



Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

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New World Showdown

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

**We're on the web!
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Australia, California and Washington State. Come taste and learn about the wines from these three great wine areas. What makes them great? What makes them unique? We have some wonderful wines from the three regions for you to taste.

The wines will be accompanied by a three-course meal, including salad, entrée and cheese plate, catered by Yakima's own **Barrel House**. We will start the evening with a Sauvignon Blanc greeting wine from a fourth new world area, New Zealand. We will then taste three flights of wine. Each flight will feature one wine type from each of the three regions, Australia, California and Washington State.

Thus, the first flight will compare one Chardonnay from Australia, one from California and one from Washington State. The second flight will feature Syrah / Shiraz and the third flight will feature Merlot. We are fortunate indeed to have **Stan Clarke** as our speaker, to discuss the regions and the wines. So please mark your calendars and sign up for what promises to be an

enjoyable, entertaining and educational evening

Date: Wed., November 12, 2003

Place: Yakima Valley Museum

Time: 6:30 pm Registration
7:00 pm Tasting

Cost: \$25 Members
\$30 Non-members
\$15 Non-drinkers



Bring: Three wine glasses and a pencil or pen.

Limited: 150 registrations

Postmarked by **Friday, November 7th**. Phone calls only on Monday, November 10, to Marie Clark, **697-3364** (until 8:00 P.M.). Phone reservations have an obligation to pay the appropriate fee even if you do not attend the tasting.

David Hysert and Jim Stoffer

2003 Y.E.S Christmas Party

It's time to confirm your reservation for this year's Y.E.S. Christmas party. The event will be held on **Wednesday, December 17th** at the **Yakima Valley Museum**. Festivities begin at 6:30 with check-in followed by appetizers and some refreshing Bubbly to help bring in some Holiday cheer.



Our formal meal will start at 7:30, and will be provided by **Zesta Cucina's** own

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Lucho de LaCombe and company.

You may remember the wonderful meal served by Lucho at our September Italian Night tasting.

Lucho has promised to deliver an even more elegant dining experience for this event, with your choice of three delicious entrée's. And of course, a selection of wines fit for the season will be poured to keep everyone in the Holiday mood.

President's Corner



I want to encourage everyone to attend the wine events taking place in the next few weeks. The **Tri-Cities Wine Festival** is always a good event with several fine events. Call 509-375-3399 for more information on this event. There are also several local events taking place that you can find listed in an article by Mike Libbee in this newsletter.

The Y.E.S. Christmas Party this year will be at the Yakima Valley Museum. It will be a catered event with a sit-down dinner and dancing afterward. Because of the popularity of this event you are encouraged to send in your reservation and money right away using the registration form found in this newsletter. There will be a reservation form in the December newsletter only if it does not fill with reservations in November. Because of the limited seating at this event and the popularity with our members, your YES Board has decided to make this a members only event.

All YES members are getting a newsletter by regular mail this month. An email version will also be sent out but because of reported problems the Board decided to send out the Christmas Reservation newsletter by regular mail to everyone. If you get the newsletter by email please read the email carefully and if you do not get it read the article I wrote for this newsletter.

The November tasting should be a good one, be sure to sign up early and volunteer to help with setup, pouring, and cleanup.

John Dibari

2003 YES Christmas Party Continued...



Our Society's own **Ken Leader** will again be on hand to provide the musical entertainment. So be prepared for a wide variety of oldies, newies, swing and rock-and-roll to entice you and your partner to the dance floor after dinner till 11:00.

Space constraints at the Museum will limit attendance to only 136 this year. This is always our most highly anticipated event of the year, so don't delay a minute in returning your registration (see page 3 of this newsletter) for our Holiday event.

The price is \$60.00 per person. Please be sure to note your meal preference on the registration form too!

This is the best chance of the year to dust off that festive attire, and wine and dine with your Society's friendly and party-loving membership. On behalf of your Yakima Ecological Society Board of Directors, we look forward to seeing you there!

Ray Dilschneider

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 12	New World Showdown Yakima Valley Museum
Dec 17	Y.E.S Christmas Party Yakima Valley Museum
Jan 14	Blind Leading the Blind Yakima Valley Museum
Feb 18	Platinum Tasting II Yakima Valley Museum

The Yakima Valley Winery Association will hold its annual *Thanksgiving in Wine Country* celebration Friday-Sunday, 28-30 November. Member wineries will provide seasonal food items either prepared with or paired with one of their wines (recipes will be available). No admission, but visitors must purchase a commemorative glass starting at \$5.00 or bring a favorite tasting glass from home.

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:

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Good Food, Good Wine, Good Prices

The October tasting was a lot of fun for everyone. **Gary Cox** did a great job of talking about the wines and how they paired with the very tasty hors d' oeuvres prepared by **Traci & Staci** from **Classy Catering**. The wines were from several wineries and were of surprising quality which was the theme of the evening.

The tasting committee wanted to show members that it is possible to enjoy very good quality wine for not a lot of money. Wineries that you will recognize are putting some of their excess wine on the market at reduced price. One way to do this is to start a second label from the same winery using the same grapes from the same vineyards. These wines are sold for less money but are of very high quality.

The wines for this event were purchased from the Washington State Liquor store during the Washington Wine Month Sale in August and were all near or under \$10 per bottle. Here is a list and the price we paid for the wines that were served:

- Stimson Estate Cabernet - \$9.99 (1.5L)
- Hyatt Black Muscat - \$4.86
- Arbor Crest Sauvignon Blanc - \$6.84
- Columbia Crest Grand Estate Merlot - \$8.98
- Arbor Crest Cabernet Franc - \$10.81
- Domaine St. Michelle Blanc de Noir - \$7.90
- Kiona Late Harvest Gewurtztraminer -(350mL) - \$6.29

John Dibari

Newsletters by Email

I suspect that the email newsletter is not getting to all of you that have signed up to get it by email. Internet Service Providers (ISP) have been vigorously fighting spam that comes into their servers. The software that they use to kill all those messages is robotic and cannot discriminate between those messages that you want to receive and those that you do not.



One of the ways that this software uses to identify a spam message to delete is by noticing when the ISP server receives an identical message that goes to a number of different addresses on the server. The messages are identified as spam and deleted. The sender is not notified of the deletion and the person it was addressed to is not told either. The only way to combat this is to notify your ISP that you do want messages sent to you by yakimawine@nwinfo.net to be delivered.

If you do not get your email newsletter this month please check with your internet service provider.

John Dibari



Christmas Party Registration

Yakima Valley Museum

Wednesday, Dec 17th, 2003 6:30 PM

Name(s): _____

Members _____ @ \$60.00 = \$ _____

Name(s): _____

TOTAL Enclosed: \$

Phone: _____

Make Meat Selection: **Salmon** **Prime Rib** **Chicken**



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!



Harvest Fest Fundraiser - Roberto Donato

The Harvest Fest Fundraiser for **Roberto Donato** held October 11, 2003 was a huge success! The success was due in no small part to the hard work and dedication of many and we wish to acknowledge those local businesses and individuals who donated time, money, services and products to make the party a success.

The doors opened at the Selah Civic Center at 5 pm so attendees could sip a little wine and peruse the auction items. Background music was provided by the Milliron's boom box! At 6 pm the YVCC Jazz Ensemble began to play, directed by **Isi Rudnick** who also played trombone! What a fantastic group. They played a selection of jazz pieces until 8 pm.

At approximately 6:30 pm the lines opened to a buffet meal highlighted by shredded pork that was cooked slowly for the entire day in a pit in the ground! The transportation logistics for the pig were interesting to say the least. The pork was accompanied by a selection of green, pasta and potato salads prepared by hardworking volunteers, rolls and naturally a wonderful fruit tart for dessert from **Essencia Bakery**.

As the wonderful jazz music ended at 8 pm, the auction tables were closed. After a final selling frenzy of last minute raffle tickets, the quilt raffle was also closed. The four "instant wine cellar" auction lots, which were created from all the YES members wine donations, were very popular items and brought great bids! Another auction specialty was all the hand worked linens brought from Brazil by Roberto's parents. They were donated by family friends in Brazil just for this event and thanks to the creativity of several, but especially **Bev Warren**, the linens were able to be incorporated into just about every auction item basket so everyone who was a silent auction winner received a sample.

Finally as the excitement from the auction and raffle waned, great dance music was provided by **Harris McGowan** who has his own DJ business. Everyone danced until the "witching hour" when we had to close the doors for cleanup! It was a fun event.

As usual there are too many individuals and businesses to thank individually. However, there are some names that must be acknowledged starting with our own YES Board. Without the

support of the YES Board members, the fundraiser for Roberto would never have happened. Also the dedicated and hard working members of the planning committee; **Peggy Briskey, Larry Clinton, Chuck** and **Julie Johnson, Shaunna Kobes, John** and **Gina McGowan, James** and **Gina Milliron, Minerva Riehl** and **Bev** and **Johnny Warren**. Everyone went beyond the call of duty!

Please watch next month's newsletter for a list of the business and individuals who gave of the hearts and pockets to help make this event the success it was. However it could not have happened if it weren't for the heart and spirit of **Julie Johnson**. A very big thanks to you. Because of her vision we were able to raise more than \$8,300 for Roberto!

Thank you everyone!

Local Wine Events

Rosauer's Tastings begin at 7:00 PM and cost \$15 to \$20. Delicious appetizers--enough to make a meal--and generous wine pours. Call Kim DeVine (972-2327) for reservations or drop in.

14 Nov - Featuring Yakima Cellars winemaker Mark Wysling.

21 Nov - Featuring Terra Blanca owner and winemaker Keith Pilgrim.

Mike Libbee

Northwest Wine Events

Tuscan Feast, Nov. 14, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, Wash. Executive chef Janet Hedstrom will pair cuisine of the Italian countryside with Northwest wines. Cost: \$99. Call 800-267-6793 for reservations.

Three Cheers for Chardonnay, Nov. 20, Wine Museum, Kelowna, B.C. Discover the many characteristics and styles of North America's most popular white wine. Cost: \$20 CDN. Call 250-868-0441.

Many more wine events can be found at www.winepressnw.com.

Charlena Paschen



November 2003

First Class Mail

P.O.Box 2395
Yakima, WA 98907

Happy Thanksgiving!



New World Showdown

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, Nov 7th

Name(s): _____

Name(s): _____

Guest(s): _____

Guest(s): _____

Phone: _____

Yakima Valley Museum

Wednesday, Nov 12th, 2002 6:30 PM

Members _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Guests _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

Non-Drinkers _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

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

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