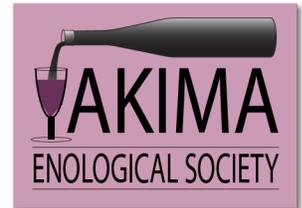


The Y.E.S. Newsletter

A monthly publication for members of the Yakima Enological Society



Y.E.S. Christmas Party

Y.E.S. is once again holding its holiday Christmas Party back at the Yakima County Club on Wednesday, December 13 for \$65. We are going to get an earlier start at 6:00 p.m. **Brad Baldwin** from Stems will be providing a greeting sparkling wine, but bring your favorite bottle(s) of wine to enjoy with your dinner prepared by our fabulous Chef **Greg Masset**. He will be serving carved beef and Chicken Piccata. Brad will also delight us with one of his favorite dessert wines to enjoy with our dessert. Bring your dancing shoes as Die Bruder will be playing for your pleasure. Invite your friends, members and non-members and Country Club members, as there is not a \$10 extra charge for non-members for this event this year. The County Club will also have a cash-only bar available for adult beverages.

— Dorene Boyle

An incredible 15 days in central Italy

One hilltop town was particularly proud of their wine; Montepulciano. We visited one small wine shop that revealed an impressive secret. The tasting room was tight; maybe 12 feet wide by 20 feet deep. We were too late for the current tasting, so the hostess suggested we take the stairs down to their wine cellar. The "self-tour" should take us 20 minutes; enough time to clear the bar.

The narrow, dimly lit stairs switched back on themselves a dozen times. We descended seven floors of stone walls. In the tasting room, it was 68 degrees. The cellar was a constant 45 degrees. It felt like we were in the center of the mountain when we finally reached the barrels of wine. Like most of Italy, we felt like we travelled back in time, hundreds of years.

We learned that some of these fine red wines had been in the barrels over 50 years.



These barrels have been nurtured by generations of winemakers. The hostess in the tasting room was proud of her heritage. And, their wine proved to be quite fine.

Italy was incredible. And, as we toured Tuscany and Umbria, we couldn't help but compare our Yakima Valley to this famous Italian region. I think we've done quite well. Though our wine is not thousands of years old, it's off to an impressive start.

In late September / early October, I toured central Italy with my sister and brother-in-law. 15 days, on our own, from Rome, to Siena, to Cinque Terre,

THE DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, December 13

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Yakima Country Club (500 Country Club Drive, Yakima WA)

Cost: Members & non-members \$65

Bring: Your favorite dinner wine

Registration deadlines:

Mail in: Postmarked by Fri., Dec. 8

Online: By 11:59 p.m. Sun., Dec. 10.
Go to <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3181273>

Phone: Call Marie Clark at 697-3364 until 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11

and, back to Rome. Seven days were spent in a 420-year-old farmhouse outside of Siena. From that home base, we toured 12 ancient hilltop towns in Tuscany and Umbria. Per our Fitbits, we walked 125 miles and climbed 932 floors.

But that exercise developed quite an appetite. So, we did our best to sample the Italian food, wine, and, generous hospitality. Our hosts suggested their favorite wines. Each town we visited bragged of their meat, cheese, and wine. And, we gave them a chance to prove their food and wine was best.

— Roy Lewis



Plan Ahead... Y.E.S. Calendar of Up-

January 10...
Blind Leading the Blind
Yakima Valley Museum

February 14...
Valentine's Day Event
The Vine Venue

March 14...
Annual Meeting/Potluck
Yakima Valley Museum

November Recap: Cote Bonneville

What a wonderful evening in November we had at the **Cote Bonneville** event at the Yakima Valley Museum. Winemaker **Kerri Shiels** shared her passion for making wines from the DuBrul Vineyard as she described each of the five wines we sampled, and she graciously answered multiple questions from those in attendance. While sipping we enjoyed appetizers courtesy of **Jessica Smith**, soon to be at **Provisions Restaurant & Market** in East Valley. A big thank you to **Deb Altshuler** for providing not one but two desserts. Wines that were poured: 2016 Cote Bonneville Riesling, 2015 Cote Bonneville Chardonnay, 2010 Cariage House Red, 2013 Cote Bonneville Syrah, and 2015 Train Station Cabernet Sauvignon. Thanks to everyone who came to the tasting, hope you enjoyed it.

— Brad Baldwin

New Member Welcome

Welcome to the following NEW Y.E.S. members – **Linda Kerslake, Paula Polaski, and Fred and Joyce Piske!** Current membership count is 100 members! Our new members joined Y.E.S. during half-price membership dues. Couples are \$20.00 and singles are \$12.50. Renewal of membership begins in March 2018.



Members, make sure you plan ahead for upcoming Y.E.S. events in the New Year. The information is located at the bottom of page one of the Y.E.S. Newsletter. Join Y.E.S. at the Christmas Party December 13th at the Yakima Country Club.

— Marietta Barr

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Join us on January 10th at the Yakima Valley Museum for our annual blind tasting. This year's event will feature nine gold medal winning wines, consisting of eight different varietals.



We're on the Web...
www.yakimawine.org



What Y.E.S. Christmas Party

When **Wednesday, December 13**

Starting a little earlier, at 6:00 p.m.

Where **Yakima Country Club**

500 Country Club Drive, Yakima WA

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Postmarked by Dec. 8, 2017

**Or pay online with Brown Paper Tickets
by 11:59 PM DEC 10, 2017**

Look for the BPT link on the Y.E.S. website

Number of Members ... _____ @ \$65 = \$_____

Number of Guests..... _____ @ \$65 = \$_____

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