

Test your wine knowledge each month with a new wine term and definition.

**Wine Thief:** While it may look like a turkey baster, this is the correct name for that glass or plastic tube used to get a sample of wine from a barrel or other container.

Submitted by Robin Kisala

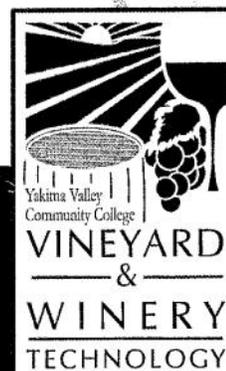
*Grape to Glass Gala*  
A Winemaker's Dinner & Silent Auction

May 31, 2014

*Student Scholarship  
Benefit Event*

*Join us*  
for an evening of  
wine tasting, dinner and dancing

*Hosted by*  
Yakima Valley Community College  
on the Granview Campus



Tickets  
Reserve by May 23:  
\$65 per person  
Starting May 24:  
\$75 per person

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## March Recap: Platinum XII

The Y.E.S. Platinum Dinner continues to grow in popularity. This year's Platinum dinner was sold out a month before the event. In the opinion of the Platinum Committee, it was one of the smoother-running and most enjoyable Platinum events we have sponsored.

We began the evening with a Winemakers Reception honoring the wineries and winemakers of the platinum wines served at the event. This year we had representatives from ten wineries to talk about their wineries and the wines. The wineries were: **Maryhill Winery, Coyote Canyon Winery, Thurston Wolfe, Gehringer Bros.** (Canada), **La Frenz** (Canada), **Clearwater Canyon Cellars** (Idaho), **Chateau Lorane** (Oregon), **Robert Ramsay Cellars, Smasne Cellars** and Yakima's own **Lookout Point**.

During the reception social hour we enjoyed appetizers accompanied by four Double Platinum and two Platinum wines. The sparkling from **8th Generation** in Canada garnered a lot of positive comments and was a stand-out among some other very wonderful wines. We also had our fabulous wine gift baskets designed by Bev Warren available for the silent auction.

During the evening we had some great live auction items, including cases of wines from the dinner and two judging positions from Wine Press Northwest. These guest judging spots are for the three-day judging of wines held in the Tri-Cities to select the Platinum winners for 2014. Popular as always were the donated dinners from well-known local chefs, including Brad Masset, Greg Masset and John Gasperetti. The proceeds from the silent and live auctions will go to provide scholarships for the Vineyard and Winery Technology program at Yakima Valley Community College, Grandview; the Wine Technology program at Washington State University, Tri-Cities; and the scholarship at Walla Walla Community College in honor of Stan Clark.

Y.E.S. members are aware that for the past several years, wineries from Canada have been big supporters of our event. At this year's Platinum, we—

The Yakima Enological Society—were asked to consider a group trip to visit several of these wineries in Canada. The trip could be people using their own cars and having more flexibility to stay longer and see more, or it could be 50 of us on a bus with no driving involved, or a combination of both. If you are interested in a two-day (overnight) trip to Canada for a special wine excursion, please let the board know of your interest. September 2015 was recommended as an especially beautiful time of the year to visit. Further information will follow.

Special thanks go out to all of the wineries that participated and made their wines available for our scholarship-awarding event. We also want to thank the Platinum committee for their hard work, particularly the work of **Jack Topper, Hank Sauer and Andy Perdue** for their emceeding of the evening's program. If you missed this year's dinner, please make plans to include this event for next year.

~ **Chuck Johnson**

### What: You Be the Judge!

When: Wed., May 14 — 6:30 p.m. registration

Where: Yakima Valley Museum

Yes, we'll be there...

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

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

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

**Important: Please include your phone number.**

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Postmarked by May 9, 2014

Or pay online at the Y.E.S. website  
by MIDNIGHT, MAY 11, 2014

[www.yakimawine.org](http://www.yakimawine.org)

Members ----- @ \$40 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Guests ----- @ \$45 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**If you would like to help with this tasting, please select one of the following:**

Set Up  Food Prep  Registration  Greeter  Pourer  Clean Up

Please clip and mail this form with your check to: Yakima Enological Society, PO Box 2395, Yakima WA 98907

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

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## President's Corner

May 2014

Well, it didn't take long for the word to get out. If you were in attendance at the Platinum XII Dinner at the Yakima Country Club, you know that this was the best Platinum ever. Congratulations and thank you to our Platinum Committee!

Spring Barrel is ramping up the last two weekends in April. This is one of my favorite events of the year in wine country. It's interesting to see which varietal the winemakers will pull out of the cellars and how the vintage is progressing in the barrel. Hope you make it out to your favorite wineries. If you want to avoid the crowds, tour during the week. Barrel samples may be available at some wineries.



Just a mention of a couple of events coming up in May you will want to attend: May 14<sup>th</sup> the Y.E.S. event, "You Be the Judge!" This event will give you some insight into the panel-style judging of wines. Another event is the "Grape to Glass Gala," May 31<sup>st</sup>. Join the Yakima Valley Community College Vineyard and Winery Technology student scholarship benefit event at the Grandview Campus for an evening of wine tasting, dinner and dancing.

Cheers and hope to see you in May.

~ Gerry Amos, Y.E.S. President

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