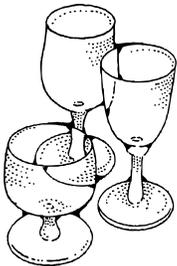


## The Blind Leading the Blind 2018

Each varietal has its own characteristic flavor(s). These flavors and aromas are altered by the process of turning grape juice into wine. Picking out the subtle flavors and aromas are a learned skill of association with known flavors and aromas. It takes a lot of effort to train the nose and palate to accomplish this. Most of us are not very good at this, so do not despair.

So, by practice and concentration we can train ourselves to develop our senses of smell and taste. Our brains had to be trained to discriminate sights and sounds. The first time we saw a Bluetick Coonhound dog and a Bassett Hound dog, could we remember what they looked like and how to tell them apart? Well, they are both hound dogs, so what difference does it make? A Grenache and a Merlot are both red wines, so what difference does it make? If you are a dog lover or a wine lover, IT CAN make a difference.



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 rosé wines and then full-bodied red wines.

—Marie Clark

## December Recap: Y.E.S. Christmas Party

Yakima Enological Society held its fabulous annual holiday Christmas Party at the Yakima Country Club. At 65, we had a bigger crowd than usual in attendance. **Brad Baldwin** from **Stems** poured Gramona Imperial Cava for our greeting wine and a 10-year-old Justino Madeira for after dinner. Everyone brought their own special wine to enjoy with our wonderful meal prepared by chef **Greg Masset**. He served carved beef and chicken picatta. There was a scrumptious dessert table for all to indulge. There was plenty of dancing to music by Die Bruder. The dance floor was packed with every song. We would love your feedback on how the event went so we can plan for next year.

—Dorene Boyle

## THE DETAILS

**Date:** Wednesday, January 10

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

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

**Cost:** Members \$35;  
non-members \$45

**Bring:** Three glasses, per person

**Registration deadlines:**

**Mail in:** Postmarked by Fri., Jan. 5

**Online:** By 11:59 p.m. Sun., Jan. 7.  
<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3219742>

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

## February Teaser: Valentine's Day event

Get ready for a great Valentine's event at **The Vine Venue**, Wednesday, February 14th, featuring **Masset Winery** and the culinary creations of chef **Greg Masset**. You will experience the results of the chef also being the winemaker, for the ultimate pairing experience. The details to follow.

—Kim & Connie Eisenzimmer



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

— Greg Masset

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

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

**April...**  
**To be announced**

### President's Corner

### January 2018



We ended this Y.E.S. year with a fabulous Christmas party held at the Yakima Country Club in December—great food, wine, and music! Thanks to **Brad Baldwin, Dorene Boyle, and Greg Masset** for organizing the event. This coming year Y.E.S. has planned even more new and exciting tastings. Stay tuned!

Also, in March there will be vacancies on the Board. If you are a Y.E.S. member, please consider serving on the Board of Directors. We are looking for members who are interested in furthering our mission, "to foster interest in and appreciation and knowledge of viticulture, enology and proper use of wine." If you are interested, please contact a current Board member to learn more about the positions. Cheers and Happy New Year 2018!

— Cheryl Probasco, Y.E.S. President

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### Membership Update

There were no new members joining Y.E.S. this month. Current membership count is 100 members. There is still time to join Y.E.S. during half-price membership dues. Half-price dues expire at the annual meeting in March. Couples are \$20.00 and singles are \$12.50.



Make plans to attend the January blind tasting event at the Yakima Valley Museum.

Happy New Year to Everyone!

— Marietta Barr

**We're on the Web...**  
[www.yakimawine.org](http://www.yakimawine.org)



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

When ..... Wednesday, January 10

Registration opens at 6:30 p.m.; Tasting at 7 p.m.

Where .... Yakima Valley Museum

2105 Tieton Drive, Yakima WA

Yes, we'll be there...

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

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

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

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Postmarked by Jan. 5, 2017

Or pay online with Brown Paper Tickets  
by 11:59 PM JAN 7, 2017

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

Number of Members ... \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests..... \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**