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Society
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Pacific Northwest

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YES!



A monthly publication for members of the Yakima Enological Society

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let us know!**



Plan Ahead YES Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

September 9

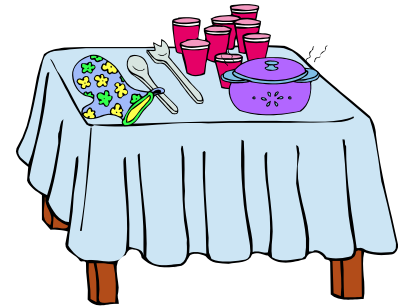
Wines of Portugal
(rescheduled from 2008)

~ Julie Johnson

It's March...

Time for our Annual Meeting and Member Potluck

The Society's annual meeting will be held March 11, 2009 at the Yakima Valley Museum. This year we ask that each couple bring one bottle of wine — worth not more than \$15.00 — to go with your potluck item. If you don't bring a bottle of wine, you will be charged \$10.00 as well as the registration fee.



We will have a short annual meeting. We would especially like to have some suggestions for future tastings that will encourage more members to attend our events.

We have some board members who will be stepping down, so come prepared with the names of interested people who would like to serve on the YES board.

DATEWed. March 11,2009

PLACE ...Yakima Valley Museum

**TIME.....6:30 p.m. Registration
7 p.m. Potluck Dinner**

**COST\$10 Members
\$15 Guests**

**BRING ...1 bottle of wine and 1 wine glass plus an
Appetizer, Casserole, Salad, or Dessert
of your choice**



Registration postmarked or paid online to Brown Paper Ticket by Thursday, March 5, 2009.

Phone calls only on Friday, March 6, 2009 to Jimi Weaver at 575-7511 or Gerry Amos at 966-7521 no later than 6 p.m.

~Virginia Gable

Celebrate Spring at the Platinum VII Dinner

What better way to celebrate Easter and the arrival of spring in our beautiful Yakima Valley than by sitting down to an elegant, gourmet dinner with world class wine in the lovely setting of the Yakima Country Club. Please join Yakima Enological Society members and guests for our Seventh Annual Platinum Dinner on April 11, 2009 beginning at 6:00 pm. For a look at the final menu and the wine pairing by course go online to: <http://yakimavine.org/p7menu.pdf>

The wines have all been procured and are in the process of being picked up from the wineries. We currently have six (6) wineries that are sponsoring winemaker's tables. Those wineries are Arcane Cellars, Salem OR; Barking Frog Winery, Carlton, OR; Tsillan Cellars, Chelan, WA; Cascade Cliffs Winery, Columbia Gorge, WA; Wind River Cellars, Columbia Gorge, WA; and LaFrenz Estate Winery, Penticton, Canada. Limited seats are available at each winemaker's table at \$150 per person. Along with good conversation you will also receive a bottle of wine selected by your winemaker. If you have a request for a specific winemaker's table, please let us know and we will do our best to honor that request, but no guarantees.

Seating is limited to 164 people. Paid registration will be confirmed by phone or email. Cost is \$140 per person. Remember this is for a seven-course meal planned by General Manager Rene' Groeger and Executive Chef Greg Masset, served with 17 of the very best wines in the Pacific Northwest. The 17 wines for the evening were selected from the top winners at the Wine Press Northwest's Platinum Judging held in Kennewick last November. Of the 320 or so wines judged, only eight wines were awarded Double Platinum. We will be serving seven of them at our event. The remaining 10 selected wines were all Platinum winners. All the wines entered in the Platinum Judging had to be a previous gold medal winner from a list of sanctioned competitions. A

Double Platinum is awarded only when all five judges agree that the wine is a Platinum winner. So this should be a very special evening and one you do not want to miss.

We have also obtained a special room rate for your out-of-town guests at the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott (137 North Fair Avenue, Yakima, WA — Telephone 509-452-3100). These are King Suites with breakfast included for \$89 per night. Just mention Yakima Enological Society or Platinum Dinner for your special rate.

Get your group together and spend an unforgettable evening indulging in some of the Pacific Northwest's best food and wine.



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

~Chuck Johnson

February Tasting Recap



Fifty-one people attended the February tasting which was held on February 11th at Plaza Socievole. Rita Jorgensen (owner) and Bryan Eglet (owner and winemaker) did a fabulous job pairing foods with all six of their wines. Dry Riesling with fresh Steelhead in a dill, pineapple and raw honey glaze, along with mini stuffed portabella mushrooms paired with the Renaissance Red (Bordeaux-style blend), not to mention the JOVE (Super Tuscan) paired with the chocolate cakes covered with Harmony (Viogner and Rousanne blend) raspberry sauce were just some of our choices. The owners were kind enough to give us a discount on the room rental as well as a discount on wine purchases. Many of the participants had not yet been to the downtown winery and were surprised at what a beautiful setting and tasting room The Plaza is. They even offer live music on the weekends. A great time was had by all.

~Kathy Michielsen



**March
Martini
Madness
at the
Yakima Valley
Museum**

- ▣ *cool cocktails in a Neon Garden 60's style*
- ▣ *hip guests*
- ▣ *themed martini bars*
- ▣ *celeb bartenders*
- ▣ *sublime cocktail creations*
- ▣ *gourmet hors 'd oeuvres*
- ▣ *"Rat Pack" music*

**Get Your Cool On
March 27th
6:30—9 p.m.
Yakima Valley Museum
2105 Tieton Drive**

Let the madness begin! Mark your calendar and buy your tickets now, before this must-attend social is sold out! The fun-raiser is \$45 per person. Admission includes two masterfully mixed martinis and appetizers aplenty, and the no host bar is open all night.

Keep the fun going at the exclusive after-hours party for just \$25 more.

Get your tickets online at Brown Paper Tickets—<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/57371>
Proceeds benefit the Yakima Valley Museum

~submitted by David Lynx

What: Annual Meeting and Potluck
When: Wed., Mar. 11 — 6:30 p.m. Register / 7 p.m. Dinner
Where: Yakima Valley Museum

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Postmarked or online
by Thursday, March 5, 2009
Pay online at www.yakimawine.org

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) _____

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Phone: _____

Important: Please include your phone

Members ----- @ \$10 = \$ _____

Guests ----- @ \$15 = \$ _____

Membership Renewal \$ _____

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

It is almost Spring. The vines have been pruned. Daffodils are sticking their heads above the ground. The first robins are showing up. It is also our membership renewal time. Your membership renewal form should have appeared in your postal mail. Please return it with your March tasting fee. You will still have a couple of months of grace period where you will continue to get our newsletter. After that you will be dropped from our mailing list. So if no newsletter appears in July, we have not received your renewal form or your mailing/e-mail address is incorrect. Please contact us at contact@yakimawine.org if you have a question about your membership because we do not want to lose you!



I hope to see you at the annual meeting.

~Marie Clark, President

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