

SAVE THE DATE



"Picnic at the Vineyard" in Naches Heights, May 13, 6:30 p.m. Bring your picnic and enjoy the wines of "The Tasting Room" of Naches Heights, a combination of three wineries—Naches Heights Winery, Wilridge and Harlequin Winery. The facility is nestled in the vineyard and overlooks the Lower Cowlitz Canyon Trail, a spectacular location.

--Gerry Amos

Plan Ahead YES Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 11

Platinum VII Dinner

May 13

The Tasting Room, Yakima
in Naches Heights

June 10

A Summer Night Downtown

July 8

Hawaiian Party at Bert's Place

August 15

A Case of the Blues

September 9

Wines of Portugal
(rescheduled from 2008)

October 18

Bus Trip to Hood River

~ Julie Johnson

Last Chance for Platinum

We are less than three weeks away from our seventh annual Platinum dinner. I firmly believe that this will be the best Platinum we have ever sponsored. We have all Platinum wines, no golds, we have a seven-course menu rather than six, and we have six winemaker's tables, including wineries from Canada (a first) and Oregon. So please talk to your friends because we want to sell out. We still have a few seats available at winemaker's tables and since the cost of these seats is only \$10 more than the regular price, they are a bargain. Those seated at a winemaker's table also get a bottle of the hosting winemaker's favorite wine to take home with them.

Also this year we are going to have a silent auction during the reception hour. This silent auction will include three-bottle lots of wine from the Platinum winners. These "Easter Baskets" will allow the lucky winners to take home some of these impossible-to-get Platinum wines. Naturally, we will also have the regular auction that will feature case lots of Double Platinum reds, Double Platinum whites, Platinum reds, Platinum whites, and more, as well as some surprise items provided by Chateau Ste. Michelle and K-Vintners. Remember that the proceeds from this event will go to the Yakima Valley Community College's wine program.

Do not hesitate. This is the one premier wine event put on by YES that really benefits the community and the industry. If you know wine lovers from outside the Yakima area, remind them that we have a special room rate at the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott. Have them call 509-452-3100 and mention the Platinum Dinner to reserve a king suite at only \$89 per night. So get your group together and spend an unforgettable evening indulging in some of the Pacific Northwest's best food and wine. Remember April 11th, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Yakima Country Club. Hope to see everyone there.

For a look at the final menu and the wine pairing by course go to:
<http://yakimawine.org/p7menu.pdf>

Download your registration or pay through Brown Paper Ticket at:
<http://yakimawine.org/events.html>

Date **Saturday, April 11, 2009**

Place **Yakima Country Club**

Time **6p.m. Reception, 7 p.m. Dinner**

Cost **\$140 per person**

\$150 per person for Winemakers Table



~Chuck Johnson

Platinum VII Dinner Reservation

Saturday, April 11, 2009 ~ Yakima Country Club

6:00 pm ~ Reception & Greeting Wines

7:00 pm ~ Dinner featuring six courses and Platinum Wines

You may purchase tickets individually or purchase a table of ten. If you are purchasing a Wine Makers table, the table will be limited to eight as you will be seated with a winemaker and their guest (for a total of ten). You will also go home with a bottle of wine! **If you are buying a whole table, please send in the money for all of your table along with a list of the people at your table. In that way you will be guaranteed to sit together!** If you are not buying a table, but would like to be seated with friends, please write their names below and we will make an effort to seat you accordingly.

- 1. Name: _____ 6. Name: _____
- 2. Name: _____ 7. Name: _____
- 3. Name: _____ 8. Name: _____
- 4. Name: _____ 9. Name: _____
- 5. Name: _____ 10. Name: _____

Regular seating - \$140/person.....Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$140 = _____

Wine Makers Table - \$150/person.....Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$150 = _____

Total Enclosed: \$_____

- Contact phone number: _____ Contact e-mail _____
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(Required for confirmation and in case of questions)

We would like to be seated with: _____

Every effort will be made to seat you with the people you have listed, however this can not be guaranteed unless you are purchasing a whole table. If no seating preference is made, your seating will be assigned for you.

Please mail this form along 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.

March in Review

The March annual meeting was attended by 30 members and two guests. We had some interesting wines to enjoy with our always-fabulous potluck dishes. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and we certainly had enough to eat and drink.

Our short business meeting produced two new board members. YES President Marie Clark thanked those board members stepping down this year and also noted those remaining for another term. Marie recapped our previous year of tastings and gave a preview of our upcoming tastings for the new membership year. We are looking forward to some interesting tastings in the future.

~Virginia Gable

Korks 4 Kids

We all want to live green, right, and help improve our planet? Well now there is a way for wine drinkers to keep drinking and do it for a good cause. YES member Cathy Goshorn explains below:

The Korks for Kids Program (a division of Recycle Corks USA) partners with consumers and recycling companies to collect and recycle wine corks and scrap cork material. Proceeds from recycling the corks are donated to the Autism Foundation. This is a great way to remove some waste from the landfill while donating to a worthy cause.


Please bring your corks to the YES events and I will collect and mail them to the Korks 4 Kids program. Visit their website for more information:

www.recyclecorkusa.com.

Thank you, Cathy Goshorn

Remember, this is only for “real” wine corks and not the artificial varieties. Look for the “Korks for Kids” container at future YES tastings.

~Julie Johnson

 Yakima Enological Society Membership Application New _____ Renewal _____	Mail completed application with check to: Yakima Enological Society PO Box 2395 Yakima WA 98907												
	Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Name: _____ Email: _____ Address: _____ Newsletter by email? Yes _____ No _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____												
<p>PLEASE NOTE: Law requires members to be of legal age. Minors are not permitted at tastings.</p> <p><u>As a volunteer organization, it is expected that members will check at least one box below:</u></p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Help with food preparation for tastings</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Wine research for tastings</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Help with greeting and guest registration</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Pouring wine/serving food</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Help with organizing a tasting</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Help with set-up for a tasting</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Board membership/planning</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Help with clean-up after a tasting</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Writing/finding articles for newsletter</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sharing my wine knowledge at tastings</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Anything to help at a tasting</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sharing knowledge with handouts, talks, slides</td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Help with food preparation for tastings	<input type="checkbox"/> Wine research for tastings	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with greeting and guest registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Pouring wine/serving food	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with organizing a tasting	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with set-up for a tasting	<input type="checkbox"/> Board membership/planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with clean-up after a tasting	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing/finding articles for newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharing my wine knowledge at tastings	<input type="checkbox"/> Anything to help at a tasting	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharing knowledge with handouts, talks, slides
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<p>Annual Dues: \$40 __ Couple \$25 __ Single Membership term from 03/01/2009 to 03/01/2010</p> <p>Membership is non-transferable.</p>													

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President's Corner

We had a great time at the Annual Meeting and potluck. After a review of the past year, we re-elected the following members whose terms were up in March 2009 : Julie Johnson, Virginia Gable, Susan McPhee, Carolyn Ferris and Kathy Michielsen. We then elected two new board members: Curt Robins and Ron Larin. They are great additions to our team. The remaining current board members will be up for reelection next year. Remember, we could still elect one more board member, so if you are aware of anyone with an interest in wine who would be willing to serve on the board and help support our local wine industry, let us know.

Stepping down off the board were Lynda Opelia, Leo Lee and Donna Lambert. We are very thankful for all the hard work they have done for club.

We rounded out the meeting with a look to our future tastings. Tentative plans for each month through January have been made. We are flexible and are open to suggestions, just inform a current board member.

I hope to see you at Platinum VII.

~Marie Clark, President

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