

## The Blind Leading the Blind Down Under



We are traveling Down Under to feature wines from Australia. As they finished picking their grapes for this year, we will be trying wines from last year and earlier. Their Shiraz varietal is the most featured of the Australian wines but they have many of the same varietals that we do. Come try a Shiraz, Cabernet, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, Chardonnay and a few others.

The twist at this tasting is that we will try them blindly—not knowing what is in the glass. Your challenge, if you choose to accept it, is to match the wines to their description and then decide which varietal it is. Each varietal has its own characteristic flavor(s) and aroma(s). These flavors and aromas are altered by the process of turning grape juice into wine. Picking out the subtle flavors and aromas is a learned skill of association with known flavors and aromas. It takes a lot of effort to train our nose and palate to accomplish this. It is just another step in learning more about wines and appreciating the differences.



We will serve three sets of three varietals, so bring three glasses per person. We will start off with three white wines. As you taste the wine, compare your thoughts with the tasting notes often found on the bottle. As you match the wine with the tasting notes, decide what varietal you are tasting. We will then repeat this with light red wines and then full-bodied red wines.

— Marie Clark

## July Teaser: Owen Roe Winery

We will enjoy an outside patio event at **Owen Roe Winery** on July 12. Eight lucky attendees will enjoy a private vineyard tour in a Pinzgauer. More details to come.

— Dorene Boyle



### THE DETAILS

**Date:** Wednesday, June 14

**Time:** Registration at 6:30 p.m.; Tasting at 7 p.m.

**Location:** Yakima Valley Museum (2105 Tieton Drive)

**Cost:** Members \$30; Non-members \$40

**Hostess:** Marie Clark

**Notes:** Bring three wine glasses (per person)

**Registration deadlines:**

**Mail in:** Postmarked by Friday, June 9

**Online:** By 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 11. Go to: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2961707>

**Phone:** Call Marie Clark at 697-3364 **until 8 p.m.**

**Monday, June 12**



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

— Greg Masset

**July 12...**

**On the patio at Owen Roe Winery**

**August...**

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

**September...**

**French Wine Tasting**  
The Carousel

## May Tasting Recap: Fun and Romance

The May event was held at **The Vine Venue** with lively, fun accordion music by **Gary Malner**, fantastic food presented by **Carousel French Cuisine** and complex delicious wines by winemaker **Greg Masset**.

The "red bow-tied gentlemen" were our servers once again, along with Heidi from the Carousel, and everyone was able to relax, get served, and just enjoy!!!

Our thanks again to **John & Kesty Angel**, the proprietors of Carousel French Cuisine; Greg Masset, the winemaker and owner of Masset Winery; music by the talented Gary Malner; and another big thanks to all of our wonderful servers!!! Thank you to all who attended!!

— Connie Jo



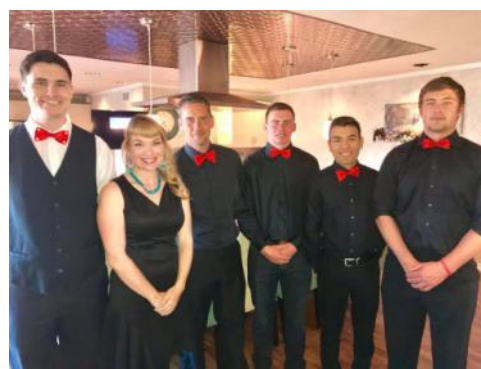
*John and Kesty Angel,  
proprietors of Carousel French Cuisine*



*Winemaker Greg Masset,  
owner of Masset Winery*



*Accordion player Gary Malner*



*Our attentive serving staff*

## Are You Ready for a Weekend Getaway to the Woodinville Wine District?

The Y.E.S. Board is currently researching a Saturday–Sunday bus trip to the mega-cluster of wineries in the Woodinville area. The current plan is for an early departure on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will board a 47-person tour bus for the scenic trip over Snoqualmie Pass. (The tour bus will cost somewhere between \$40 and \$72 per person, depending upon how many folks sign up.)



We have received quotes and package options from four nice hotels in the Woodinville vicinity. One-night price quotes range from \$100 to \$350.

Once settled in at our selected group hotel, we will grab a bite to eat, then we will be shuttled by our tour bus driver to the various Woodinville wine districts. We are anticipating three strategically located bus stops. We will ask the tour bus driver to circle through all three hubs, on one-hour intervals, providing us time to visit the wineries we choose.

At checkout time on Sunday, the tour bus will return to our hotel to load us up.

On our trip back to Yakima, we are considering a stop at Suncadia's **Swiftwater Winery**, for wine tasting and lunch.

Per-person costs will depend upon how many folks sign up, which hotel we select, and how many "group meals" we plan to arrange. This is where we'd like your feedback. If you are interested in this experience, please provide us with feedback ASAP at:  
RB.Lewis@Frontier.com.

Thank You.

— Roy Lewis

### President's Corner

June 2017

The **Grape to Glass Gala** was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner and wine event at the YVC teaching winery in Grandview on May 13. After a tour of the winery facility, we were presented with four greeting wines paired with the first course bites and then sat down to enjoy the second course consisting of a fabulous soup and butter lettuce salad paired with Semillon. The third course was chicken braised in white wine with a Chardonnay and prime rib bourguignon with glazed new potatoes and asparagus paired with a Cabernet Sauvignon. Ending the meal, we enjoyed mousse and a Rosé tasting plus a triple chocolate brownie paired with a Merlot. Seven of the eight wines served were made by the students, and all were excellent. Dinner was prepared by chef **Kate Platt of NanaKate's**, and music was provided by **Smooth as Jazz**. Please consider attending this excellent event next year—all proceeds benefit student scholarships.



— Cheryl Probasco, Y.E.S. President

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### New Member Welcome

Welcome to new members: **Joan and Derek LaFramboise** and **Susan Woodard**. Current membership count is 69.



We encourage all Y.E.S. members to be involved. Check out the Plan Ahead Calendar of Upcoming Events in the Y.E.S. Newsletter!

— Marietta Barr

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### What ..... The Blind Leading the Blind

When ..... Wednesday, June 14

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.; event starts at 7 p.m.

Where.... Yakima Valley Museum

2105 Tieton Drive, Yakima

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Postmarked by June 9, 2017

Or pay online with Brown Paper Tickets  
by 11:59 PM JUNE 11, 2017

[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Number of Members.... \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests ..... \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Important: Please include your phone number AND email in case we need to reach you.**

★ Please note any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

★ Please note if you are bringing a guest who does not drink alcohol \_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_NO

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**