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October Tasting - Bringing In The Crush
(and Other Interesting Facts You Always Wanted To
Know, But Were Afraid To Ask)

The October Tasting Event promises to be an educational affair featuring *David Minick* of *Willow Crest Vineyards & Winery*. Dave will be pouring his award winning Pinot Gris, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, and Port. We also hope to have *Ray Sandidge* from C. R. Sandidge Winery pouring his Syrah (made from Willow Crest Vineyards grapes) to illustrate the differences of wine styles utilizing the same grapes. These wines will be paired with some delectable appetizers, and the Port will be paired with Yvonne's Truffles to demonstrate the synergistic effects food and wine can have on one another.

To put the seasonal crush in perspective, demonstration tables will be set up for measuring Brix / Total Acid of wine grapes picked fresh from the vineyard that day. You will be able to sample Cabernet Franc clusters at varying levels of ripeness to appreciate the decision making process the Growers / Winemakers must go through in deciding when to pick.

In keeping with this educational theme, you will be provided *Reidel Stemware* (one is yours to keep with the price of admission, additional stemware available at cost) to taste the wines in comparison to your own stemware and we will decant the wine / pour straight from the bottle to afford you the opportunity to decide if there is a taste difference to you.

Both Dave and Ray are very knowledgeable growers and winemakers and this is your chance to ask the questions you've always wanted to, but were too 'scared' to.



Date: *Wednesday, October 9, 2002*

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

Time: *6:30 p.m. Registration
6:40 p.m. Reception
7:15 p.m. Tasting*

Cost: *\$23.00 Members, \$28 Guests
\$16.00 Member non-drinkers*

Bring: *Two wine glasses
Y.E.S. appetizer tray*

Limited: *To 140 registrations*

Postmarked by **Friday, October 4th**. Phone calls only on **Monday, October 7th** to **Marie Clark, 697-3364** (until 8:00 P.M.).

Gary Cox



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this on such a beautiful late summer morning, I have just come in from picking raspberries. I wish I were picking "grapes". However, I just can't seem to talk my husband into a vineyard....yet. There is just something exciting to me about taking a vine, nurturing it from the ground up and then handcrafting the fruit into wine that is paired with romantic meals and decadent desserts. James says, "why all the work? Just buy the bottle!"

But it is the passion that I see in so many of the winemakers we know that draws me to the art of winemaking. **Joel Tefft** has that passion. We had a great evening sharing his wines and his love for creating wines from Italian style grapes. Joel graciously donated a case of his Nebbiolo wine in a beautiful etched bottle, to Yakima Enological Society, which we raffled off that night. It was great fun to see each winner claim their bottle of wine.



Many thanks to Joel for his generosity and fun evening. Recently we were invited to Desert Hills' first grape crush of the year. I had never observed the process of how the juice made it into the big steel tanks. It was very exciting. Bill Burke has that passion for winemaking and I look forward to his success.

In October you will meet two other winemakers with incredible passion for their art of winemaking. Dave Minnick of Willowcrest Winery will be sharing many of his wines on October 9th. Last year he won not only a Gold Medal in the Tri Cities Wine Festival, but Best of Show for his 1999 Syrah. We will be tasting the 2000 vintage, since he has sold out of the 1999. You will be meeting Ray Sandidge, winemaker for Kestrel Vintners. We will be tasting his private label, C.R. Sandidge Syrah, from the Minnick Vineyard.

This wine was recently rated a "90" in Wine Spectator. He also has a Syrah from the Klingele Vineyard rated a "91" and his Kestrel Syrah was rated "90". It will be a great night!

I would like to welcome our newest members, **John & Peggy Maxwell**, **Bill Burke** and **Lisa Sheridan** and **Vicki Cowan**. I am happy you have joined and we look forward to getting to know you at the next tasting. See you there!

Gina Milliron

Thank You Northwest InfoNet!

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September Tasting in Review

The September tasting of the Yakima Enological Society was held Wednesday September 11, 2002 at the Yakima Valley Museum. The Italian cuisine was complimented by wines from Tefft Cellars. Joel Tefft attended and described the four wines that were served (Pinot Gris, Sangiovese, Chianti, and Nebbiolo). Joel also donated a full case of a reserve Nebbiolo which was raffled off to the attendees. We had 120 in attendance and I think everyone had plenty to eat and drink. Leftovers were donated to the Union Gospel Mission.

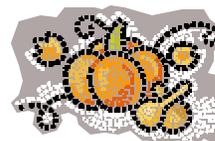


Thanks to Cafe Melange for the wonderful lasagna and Caesar salad. Also to Ivone for her usual great dessert. A special thankyou to all who volunteered to help. It's the team effort that make the tastings successful.

Jim Stoffer

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| Oct 9 | Willow Crest Vineyards
YV Museum |
| Nov 13 | Wineglass Cellars
YV Museum |
| Dec 18 | Y.E.S Christmas Party
Yakima Country Club |



November Tasting

Wineglass Cellars, one of the premier makers of red wines in the state, will join with **Cafe Dell Rae** to present our November tasting at the museum.  **David Lowe** will be on hand to introduce his Chardonnay, Merlot, Cab, Zinfandel and Port. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

Mike Libbee

Northwest Wine Events

Taste of the Harvest, Oct. 5, Caldwell, Idaho. Celebrate Idaho food, wine and music at the Albertson College of Idaho. Event runs 1-6 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the Idaho Grape Growers and Producers Commission. Call 208-459-5201.

Maryhill Museum Classic Car Show and Hill Climb, Oct. 5-6, Maryhill, Wash. Watch antique cars climb the hill behind Maryhill Winery and enjoy the sounds of Bob Kasnick. Call 509-773-1876 or go to <http://www.maryhillwinery.com>

Maryhill Winery Harvest Party, Oct. 12-13, Maryhill, Wash. Crush grapes with your own feet, enjoy live music and barbecue. Bill Hornibrook and Rob Neuberger provide the tunes. Call 509-773-1876 or go to <http://www.maryhillwinery.com>

Fall Festival of Wines, Oct. 19, Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. More than 100 wines. Tickets: \$40. Call 206-667-9607 or email trinitygh@icehouse.net for information or reservations.

Columbia Winery 40th Anniversary Celebration, Oct. 19, Columbia Winery, Woodinville, Wash. Celebrate 40 years of Columbia Winery/Associated Vintners, the state's first premium winery. This public event will include music, refreshments, raffle drawings and a special tasting of award-winning Columbia wines. Admission is \$10. Event runs 2-7 p.m, 14030 NE 145th St., Woodinville. Call 425-488-2776.

Fall Festival of Wines and Benefit Auction, Oct. 19, Resort on the Lake, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. More than 60 wineries pouring 250 wines. Microbrews, hors d'oeuvres, music, prices and auction. Tickets: \$40. Call 208-667-9607.

Maryhill Winery Live Music Weekend, Oct. 20, Maryhill, Wash. Enjoy the sounds of Rob Neuberger. Call 509-773-1876 or go to <http://www.maryhillwinery.com>

Walla Walla Valley Wine Auction, Nov. 2-3, Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla, Wash.

Events posted on the winepressnw web site. October tastings many are already being posted. www.winepressnw.com.

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October 2002
Happy Halloween!

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Yakima Valley Museum

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, Oct 4th

Wednesday, Oct 9th, 2002 6:30 PM

Name(s): _____

Members _____ @ \$23.00 = \$_____

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Guests _____ @ \$28.00 = \$_____

Guest(s): _____

Non-Drinkers _____ @ \$16.00 = \$_____

Guest(s): _____

TOTAL Enclosed: \$

Phone: _____

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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:

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All Reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE!

