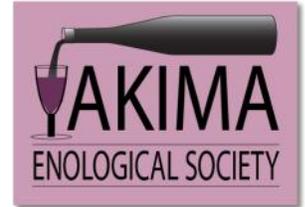


The Y.E.S. Newsletter

A monthly publication for members of the Yakima Enological Society



Fun & Romance, French Style, at our May Event, featuring Masset Winery & the Carousel French Restaurant & Bistro. Music by the very talented Gary Malner.



*This event was originally scheduled in February and was canceled due to extreme weather. Ladies & Gents, feel free to wear your Valentine's attire. We are excited to see everyone who has already registered for this event as it is **SOLD OUT!***

We are excited to announce that Greg Masset, Owner & Wine Maker of Masset Winery, will be presenting some of his wonderful wines. Greg will share updates on his future wine releases, such as Carménère, Primitivo, to name a few. He will be pairing five of his delicious wines with the Carousel's ahhhhhazing French food creations! To enhance the romantic mood, we will also be entertained by the fun spirited & lively French accordion playing of Gary Malner.

The Menu and Wine pairings:

- ♥ Greeting Wine: Masset Sandra Jean
- ♥ Smoked Salmon Crostini with Cavier paired with Masset Chardonnay
- ♥ Mushrooms stuffed with confit shallots, roasted red pepper & celery paired with Masset Basket Pressed Syrah
- ♥ Roasted Chicken Roulade stuffed with garlic mustard, mushrooms, shallots & herbs with a roasted tomato & red wine sauce, with potatoes paired with Masset Barbera
- ♥ Chocolate Mousse topped with Strawberries paired with Love Potion #9

See you at

THE VINE VENUE
2506 Old Town Road, Union Gap
Connie Jo Eisenzimmer



THE DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, May 10

Time: Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Vine Venue
2506 Old Town Road, Union Gap
(Northwest corner of Skateland)

Notes: Bring two wine glasses; one for white and one for red

Registration: **This event is sold out!**

New Member Welcome

Y.E.S. welcomes four new members; **Ben and Ann Hittle** and **Rod and Denise Peterson**. The current membership count is 67.



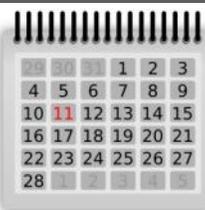
As the new membership year starts, ask friends and family to join. A membership form can always be found at the Y.E.S. website.

The calendar for the upcoming year is planned with such wineries as **Owen Roe** and **Cote Bonneville**. The Bus Trip in October to Woodinville is in the planning stage.

The calendar (Plan Ahead) is always available at the bottom of the first page of the Y.E.S. Newsletter.

As always, we encourage membership to be involved. Contact any Board member if you would like to help at a tasting.

— Marietta Barr



Plan Ahead... Y.E.S. Calendar of Upcoming Events

— Greg Masset

June 14...
Blind Leading the Blind
Yakima Valley Museum

July 12...
Owen Roe Winery

August...
No Y.E.S. Event
Enjoy other local events

President's Corner

May 2017

Gene and I recently returned from a trip to Iceland. It literally is a country of volcanoes and glaciers. The total population of the island is only 330,000. The cost of living is very high with a 24% tax because most everything has to be imported. The country has very limited agricultural land—so no wineries. However, we did enjoy several wines imported from the winery, Barone Montalto, located in southern Sicily. One wine that was frequently available was made with the grape, Nero d'Avola, the most important red wine grape in Sicily. The



grape is named after the town, Avola, in the far south of Sicily and the wines are compared to Syrahs with sweet tannins and plum or peppery flavor.

As you travel the world, there is a glass of wine waiting for you!

— Cheryl Probasco, Y.E.S. President

May Teaser: Blind Leading the Blind

The Blind Leading the Blind will be June 14th. I am leading you Down Under to taste some fabulous wines from Australia. Come join the fun.

— Marie Clark

April Tasting Recap: Platinum XV

Word about the Y.E.S. Platinum Dinner continues to grow and gain support from the wine industry and all those who appreciate great wines.

We began the evening with a Winemaker's Reception honoring the wineries and winemakers of the platinum wines featured at the event. This year we had sixteen wineries that were showcased. The wineries were: **Reustle-Prayer Rock Vineyards, Abacela Winery and Spangler Vineyards** from Oregon; **Gehring Brothers Estate Winery, Bench 1775 and CC Jentsch Cellars** from Canada; **Clearwater Canyon Cellars and Cinder Wines** from Idaho; **Palencia Winery, Maryhill Winery, Thurston Wolfe Winery, Cave B Estate Winery, Bunnell Family Cellars, Saviah Cellars, Alexandria Nicole Cellars and Yakima Valley Vintners** from Washington.

During the Winemaker's reception we enjoyed appetizers accompanied by six outstanding Double Platinum wines. We also had our popular gift baskets during a silent auction prior to the dinner. During dinner we had some great live auction items including cases of Platinum award winning wines from the event, special dinners and two guest judging positions from Wine Press Northwest for the three-day judging of wines to select the Platinum winners for 2017. Remember the proceeds from the silent and live auctions always go to provide scholarships for students studying Enology and Viticulture in the Pacific Northwest. Due to your generosity the Platinum dinner has provided over \$60,000 in scholarships. This year we were able to provide scholarships to the Enology and Viticulture programs at Yakima Valley College, Walla Walla

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Community College, Washington State University, Okanagan College in British Columbia and Umpqua Community College in Oregon.

Special thanks to all the wineries that participated and made their wines available for our scholarship awarding event. We want to thank the Platinum committee for their organization of the event, particularly the work of **Jack Topper** and **Hank Sauer** from Wine Press Northwest for their emceeding of the evening's program, as well as the professional staff of the **Yakima Country Club** whose hard work makes the event possible.

If you missed this year's dinner, please make plans to include this premier event for 2018.

— Chuck Johnson