



Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

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November Tasting - A Touch of Genius

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David Lowe, THE premier red wine maker in the Columbia Valley, will be our guest for the November tasting. David is currently president of the **Yakima Valley Winery Association** and is uniquely qualified to provide insights, or at least very enlightened opinions, on any topics we might wish to explore, political or otherwise. **Danielle Russo**, of Yakima's best-kept secret **Cafe Dell Rae**, will supply the hors d'oeuvres, adding her unique touch of inspiration and elegance to the event.

The wine list and menu:

- 2000 Chardonnay (as they say in the classifieds...NO early birds please); Chef's special salad and Sicilian bread
- Batch 99 Zinfandel; Pork Encroute
- 1998 Cabernet; Penne Beef Genovese
- 2000 Merlot; Chocolate Mousse with Wild Cherry and Toasted Nut Topping

THIS IS IT. The official kick-off to the YES

holiday season. For those of you who remember the February Valentine's event, this is not to be missed.

Date: **Wednesday, November 13, 2002**

Place: **Yakima Valley Museum
2105 Tieton Drive, Yakima**

Time: **6:30 p.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. Tasting**

Cost: **\$25.00 Members,
\$30 Guests
\$18.00 non-drinkers**

Bring: **Two wine glasses**

Limited: To 140 registrations

Postmarked by **Friday, November 8th**.
Phone calls only on **Monday, November 11th**
to **Marie Clark, 697-3364** (until 8:00 P.M.).



Mike Libbee

Y.E.S Christmas Party

With the Holiday season fast approaching, it's time to make your plans to attend the 2002 Yakima Enological Society's Christmas party.

This year's event will again be held at the Yakima Country Club in Terrace Heights. On Wednesday, December 18th, the doors will open at 6:30. Following appetizers and a bit of Bubbly, a classic holiday dinner will be served at 7:30. Afterward, Ken Leader will provide his usual entertaining mix of oldies and contemporary hits till 11:00 to accommodate all you expert, and wanna be expert rug-cutters.

Our recent membership growth



promises to increase attendance this year, so be sure to fill out and mail in your registration form contained in this *newsletter promptly, as we will be limiting registration to the first 150 members and guests. The price is \$55.00 per person.*

The Christmas Gala is our Society's most anticipated, well attended, and enjoyed event of the year. A truly grand time is guaranteed for all. So break out your classiest Holiday attire, and shine up those dancing shoes for a one-of-a-kind evening of gourmet food, fine wine, and Holiday cheer.

See you there!

Ray Dilschneider

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

President's Corner



With over 200 wineries now in our great state of Washington, over 28,000 acres of grapes planted, and a grand harvest underway, it is incredible to think about all of the winemakers burning the midnight oil. To think of all the luscious clusters of fruit being plucked from their vines and crushed into juice that will ultimately be bottled for our pleasure. 2002 will be a grand vintage!

We were so fortunate to have **Ray Sandidge of C.R. Sandidge** and **Dave Minick of Willow Crest** for our October tasting. They have both been working long hours and I am very grateful to them for taking the time to share their wisdom and stories with our members. I thank them for their commitment to this industry. I am looking forward to our November tasting. Not only will we be sampling the award winning wines of Wineglass Cellars, you will meet the dynamic duo of owners **David** and **Linda Lowe**. It will be a night not to miss. Not to mention an array of sumptuous appetizers from Danielle Russo's Cafe Del Rae.

And don't forget to send in your reservation for our Christmas party. Ray Dilschneider is organizing a fabulous evening. I can't wait!

I would like to welcome the following new members to our club; **Kenneth & Page Ormbrek, Oliva Weitz, Neva & Rick Hilfiker, Bernal Baca, Jim & Kris Russi, Daniel & Shirley Critzer, Burton & Susan Knowles, Steele Michael & Kirk Bowers, Melinda Barrett and Bert McDonnell**. I welcome each and every one of you and am thrilled you have joined our club. I look forward to getting to know you. See you at the next tasting!

Gina Milliron

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Trattoria Russo Resurrected (A One Time Event)

Danielle Russo, proprietress of **Cafe del Rae**, will host an evening of Italian cuisine and music in tribute to her former establishment, **Trattoria Russo**, on November 7th at 6:30 PM. Danielle will be featuring a set-course dinner utilizing some of

Trattoria Russo's best-known recipes: Bruschetta Romano, Traditional Italian Greens, Penne Lamb Mustard, Linguini Bosciolla, and Tiramisu. **JJ Compeau** will offer a specific Washington Hills wine, featuring the WB Bridgeman and Apex lines, with each course.

If you have not dined at Cafe del Rae recently, there is no better time. Cost: \$35 per person (which includes wine - a huge bargain!), limited seating, reservations required (249-0205).

Mike Libbee



Press Release for November 2002

The Blind Leading the Blind January Tasting

January 8, 2003 at the
Yakima Valley Museum

Marie Clark

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:

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Selah, WA 98924

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October Tasting in Review

Yakima Enological Society was honored to have two of the best winemakers in the state speak and share their knowledge/wines at our October event. **Dave Minick** of **Willow Crest Winery/Vineyards** and **Ray Sandidge**, of **C. R. Sandidge**, left their busy schedules to be with 132 members and guests on a beautiful harvest evening in October.

The evening began with Willow Crest's 2000 Pinot Gris. This was followed with a 1999 Willow Crest Cabernet Franc (which seemed to be the people's choice for most interesting wine of the evening). The C.R. Sandidge 2000 Syrah and Willow Crest 2000 Syrah were then served after being decanted for two hours to show the difference between two winemakers using the

same vineyard's grapes, but different styles of winemaking and the importance decanting can render in 'opening up' the flavors of red wines. Everyone received a Riedel crystal glass to demonstrate the difference stemware can make to the 'taste' of the wines as they enter the mouth. We finished with Willow Crest's Syrah Port and Chocolate Truffles, created by **Ivone Petzinger**, yet again demonstrating the synergistic effects of food and wine pairing to elicit Pavlov's response to our taste buds.

Gary Cox and **George Petzinger** demonstrated the technique for measuring Brix and Total Acidity of the winegrapes (and allowing guests to taste these various levels in the grapes

themselves) as they are getting ready to be harvested, which are two important tools used by the viticulturist when making decisions in the vineyard as to ripeness.

We must also thank **Mr. Cox** for his trek to Pullman (a journey of love after watching the Cougs beat USC) to bring us an array of Cougar Gold cheeses and assorted appetizers from **Pearl's Restaurant** in Ellensburg that paired fabulously with the wines. All in all, it was a great evening of education and thanks to all that helped bring it together!



Gina Milliron

Gary Cox

Northwest Wine Events

WAVE Tasting, Nov. 5, Seattle. Watch the new wave of Washington wineries at the first ever Washington's Arrive Vintners Event, which features more than 15 new wineries that you will want to know about. Tickets: \$40. Call Lori Randall at 206-624-5757.

Autumn Wine Tour, Nov. 9-11, Olympic Peninsula, Wash. The wineries of the North Olympic Peninsula and Islands welcome visitors to visit on this special weekend. Go to <http://www.wineryloop.com>

Fall "Terroir" Celebration, Nov. 16, Woodinville, Wash. Join owner/winemaker Mark Newton of DiStefano Winery as he guides you through the wine-producing regions of Seven Hills, Red Mountain, Pepperbridge and the Roza Hills. Dinner included. Cost: \$85. Call 425-487-1648.

Canoe Ridge Estate Vineyards Dinner, Nov. 22, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, Wash. Canoe Ridge Estate is renowned for its Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. What a perfect match for this extraordinary repast. Cost: \$87. 14111 NE 145th, Woodinville, WA. Call 800-267-6793.

Many more wine events are available at the www.winepressnw.com website.

Charlena Paschen

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 13	Wineglass Cellars YV Museum
Dec 18	Y.E.S Christmas Party Yakima Country Club
Jan 8	Blind Leading the Blind YV Museum

Happy Thanksgiving!





November 2002

First Class Mail

P.O.Box 248
Yakima, WA 98907

A Taste of Genius

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, Nov 8th

Name(s): _____

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Guest(s): _____

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Phone: _____

Yakima Valley Museum

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Members _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Guests _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

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

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!





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Festival of Trees (A Big-Time Wine Event)

For the first time in its storied history, Providence Health Foundation's "**Festival of Trees**" will add grapevines to its traditional Macy's-like trees and wreaths in "A Vintage Christmas"--a premier wine-event to be held 7 December at the Yakima Valley Convention Center. I (**Mike Libbee**), being wine chairperson, can personally attest that this will be THE premier wine-related event of the year.

We have some incredible auction items--how about a full barrel of Wineglass Cellars Ellerding Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon (retail value \$11,000?) How about a wine and cheese luncheon with **Brian Carter**, dubbed Washington's red wine master by Wine Enthusiast magazine? How about a barge cruise for twelve of your closest friends on the Columbia River hosted by **Mr. Double-Gold Scott Williams of Kiona Vineyards**? How about a lovely dinner/dance evening featuring the best of Yakima Valley wines and the opportunity to support THE premier cardiac care facility in

Eastern Washington?

If that is not enough, how about supporting your close friends **Emily Medeiros**, Director of the Providence Health Foundation and a YES board member, and moi as we kick off the Christmas season with one terrific party?

Tickets are \$75 per person--cheap at twice the price! Cocktails and wine-tasting at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, dress semi-formal (dust off the tuxedos--I am wearing mine) call 575-5283 for tickets and more information. If you do not have the best time of your adult life, Emily will personally refund your money and give you a bottle of 1995 Leonetti Cellars Cabernet from her ample cellar as a bonus!! OK, I'll give you one bottle of Claar Cellars Johannisberg Riesling (87 points in Wine Spectator) and send you on your way, never to be bothered by us again!

Mike Libbee



Christmas Party Registration

Yakima Country Club

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, Dec 13th

Wednesday, Dec 18th, 2002 6:30 PM

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