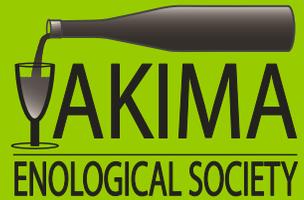


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YES Annual Meeting and Member Potluck

Save March 11th for our Annual Meeting — one of our most fun tastings of the year, our Potluck. As usual, we will be savoring some special food prepared by our super cooks.

This year we will add a new twist to our tasting — bring a bottle of your favorite wine (not more than \$15) to pair with your food.

The tasting will begin with a short meeting. See you there.

~Virginia Gable

Plan Ahead YES Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 11

Plaza Socievole tasting

March 11

YES annual meeting and member potluck

April 11

Platinum VII Dinner

May 13

The Tasting Room, Yakima in Naches Heights

June 10 (tentative)

A Yakima "Walkabout"

July 8

Summer Party at Bert's Place

August 15

A Case of the Blues

February Cheer... Red, White or Pink!

Need to beat the winter doldrums? Come join us at Plaza Socievole Winery for our February 11th tasting. The tasting room is located in downtown Yakima on the ground level of the historic Larson Building (formerly the Dunbar Jewelers location), 120 East Yakima Ave. They

have a great tasting room with warm ambiance and a wonderful staff. Check out their website at

www.plazasocievole.com.



The winery will be pairing foods to go with their wines. They have some whites, a rose and some reds. In other words, there's something to please everyone.

It's a great way to avoid the crowds on Valentine's Day by celebrating early, and you'll get a flavor of the new downtown Yakima. You can also learn how to pronounce their name correctly, thereby impressing your friends and family!



The owners of Plaza Socievole would like this to be a successful tasting for us so they have requested that we get our count to them by February 6, 2009. We are limited to a maximum of 60 participants, so get your registration in early if you plan to attend.

Date: February 11, 2009

Location: Plaza Socievole

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$32 members, \$37 guests

Registrations postmarked or paid online to Brown Paper Ticket by February 5, 2009. Call-ins only on February 6, 2009 to Gerry Amos, 966-7521 or Jimi Weaver, 575-7511 no later than 6 p.m.



Red Wine and Chocolate

Yakima valley, Feb. 14—16, 2009

For information, visit <http://www.wineyakimavalley.org>

A Look at The Blind Leading the Blind

The Blind Leading the Blind is not about our sense of sight. Our sight and hearing skills are well developed early in life. Our senses of taste and smell are used as often as our sight and hearing. However, they are less developed and are not as discriminatory. How often when we lose our sense of taste do we get a device to help us out like glasses for sight or a hearing aid for hearing? I bet you cannot think of such a device for tasting or smelling. If we had to depend on our sense of smell to live, we would develop the discriminatory skills necessary.

Describing wines via our senses of taste and smell is more nebulous than describing something by our sense of sight. Most of us can pretty much get the same picture if you said an object looked like a wet mouse. But what if you described an object as smelling like a wet mouse? Verbal descriptions of both depend on our reference to other things. Wines are the same. It smells “citrusy” or more specifically “like grapefruit” or vegetative versus green beans. And then there is the complication of multiple flavors hitting our tongue all at the same time.

We may be blind in a sense because most of us have not developed our senses to be able to discriminate between flavors and aromas and then associate them with something that someone else would also recognize in the same way.

Congratulations to Bert McDonnell for winning a free tasting by having the most correct answers in matching descriptions of the senses of taste and smell from the wine tasting notes and then figuring out the varietals of our wines.

Thanks to all who assisted in the tasting: Chuck Johnson and Bruce Lambert for opening the wines; Joan and Bill Harrison, Donna Lambert, Virginia Gable, and Julie Johnson for setting the tables; Cheryl Franks, Kathy Michielsen, and first-time visitor Laura Siebol for assisting in the food arrangement; Bev and Johnny Warren and Gerry and Christine Amos for their assistance in cleaning up.

The Water Chestnut Dip recipe is included in this newsletter, as requested by several tasters. Here are the wines we tasted. All are available locally except for the Cabernet Blanc from Canada.

Church and State Wines 2007 Church Mouse Cabernet Blanc, \$20 Canadian
 Teft Cellars 2007 Dolcetto Rose, Yakima Valley
 Maryhill Winery Rose of Sangiovese 2007, \$15
 Hogue 2007 Pinot Grigio, Columbia Valley \$10
 Snoqualmie Winemaker’s Select 2007 Riesling, Columbia Winery, \$10
 Kiona Vineyards Winery 2007 Chenin Blanc
 Duck Pond 2006 Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, \$20
 Kiona Vineyards Winery 2005 Lemberger, \$12
 Kana Winery 2005 Tempranillo, Columbia Valley, \$18

~Marie Clark

Water Chestnut Dip

2 cups onions, chopped

1 1/3 cup mayonnaise

2 cups low-fat white cheese, grated

1 Tbls. Tabasco

1 tsp. Worcestershire

2 cans sliced water chestnuts

Mix all ingredients together in an ovenproof dish and bake at 350°F for 20-30 minutes or until bubbly. Serve with crackers.

~From Mary Pelzel
 May 1995



Has your email address changed?

Be sure to let us know!

Plan Ahead for Platinum VII

We are proud to announce that this year’s dinner will be held at the Yakima Country Club on Saturday April 11th. Chef Greg Masset will provide a six (6) course meal to accompany the wines that were selected from the 2008 platinum judging recently completed by Wine Press Northwest. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a reception featuring two Double Platinum award winning Red wines and two Platinum winning Whites, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The dinner will be accompanied by a flight of Pinot Gris, a flight of Riesling, a flight of Cabernet Franc, a flight of Syrah, a flight of Malbec and finally dessert wine to cap the evening. This year we have added a sixth course of Northwest cheeses.

YES members are being given first chance at the tickets and an early bird price of \$125 per person if your paid reservation is received by March 1, 2009. This price is good for you and any guests you want to bring, but all tickets must be paid for by the deadline of March 1st. After March 1st, the price will be \$140 per person and we will expand our advertising to the general public and members of the country club. As with prior tasting events, you can charge your tickets through “Brown Paper Ticket” if you wish to use a credit card.

This year there will be four (4) Winemakers tables available. These will accommodate 8 guests per table plus the Winemakers. Cost for these special tables is \$150 per person. Remember that in addition to spending the evening with special winery people, you also receive a bottle of wine from that winery to take home with you.

A registration form is included with this newsletter, so get your group together and get your money in for the early bird special. More updates, wine lists and menu information will follow in next month’s newsletter.

~Charles Johnson

What: February Cheer, Red, White or Pink
When: Wednesday, February 11 — 6:30 p.m.
Where: Plaza Socievole

Yes, we’ll be there...

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Phone: _____

Important: Please include your phone

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

**Postmarked or online
by Thursday, February 5 2008**

Pay online at www.yakimawine.org

Members ----- @ \$32 = \$ _____

Guests ----- @ \$37 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please include your email address if you would like to receive future newsletters by email:

If you would like to help with this tasting, please select one of the following:

Set Up Food Prep Registration Greeter Pourer Clean Up

Please clip and mail this form with your check to: Yakima Enological Society, PO Box 2395, Yakima WA 98907

All reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE

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President's Corner

Hello fellow enologists;

It is that time of year when we need to renew our membership in the Yakima Enological Society. Our current membership year ends on March 1, 2009. Therefore within the next week you will receive by USPS a letter from me with a renewal form for membership. Please do not set it aside. Fill it out and mail it in with your registration for the February tasting, bring it to the tasting or mail it in soon. Renewal forms are also available on-line at our web site at any time. You will also notice a small increase in our dues. As indicated at the last Annual Meeting, our dues would go up again this year. This is bringing our dues in line with our non-tasting expenses, such as the newsletter, website and insurance. See you at Plaza Socievole...

~Marie Clark, President



**Watch for your
YES Membership Renewal
to come by mail soon!**

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Platinum VII Dinner Reservation

Saturday, April 11, 2009 ~ Yakima Country Club

6:00 p.m. ~ Reception & Greeting Wines

7:00 p.m. ~ Dinner

Double Platinum & Platinum Wines served with Dinner

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.

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

Regular seating - \$125/person: **.....Number of Attendees: ____ @ \$125 = _____

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

** note-price good until 3/1 /2009

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Your Contact Telephone: _____(Required, 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:
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All Reservations must be paid for in advance and are Non-Refundable.
