



## Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

Newsletter Date: October 24, 2004

### Summertime in South America



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to view photos from  
several Society Events!"*

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It is now November, and the Northwest can soon expect to see freezing weather and maybe even some snow. I for one, (though I love the seasonal changes) really prefer the warmer seasons. The southern hemisphere has just finished up Spring and is moving into Summer.

Lets experience warm weather one more time by tasting South American wines from Argentina and Chile. The November tasting will include two white wines, an Argentine Semillon and a Chilean Chardonnay. These will be followed by a Malbec and a Cabernet Sauvignon from Argentina and finish with a Merlot from Chile.

To make our South American experience complete, we intend to serve a "traditional " home-style Argentine dinner. **Lucho de la Combe** (owner) and **Jeff Euteneier** (chef) from **Zesta**

**Cucina** have come up with a great menu that will complement our wines. The Y.E.S. members who attended our September tasting of Italian wine last year will attest to the fabulous food that Lucho and Jeff prepare for these events.

**Date:** Wed, November 10, 2004

**Place:** Yakima Valley Museum

**Time:** 6:30 Registration, 7:00 Tasting

**Cost:** \$25 Members,  
\$30 Guests,  
\$20 Non-Drinkers

**Bring:** Two wine glasses

**Limited:** 140 Registrants

Postmarked by **Friday, November 5th**. Phone calls only on **Monday, November 8th** to **Marie Clark, 697-3364**.

Scott Summers

### 2004 YES Christmas Party

This is a reminder for Y.E.S. members to confirm your registration for this year's Yakima Enological Society Christmas party. The event will be held on **Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at the **Yakima Country Club** in Terrace Heights.



Our festivities begin at 6:30 with check-in, appetizers and some refreshing sparkling wine to help warm up your Holiday spirits.

Our formal meal will start by 7:30, and will be prepared by the Club's own talented chef, **Greg Masset**. There will be a decadent desert course to complete

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### October in Review

Amazing wines paired with flavorful food delighted members and guests at the October tasting **Out of Africa**.

**Scott Greer**, winemaker at **Sheridan Vineyards**, spoke about four of the winery's wines, which included a Syrah, that complemented the Moroccan chicken.

**Chris Hoon**, vineyard manager at Sheridan Vineyards, also introduced us to the wines and winery and had us sample the first label from his new winery, **Christopher Cellars**.

The wine paired beautifully with Blatjang tarts, a culinary delight from **Cape Malay**. The five African courses, pre-

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## President's Corner

I hope the increase in the number of people volunteering was a response to my appeal last month. To help with a tasting is fun and a very good way to get to know other people in the Yakima Enological Society. Please consider doing this at least once a year. We will need assistance with the November tasting and then again in January. Our December event will be at the Yakima Country Club (see article in this newsletter).

I also want everyone to know that there are more events coming in November. The **Tri-Cities Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest** has a weekend event in **Pasco** on **November 12 and 13**. There is also a wine seminar on Saturday afternoon titled "**Wines of Down Under**" which is well worth attending. Tickets and more information can be obtained by visiting the website at <http://www.tricitywinfestival.com/brochure.pdf> or by calling 509-547-4849.

Also in November is the **Thanksgiving in Wine Country** event at most of the wineries in the valley on Thanksgiving week-end. Food, wine and good company at the local wineries. Please support them in their efforts to make the Yakima Valley into a destination for tasting wine and enjoying Eastern Washington.

The Enology program at **Yakima Valley Community College** is doing a fund raiser in December to support the remodeling of the old Safeway store in Grandview into a winery for teaching. Please consider this in your December plans.

*John DiBari  
President*

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pared by chef **Jessica Smith** from **Essencia Bakery** blended well with the local Zillah vintages. We appreciate the efforts of our members, who helped set and decorate the tables in an African design.

*David Lynx*

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the dining experience and, as usual, a wonderful selection of wines fit for the season to keep everyone in the Holiday mood.

Back by popular demand, our Society's own **Ken Leader** will be on hand to provide the musical entertainment. Ken's vast musical repertoire will deliver a wide variety of oldies, newies, swing and rock-and-roll, enticing you and your partner to boogie on the dance floor till 11:00.

Space constraints at the Country Club will limit attendance to 150 this year, so don't delay a minute in returning your registration for this year's grand Holiday event.

You don't want to miss this opportunity to celebrate the Holiday season with your Society's friendly and party-loving membership. On behalf of your Yakima Enological Society Board of Directors, we look forward to seeing you there!

*Ray Dilschneider*

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 10	<b>Taste of Argentina</b> Yakima Valley Museum
Dec 14	<b>Christmas Party</b> Yakima Country Club
Mar 5	<b>Platinum III</b> Clarion Hotel

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Friday, Nov 5 &  
Saturday, Nov 6.  
seating at  
6:00 - 6:30pm.



## Thanksgiving in Wine Country

Yakima Valley wineries will begin celebrating the season with their traditional offering of holiday food and wine pairings--this year with culinary treats from some of the top restaurants in the Yakima, Tri-Cities, and Seattle areas.

The food and wine pairings will be featured at participating restaurants throughout the month and a CD with all of the recipes will be available for sale. Join us at the wineries 26-28 of November. There is a five dollar charge for commemorative tasting glasses.

Mike Libbee

*Happy Thanksgiving!*  
*Happy Thanksgiving*

## Local Wine Events

**Nov 3 - The Barrel House** features **Terra Blanca**. Great appetizers, 6-8 PM, \$25, call 453-3769 for reservations.

**Nov 12 -** Treat yourself to **A Vintage Evening at Allied Arts** and support the Art Education Programs. Enjoy eight premiere vintages poured by **Paul Vandenberg** and **Barbara Sherman** from **Porteus Winery** and **Paradisos del Sol**, while feasting on handcrafted cheeses, artisan breads, gourmet hors d'oeuvres and rich desserts from Deep Sea Deli, Essencia and Boehms. Gemologist appraiser **Patrick Gilmore** of **Dunbar Jewelers** will give a brief presentation on Antique Jewelry. Vintage clothing and jewelry are encouraged, not required, and Patrick will be happy to discuss your piece with you. You will also be first to preview the Art of Gift Giving exhibit and sale to start your holiday shopping. 7-9 PM, \$20, RSVP by Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. 966-0930. Wines available for pre-sell at special prices to pick up at the event.

**Nov 13 - Tri-Cities Wine Festival.** 65 wineries, food, silent auction. \$35 per person, 5:30-9:30 PM, Red Lion Hotel in Pasco. Visit [www.TCWineFest.com](http://www.TCWineFest.com) or call 547-4849 for details.

**Nov 15 - Bob's Keg and Cork** presents **L'Ecole #41**. Appetizers, 6-8 PM, \$25, call 573-3691 for reservations.



Mike Libbee

## Platinum III

In appreciation of this society's efforts in sponsoring Platinum Tastings the past two years, Andy Perdue has invited **Sharon Clinton** and me to participate later this month in **Wine Press Northwest Magazine's Platinum Judging**. This will ensure that your fearless Tasting Committee knows the results early and will have the inside track on obtaining the "Best of the Best" for our **Platinum III** Tasting at **The Clarion Hotel** on **5 March 2005**. We will begin accepting reservations in January.

Mike Libbee

**Christmas Party Registration****Yakima Country Club**

Tuesday, Dec 14th, 2004 6:30 PM

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

Members \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOTAL Enclosed:** \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

Please clip &amp; 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!****YVCC Fundraiser**

Yakima Valley Community College is hosting a fundraiser at Silver Lake Winery in Zillah on Friday evening, **December 10, 2004**. The evening will include a live and silent auction, wine tasting, food from Essencia Bakery in Yakima and music by the YVCC Jazz Combo, directed by Dr. Isi Rudnick.

To make a reservation, or for more information on making a donation to support the development of the Wine and Grape Education Center on YVCC's Grandview campus, contact Diane Buchanan at 574-4914 / or Judi Smasne at 786-4543.

*Nikki Gable***Northwest Wine Events**

**Vintage Affair**, Nov. 5, Ste. Chapelle, Nampa, Idaho. Appetizers, live entertainment and savings on case lots. Call 208-453-7844.

**Whistler's Cornucopia**, Nov. 11-14, Whistler, B.C. Whistler's eighth annual celebration of food and wine features wine tastings, dinners and more. Go to <http://www.mywhistler.com>

**Willamette Valley Vineyards Barrel Tasting and Futures Release Party**, Nov. 20-21, Turner, Ore. Try new wines from barrel and pick up wines bought on futures. \$5 admission includes a Riedel glass. Call 503-588-9463.

More events can be found at [www.winepressnw.com](http://www.winepressnw.com).

*Charlena Paschen***Up, Down and Sideways**

**"Horizontal Tasting"** refers to a series of wines all from the same vintage and the same grape variety, but from different producers. For example, if you serve, taste, and compare five different 2002 Cabernet Sauvignons, each of them from a different **Washington Columbia Valley Appellation** producer, but from the same vintage, you would be doing a Horizontal Tasting. I also hear these called side-by-sides.

Conversely, a "Vertical Tasting" involves multiple vintages of the same producer's wines. For example, if you tasted five different **Bonair Winery Morrison Vineyard** Cabernet Sauvignons, each one from a different year or vintage (be sure to invite us all!), you would be engaged in a vertical tasting.

My favorite is to taste wines "blind" -- that is to have friends over for dinner, plan the wines (usually a horizontal tasting), put all the bottles in paper bags, pour the same wine in each person's #1 glass, then the next one in their #2 glass, etc. (try to use identical or at least very similar glassware). It is surprising and fun to see what wines turn out to be the favorites, then to unbag them. The more expensive wines aren't usually the top vote getters in blind tastings, at least at our house. For me, this has been the best way to zero in on what I like and don't like in a wine, and certainly encourages some great discussions around the table.

*Sharon Clinton*



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Happy Holidays!



**Summertime in South America Yakima Valley Museum**

**Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, Nov 5th, 2004 Event: Wednesday, Nov. 10th, 2004 6:30 PM**

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

Members: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

Non-Members: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

Non-Drinkers: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOTAL Enclosed:** \$

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

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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