



A Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

October 2003

Great Wine, Great Food, Great Prices



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

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The October tasting will be held at the **Yakima Valley Museum** on October 8th, 2003 @ 7:00 pm, with a cordial welcome starting at 6:30 pm and a delightful Washington **Blanc de Noir** paired with a tasty appetizer supplied by **Classy Catering**.

The evening will progress through a series of six more Washington wines paired with delightful appetizers, capped with a late harvest Gerwurztraminer and a Dessert by **Ivonne**. Please note that this will be heavy appetizers only, so you may want to eat something light before attending.

A discussion of each wine/pairing combination will accompany each

course. You will be surprised at the end when a discussion of price/quality will be outlined such that you will go away with a realization that great wine, great food, at great prices can be enjoyed every day of the week here in Washington Wine Country.

We are also looking to involve as many as are interested in the setup, serving and cleanup of this event. If you indicate on your registration that you are interested in helping you will be called.

If you want to contact someone directly about helping, give John DiBari a call at 697-3519 or send an email to

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Harvest Fest



The YES Fundraiser for **Roberto Donato**, a member of the Yakima Enological Society and the brother of **Ivonne Petzinger**, has been rescheduled for **October 11, 2003**. The fundraiser will be held at the Selah Civic Center, from 5 pm until 11 pm. The proceeds from this event will be used to pay a portion of cost for the cancer treatment of Roberto and related expenses. This event is not limited to members of the Yakima Enological Society so invite family or friends for a very special evening.

We are planning a Harvest Fest with great food and drinks, music, dancing and a silent auction with some wonderful items donated by Roberto's supporters, including "an instant wine cellar"! Your \$25 admission will include pulled pork, pasta and green salads, rolls and of course, dessert by Ivonne! Your ticket also includes script for two drinks of your choice. Script will be available to purchase for additional beverages.

The party will be held at the Selah Civic Center, 216 S. 1st St., Selah, WA. Plenty of parking is available at the center and across the street.

We hope to see everyone at the party. However, if you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation for Roberto, an account has been set up at Washington Mutual Bank specifically for that purpose. Please call **Peggy Briskey** at **509-653-2368** for information on making a donation or if you would like to help with this event.

Chuck and Julie Johnson

President's Corner

September's Tasting was a very nice event. The wine and food pairings were excellent and there definitely should have been no one attending that went home hungry. **Scott Summers** and his team did a fine job of putting together a good tasting of Italian wines.

The Fall season brings harvest time in the vineyards. I want to encourage members that are interested, to visit the local wineries during this time to learn more about the wine making process. Most wineries are more than willing to have you watch the process and if you are so inclined to pitch in and help.

Your YES Board has made a decision that the Christmas Party this year will only be for members of YES. No guests will be allowed to come to the event to be held at the Museum. We are limiting the event attendance in order to make sure it is available to as many members as possible. When you see the registration form come out in the newsletter do not delay in sending in your reservation, as this has traditionally been a very popular event.

Also in this newsletter you will find a form to send in for the fund-raiser event at the Selah Civic Center. YES is sponsoring this event to benefit the cancer treatment of **Roberto Donato**. **Julie & Chuck Johnson** are leading the team of members and friends that are putting this event together. The auction items include one-of-a-kind, hand-made items from Brazil as well as wine that has been donated by local wineries and by members. The food and the music will make this a very nice party and the proceeds will go to a worthy cause. I encourage everyone to sign up and to bring as many others as may be interested even if they are not members.

John DiBari

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jdibari@elltel.net.

So please join us in October for this unique tasting.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 8th 2003

Place: Yakima Valley Museum

Time: 6:30 P.M. Registration
7:00 P.M. Tasting

Cost: \$22.00 Members
\$27.00 Non-members
\$17.00 Non-drinkers

Bring: two wine glasses

Limited: 140 registrations

Postmarked by **Friday, October 3rd**. Phone calls only on Monday, October 6th, 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.

Wine List: Columbia Crest Grand Estates Merlot 1999, Hyatt Black Muscat 2001, Stimson Estate Cellars Cabernet 2001, Arbor Crest Cab Franc 2000, Domaine St. Michelle Blanc de noir, Kiona Late Harvest Gewürztraminer 2002, Red Mountain Arbor Crest Sauvignon Blanc 2000.

Gary Cox



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 8	Great Wine Yakima Valley Museum
Oct 11	Harvest Festival Selah Civic Center
Oct 15	Board Meeting
Nov 12	New World Showdown Yakima Valley Museum
Dec 17	Christmas Party Yakima Valley Museum

November Tasting

As announced last month, the November YES tasting will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at the Yakima Valley Museum. The theme is **New World Showdown**. It will feature three flights of wine, with each flight comprising three wines, one from Australia, one from California and one from Washington.

The first flight will be Chardonnay, the second Syrah and the third Merlot. In addition, our reception wines will be two sauvignon blancs, one from New Zealand and one from Washington. **Stan Clarke** will be our featured speaker. The wines will be paired with foods from the three regions. So mark your calendars and please plan to attend.

David Hysert & Jim Stoffer



Christmas Party



As our chilly nights begin to signal the onset of autumn, it's not too early to begin making your Holiday plans. And those plans would not be complete without including an evening with fellow Yakima Valley enophiles at the Yakima Enological Society Christmas party.

This year's event will be held on **Wednesday, December 17th**, at the Yakima Valley Museum. The evening will feature our usual fabulous holiday cuisine, followed by music and dancing, and of course many carefully selected wines to help bring on lots of Holiday cheer!

So mark your calendar now, and watch for registration forms in an upcoming Society newsletter.

Ray Dilschneider



Harvest Fest - Selah Civic Center Fundraiser for Roberto Donato

October 11, 2003 - 5 pm to 11 pm

Name(s): _____ No. of Persons _____ @ \$25.00 = \$_____

Name(s): _____

Name(s): _____

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TOTAL Enclosed:

Phone: _____

If you wish to help with this event, please contact Julie Johnson at 509-575-6841. Thank you.

**Please mail as soon as possible.
There will be no phone reservations for this event..**

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!



Got Wine?



As you know, we are planning a fundraiser on **October 11th** to help with the extensive medical expenses incurred by **Roberto Donato** in his battle with cancer. There are many ways you can help in this effort, and we hope you will all attend this special event.

The silent auction portion of the event will include several wine lots that we are calling **Instant Wine Cellars**, which will be made up of groups of wines donated by YES members and others. Donations will be broken down into affordable lots, probably 48 bottles.

Here is where you come in – we really need your help to come up with the wine to auction off. We are asking each YES member to donate one or more bottles of a special wine to be included in these lots to be auctioned off at the event. Couples are asked to donate two or more bottles. Please look into your cellar for some wonderful wine -- the better the wine, the more we will raise for this worthy cause.

Roberto doesn't have insurance, and every bottle of wine you donate will go towards paying for his cancer treatments.

Please call **Larry Clinton** at 577-8633, or email him at clinton_l@msn.com (that's clinton underline l @ msn.com). Larry will coordinate pickup or delivery of your donation at that time.

Please don't miss this event! We have some wonderful items donated for the auction, there will be wonderful foods and wines to taste and enjoy.

Best of all, your participation will be helping Roberto who has been a good friend to the Yakima Enological Society and to our town.

Larry Clinton

**Your Donation
Greatly Appreciated!**

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:
Charlena Paschen, 2480 Selah Loop Rd.,
Selah, WA 98924
Ph: (509) 697-3931
E-mail: tcpaschen@elltel.net

September Review

The September "Italian" tasting was a huge success! The attendance was 120 people who experienced great wine and food. I still can't believe how much food we ate and how good it was!

The credit has to go to **Lucho de la Combe** (owner of **Zesta Cuchina**) and his talented staff for choosing such great pairings for our five regional wines. A special thanks to our volunteers for pouring and clean-up. The only way we could afford these wines and food (for \$25.00 / person) was with our members help. Thanks to everyone who attended. We have a year to figure out where to travel to next!

John DiBari

Local Wine Events

Bob's Keg and Cork - Oct. 6th, featuring the wines of L'Ecole No. 41. Wine and appetizers. 6:30 PM, \$30 per person. Reservations suggested but not required. 573-3691.

Mike Libbee

NorthWest Wine Events

Walla Walla Food & Wine Adventure, Oct. 5-8, Walla Walla, Wash. Intimate hands-on classes with Northwest chefs, dinners with winemakers and artisan cheese makers, and luxury accommodations at Basel Cellars. Call 866-352-3663 or go to www.wallawallafoodandwine.com

For the Love of Wine! Oct. 10, Bend, Ore. A food-and-wine event and fund raiser for the newly expanded Alyce Hatch Center, which aids children at risk or with developmental delays. Cost: \$25. Call 541-389-7632.

Brooks Winery Winemaker Dinner, Oct. 25, Astoria, Ore. Enjoy dinner on the Oregon Coast at The Cellar on 10th, 1004 Marine Drive. Call 503-325-6600 for reservations.

These events and more are available on the Wine Press Northwest website: Visit www.winepressnw.com for more information.

Charlena Paschen



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Yakima Valley Museum

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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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