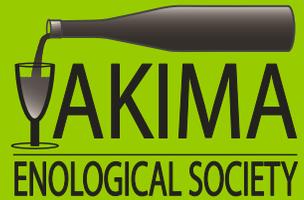


YES!



A monthly publication for members of the Yakima Enological Society

Coming next month...

**Taste wines
from Portugal**



**Plan Ahead
YES Calendar of
Upcoming Events**

November 12

Portuguese wines at the Yakima Valley Museum

December 9

YES Christmas Party at the Yakima Country Club

January 14, 2009

The Blind Leading the Blind

February 11, 2009

Location to be determined, but another great Valentine tasting will be planned

March 11, 2009

YES annual meeting and member potluck

~ Julie Johnson

**Prosser road trip...
Don't miss the bus!**

The bus trip on Sunday, Oct. 12th to the wineries of Prosser is slowly filling up, but we still have room for more. It will be a great way to spend a Sunday with your friends and guests and “no one has to be a designated driver.” If you had the opportunity to read Paul Gregutt’s wine article Sep. 10th in the Yakima Herald-Republic about this trip, then you know what to expect and some of the highlights to make sure you take in.

We will meet at the Yakima Valley Museum parking lot by 9:15 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. Our first stop will be the **Prosser Wine & Food Park**. During the two hours there you can choose from any or all of the following since all are within one to two blocks of each other: **Alexandria Nicole Cellars, Cowan Vineyards, CR Sandidge, Hogue Cellars, Kestrel Vintners, Mercer Estates, Prosser Wine Company, Heavens Cave Cellars and Whitstran Brewing.**

At 12:30 p.m. we will board the bus and go to **Desert Wind Vineyards** for lunch. The lunch will feature some of the fine food from their gourmet restaurant and also include two bottles of Desert Winds wine (one red and one white) on each table. You will have approx. one and a half hours to have lunch, taste additional wines, shop at their wonderful gift shop and tour the beautiful grounds.

At 2 p.m. sharp we will re-board the bus and proceed to the **Vintners Village**. During the scheduled two hours there you can select from any or all of the following wineries as they are all within a 2-3 block area: **Airfield Estates, Milbrandt Vineyards, Olsen Estates, Thurston Wolfe, Willow Crest** and the **Winemaker’s Loft** which is a wine studio shared by several small Boutique wineries: **Apex Cellars, Masquerade Wine Co., Michael Florentino, RiverAerie Cellars, Tasawik Cellars** and **Maison Bleue Winery**. Also, in the area is “The Yellow Rose Nursery” for those who want a break from all the wine.

At 4:15 p.m. sharp we will leave Prosser to return to Yakima. We should be back by approx. 5:15 p.m. Naturally if anyone wishes to purchase wine, there will be plenty of room in the baggage area on the bus. Just make sure your wine is well identified with your name.

The cost of this bus trip is \$45 per person. The maximum that we can take on the bus is 47. **Mail your registration or pay online by Oct. 2. Phone calls only to Jimi Weaver at 575-7511 on Oct. 6.** We have to give the bus company a head count on the morning of Oct. 7th. Don't miss it!

~ Chuck Johnson

August Tasting Review

High time at Tumbleweed Ranch

A September evening that combined perfect weather, delicious food, fun wines and good friends was enjoyed by the 49 members and guests at the Tumbleweed Ranch in Gleded. Janie Plath, the Executive



Director of the Pegasus Project, was there to explain the program and give a tour of the facility. It was through her generous offer of the site, and a lot of hard work on her part before and after the tasting, that made it the success it was. We are pleased to be able to give a donation to the project on behalf of YES, in appreciation of her efforts.

Chuck Johnson presented Trent Ball with a check for \$1,500 on behalf of YES. The money was raised through last year's Platinum event. The money will be used for two scholarships for students attending the wine program at YVCC. We have invited the recipients of the scholarships to a future YES event.



Chef Jessica Smith did her usual outstanding job of providing us with great food and in the selection of our "cowboy" themed wines. Our thanks to Buhrmaster Bakery and crew!



Gilbert Cellars was also there to allow YES members to sample two of their newer releases, an unoaked Chardonnay and a claret. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to visit their new tasting room in downtown Yakima, please stop by and enjoy their wonderful wines. You are in for a treat. Thank you

Sean Gilbert for so graciously providing your time and wine at our event.

Our best dressed cowboy and cowgal prizes were awarded to Jim and Sally Baldwin. They really got into the evening's theme and looked great. Thanks for adding to the fun.

Also thanks to Leo Lee and Soursley Sound and Communications for providing us with the sound equipment.

I also want to thank my pardner, Kathy Michielsen, for her help in putting the tasting together.

Lastly a great big thank you to all the helping hands. An organization such as ours depends on the generous volunteers who offer their time and support. We are fortunate to have so many and we are very appreciative.



~ Donna Lambert

Local Events

Tri-Cities Wine Festival November 7 & 8, 2008

This professionally judged wine competition culminates in a public tasting where wines from small boutique wineries are poured side-by-side with those from large producers. The public tasting is a venue where casual and serious wine lovers can advance their knowledge of Pacific Northwest wines while meeting wine makers, winery owners and their knowledgeable staff.

The Tri-Cities Wine Festival is sponsored by the Tri-Cities Wine Society, a chapter of the Northwest Enological Society.

For more information, visit their website at www.tricitiewinefestival.com

Hallowine on the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail October 25 & 26, 2008

Hallowine is a themed weekend in the Rattlesnake Hills. What's it about? Sampling great wine, costumes, pumpkins, wine discounts, and fun! Chills and thrills await you on the haunted trail. Stop in at each of the wineries to discover what treats they have available, or what 'costumed persona' will serve you. There could be wine-bar witches, pirates talking funny, or vampires dribbling wine (not blood) down their chins as you approach the tasting bars. But don't be afraid. "Ve only vant you to taste our vines!"

For more information, call 888-375-RHWT or visit the RHWT website at www.rattlesnakehills.com.

November tasting...

Portuguese wines

Hello YES members... Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 12 for an educational tasting of the wines of Portugal conducted by Judith Thoet, ISG Sommelier. The location is yet to be determined, but will probably be at the Museum. Due to the cost of European wines today, the food selection will be light but correctly paired with the wines offered. As with the tasting I conducted two years ago, this will be a lecture format combined with tasting the wines and food.

Please be sure to sign up early so I can order the correct amount of wines.

~ Judith Thoet
ISG Sommelier

Has your e-mail address changed recently?

Please remember to update your email address with YES whenever it changes. Contact Lynda Opiela.



New Member Welcome

We want to give a warm welcome to our



newest members, **Curt W. & Ellie Robins**. This brings the current membership of YES to 156.

Remember, to lower costs, we encourage our members to receive the YES newsletter by email. It is also a great way to get the newsletter without waiting for mail delivery. So if you would like to continue to receive our newsletter in this manner, be sure to send us your updated email address every time you change to a new server. Of course, you can always get the newsletter from our website: www.yakimawine.org.

~ Julie Johnson

What: Bus Trip to Prosser Wineries
When: Sunday, October 12 from 9 a.m.—5:15 p.m.
Where: Boards at the Yakima Valley Museum

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) _____

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Phone: _____

Important: Please include your phone number.

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President's Corner

Do you want to pay for a tasting with your credit card? If so, then Brown Paper Tickets is the place for you to register for our wine tastings. It is quick and simple. We set up the event when the newsletter gets posted to our website. Then you go on-line to **brownpapertickets.com**. Find our event, pay with your credit card and enter your name and those attending with you. Our registration person gets an e-mail from Brown Paper Tickets with the number of registrations. Within a few days after the event a check comes in the mail from Brown Paper Tickets to us. If the event maxes out on tickets sold, then Brown Paper Tickets will not let you register for the event. In that case call the phone number listed in the event article. There still may be room for you or you can be placed on a waiting list. The same registration deadlines apply as with the US Postal Service. And now for the fine print: for those of you that want to use the service a small administration fee is charged to you, about \$1-2.

The wine crush is on. Enjoy.

~Marie Clark, President