



A Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

September 2003

September Tasting - Italian Vacation



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www.yakimawine.org**

August is over. Labor Day has come and gone. It's September and summer is officially over. I love the fall, but before we let summer go entirely, let YES take you on one more trip.

In September we plan to go to Italy. Our trip will start in northeast Italy around the city of Verona (Romeo and Juliet's hometown) with a dry medium bodied Soave. We will then travel south to Apulia (the heel of the boot of Italy) on the Mediterranean Sea. Here we will sample a Primitivo that is thought to be the vine stock source for California Zinfandels.

Our next stop will be just east of Tuscany in the central growing region of

Umbria for a typical red table wine blend, and as long as we are near Tuscany, we will make a quick stop at Montalcino and sample a Brunello (the stalwart cousin to Chianti).

What wine trip is complete without visiting the Piedmont? After traveling North and East, we arrive at the famous Nebbiolo grape and a Barolo made in classic robust fashion.

What would all these wines be without appropriate food matches? We won't be able to answer that question, because **Lucho de Combe** (owner) and **Jeff Euteneier** (chef) from **Zesta**

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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

I hope everyone has had a good summer. It got a little warm at times but overall the weather has been good for the fall harvest.

I would like to encourage any members interested in learning more about the wine industry to get involved. Most all wineries appreciate volunteer help during the fall crushing and pressing season from September to November. They are willing to take whatever help you can offer. I have found it to be good exercise and the knowledge of how the grapes get turned into good wine stimulating. The wine you get to take home is also very nice.

If you are not able to work in the winery actually making the wine there are also opportunities in the tasting room. Tasting rooms need help pouring for visitors and at wine events. Having some knowledge of wine is nice but not a requirement because the staff of the tasting room will train you and answer any questions you may have. Your wine knowledge and experience will be enhanced by the experience. Approach one of the many wineries in the valley about volunteering. You may be surprised by the response.

YES sponsored a small group tasting at Windy Ridge in August. It was quite a success for those members that attended and for the winery itself. The YES Board would like to form a group interested in arranging these small group tastings composed of members that are interested in this type of event. Mike Libbee will be the Board member coordinating the group and would like to hear from anyone interested in being a part of the steering group. He can be reached at 829-6810 in Zillah at the Claar Cellars wine tasting room. Please give him a call if you are interested.

John DiBari

Italian Vacation

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Cucina have come up with great foods for each wine. For our members who attended the **Red Cross** function **Grand Vin** at the **DeAtley's** home this year or last year, Lucho and Jeff were responsible for the food! I think the choices are fabulous!

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 10th 2003

Place: Yakima Valley Museum

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

Cost: \$25.00 Members
\$30.00 Non-members
\$20.00 Non-drinkers

Bring: two wine glasses

Limited: 140 registrations



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sept 10	Italian Vacation Yakima Valley Museum
Sept 17	Board Meeting
Oct 8	Best Buys on Wine Yakima Valley Museum
Oct 11	Harvest Festival Selah Civic Center
Nov 12	New World Showdown Yakima Valley Museum

Postmarked by **Friday, September 5th**. Phone calls only on Monday, September 8th, to Marie Clark, **697-3364** (until 8:00 P.M.). Reservation by phone only on Monday 9/5/03 and if space is still available. Phone reservations have an obligation to pay the appropriate fee even if you do not attend the tasting.

Scott Summers

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

October Tasting

The YES wine tasting on October 8th will be held at the Yakima Valley Museum.

We have chosen best buys in Washington wine. If you would like to help please e-mail **John Di-Bari** at (jdibari@elltel.net)

John Dibari

November Tasting

Our November tasting will feature a "New World Showdown", comparing wines of Australia, California and Washington, which will be paired with foods of the three regions.

Stan Clarke will be our speaker.

Please mark your calendars - this promises to be a "not to be missed" event. It will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at the Yakima Valley Museum.



David Hysert and Jim Stoffer

Windy Point Tasting in Review

About 30 YES members ventured to Wapato on August 13th to visit with owners/winemakers Mike and Liz Stepniewski and sample the wares of Windy Point Vineyards. A lovely '02 Gewurtz began the proceedings, followed by four nice reds (Syrah seemed to be the crowd favorite) and an off-dry Riesling for dessert.

Traci and **Staci** of **Classy Catering** in Yakima did their usual bang-up job on the appetizers. **Mike's** assortment of rare terrapins even came out to greet an appreciative crowd. Mike and Liz were very impressed with the turnout and intend to join the society themselves.

We plan more small-group tastings in the future and welcome member input/assistance in coordinating these events.

Mike Libbee

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): _____

Name(s): _____

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? Roberto Donato FundRaiser

As you know, we are planning a fundraiser 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 that each YES member 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.

It would be easiest if you would bring your donations to the September 10 meeting, where we will arrange to collect your wine. If you can't attend the September event, or forget to bring your wine along, please give Larry Clinton a call 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 Roberta, who has been a good friend to the Yakima Enological Society and to our town.

Larry Clinton

**Your Donation
Greatly Appreciated!**

NorthWest Wine Events

Seven White Wonders, Sept. 9, The Tasting Room, Seattle. Wine educator Dieter Schafer guides you through white wines from Camaraderie Cellars, Harlequin Wine Cellars, Wineglass Cellars and four others. Cost: \$15. Call 206-770-9463.

Jazz in the Gardens, Sept. 11, Eden Valley Orchards, Medford, Ore. Enjoy Southern Oregon jazz bands paired with wines of the Rogue Valley. 6-9 p.m. Cost: \$3. Call 541-512-2955.

Portland Wine & Arts Festival, Sept. 12-14, Park Blocks, Portland. More than 60 wineries and 50 artists participate in the inaugural event. Go to <http://www.winefestival-portland.com>

Lost Mountain Art & Wine Festival, Sept. 13-14, Sequim, Wash. Celebrate Olympic Peninsula art and wine. Enjoy music from the Seattle Spring Quartet Jazz Band. Go to <http://www.lmfestival.com>

Bold and Beautiful, Sept. 18, Wine Museum, Kelowna, B.C. A tasting of bold red wines and elegant whites. Cost: \$20 CDN. Call 250-868-0441.

Grape Stomp and Harvest Celebration, Sept. 20-21, Willamette Valley Vineyards, Turner, Ore. Test your grape-stomping skills and wine prizes. Live music, food and wine. Call 800-344-9463.

Harvest Winelover's Dinner, Sept. 27, Chateau Bianca, Dallas, Ore. Five courses paired with four wines. Call 503-623-6230.

Catch the Crush, Sept. 27-28, Tri-Cities, Wash. Experience harvest and crush in Washington's Columbia Valley. Call 509-628-8082 or go to <http://www.columbiavalleywine.com>

Wine Fest Warm-up, Oct. 2, Wine Museum, Kelowna, B.C. A fun seminar to help you navigate through the Okanagan Fall Festival. Cost: \$20 CDN. Call 250-868-0441.

Columbia Cascade Winery Association Harvest Fest, Oct. 4, north-central Washington. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at participating wineries.

Chef's Night Out, Oct. 5, Willamette Valley Vineyards, Turner, Ore. Annual fund-raiser for Marion-Polk Food Share. Call 503-581-3855.

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

Charlena Paschen

Washington Wine Ambassador's Unite

We have received inquiries from people of all ages with a wide array of backgrounds from retirees, wine professionals, physicians, educators, students, scientists, and amazingly enough from people from all over the country interested in becoming Washington Wine Ambassadors.

This is a SPECIAL INVITATION to taste excellent Washington wines and be exposed to ALL that the Washington wine industry has to offer you. You will meet many other enthusiasts, the staff at the Washington Wine Center and the Cork Board members.

WHEN: September 19, 2003
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: **The Top of the Market**
93 Pike Place
Seattle, WA 98101

There is parking for \$1 in Market Ramp after 5:00pm.

Space is limited, so PLEASE RSVP to ambassador@washingtonwine.org ASAP!

The tasting is complimentary and your \$20 membership to become a member Washington Wine Ambassador includes:

- ◆ "Will Work for Wine" T-shirt
- ◆ Washington Wine Country Touring Brochure
- ◆ Informational Kit on the Washington Wine Industry
- ◆ Periodic Newsletters
- ◆ Current Press Releases

We will present an overview of the Washington wine industry, the Washington Wine Center and its various aims. Our periodic newsletters will make you aware of other educational opportunities and let you know how you can become more involved in the industry as a volunteer.

The main goal is to arm Washington Wine Ambassadors with a simple, uniform message which they can in turn take across the state, the country, and around the world.

We look forward to meeting you!

Gary Cox



September 2003

First Class Mail

P.O. Box 2395
Yakima, WA 98907

Italian Vacation

Deadline: *Postmarked by Friday, Sept 5th*

Name(s): _____

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Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Yakima Valley Museum

Event: *Wed, September 10th, 2003 6:30 PM*

Members: _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

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

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

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

Please clip & mail with your check to:

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