

The Y.E.S. Newsletter

A monthly publication for members of the Yakima Enological Society



Join Us for Our Bus Trip to the WSU Wine Science Center

Our first bus trip to the **Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Washington State University Wine Science Center** is set for Saturday, June 9th! Join Y.E.S. members for a bus trip to the WSU campus in the Tri-Cities: Departure from the Yakima Convention Center will be at 9:00 a.m. and return about 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Jim Harbertson, one of the top researchers, will present “Phenolics Boot Camp” — an introduction to the complexity of phenolics with tasting. The Director, **Dr. Thomas Henick-Kling**, will enhance our lunch with a **Blended Learning** wine tasting. Blended Learning is the brand name for the wines produced by the Washington State University Viticulture and Enology students, and there are whites and reds for tasting.



We will have an extensive tour of the Wine Science Center building and will see the innovations being used in the wine industry and some of the research techniques.

If there is time, we will stop at one of the local wineries in the Tri-Cities on our way back to Yakima.

Cost will be \$45.00 per person. Come raise a glass to the study of wine in one of the most technologically advanced wine science centers in the world.

—Sandy Saffell

THE DETAILS

Date: Saturday, June 9

Time: Bus departs at 9 a.m. from the Yakima Convention Center

Location: Ste. Michelle Wine Estates WSU Wine Science Center, Richland

Cost: \$45 per person (members and non-members)

Registration deadlines:

Mail in: Postmarked by **June 4**

Online: Pay with Brown Paper Tickets by 11:59 p.m. on **Wednesday, June 6**. Go to <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3453652>

Phone: Call Marie Clark at 697-3364 **until 8 p.m., Thursday, June 7**



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

—Greg Masset

July...
Wine tasting at Crafted, an Eatery & Bar

August...
To be announced

September...
To be announced

President's Corner

June 2018

The Y.E.S. Board has *almost* completed the agenda for this year's monthly events. Planning, organizing and executing an event takes a lot of patience and perseverance. But, the results are fun, educational and rewarding.



As noted in the main article of this Newsletter, our June event will be a Saturday bus trip to the **Ste. Michelle Wine Estates – WSU Wine Science Center**. This facility has been described as “the most elaborate wine-specific educational facility in the Western United States.” (Some say, all of the U.S.)

For July, we're working on a wine tasting at **Crafted, an Eatery & Bar** in Yakima. They are typically closed on Wednesdays, so this might work great for us.

Historically, we've skipped an event in August. We're considering breaking that tradition with another local event. Ideas were tossed around in our May board meeting. It would likely be inside, at the Yakima Valley Museum. Stay tuned.

For September, we're considering one of two events: Either a bus trip to the **Walter Clore Center** in Prosser; or a presentation on European wines and photos (Portugal, Italy, etc.).

For October, we're planning **Oktoberfest at the Vine Venue**. Last year's event was well received.

For November, we're considering a “**Grape Cup**,” in honor of the *friendly* Apple Cup rivalry of WSU and UW. The Grape Cup would be a tasting/competition of wines from the two regions, and/or various colleges and universities whose students are producing wines. We'd be supporting the Future of our Wine Industry.

For December, we're planning our traditional **Christmas Party at the Country Club**.

All of these events continue to be refined. And, as always, we encourage suggestions from Y.E.S. membership. You can even assist with the event, as well. You can reach the board through the Y.E.S. website.

And, one last pitch: if you have friends or family members that would enjoy the Yakima Enological Society, sign them up. Membership fees are quite reasonable.

— Roy Lewis, President

Membership Update



Current membership is 71 members. If you haven't renewed your Y.E.S. membership for the 2018-2019 year, go to www.yakimawine.org and download the membership form located at the bottom of the Membership page. Dues are \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples.

— Maria Sloan

May Recap: Pop-Up Event at Valicoff Estates Wines

Whether it be a formal or informal event, there is something to be learned at every Y.E.S. event and this is exactly why we value our membership in the Yakima Enological Society. The Valicoff family is known worldwide for the fruit they have grown in our region since 1921. Y.E.S. members were treated to four special red wines, created by award-winning winemaker **Robert Smasne. Valicoff Estates Wines** are produced from the grapes **Rob Valicoff**, a third-generation grower in our Valley, is growing in the Rattlesnake Hills AVA. Our Pop-Up event, held on May 9th at the Valicoff Estates venue, provided members an opportunity to drive through fruit orchards on Konnowac Pass to the venue located at the top of a hill. Stepping into the tasting area, members marveled at the

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spectacular views of the Lower Valley seen from the great lawn. We sampled some very affordable red wines of excellent quality while we relaxed after our busy days, nibbled an assortment of appetizers and caught up with our member friends. Mr. Valicoff joined us to share his personal family stories regarding Valicoff’s history in our Valley, the family’s motivation to grow grapes, and the reason why they create the particular wines that they do. If you missed this exclusive tasting event, there is still a chance for you to visit Valicoff and sample their wonderful estate wines via their summer concert series and other special events. Check out their website for more information. Our May event was a perfect example of what your board members contribute, through their volunteer service to Y.E.S. members. Thank you, Rob, for your generosity and for sharing with us your wonderful wine and history in our Valley!

—Maria Sloan

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One of the spectacular views from Valicoff Estates Wines

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What Bus Trip to WSU Wine Science Center

When Saturday, June 9, 2018

Bus departs at 9:00 a.m., returns approximately 4 p.m.

Where Ste. Michelle WSU Wine Science Center

Richland, WA

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) _____

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Phone: _____

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Postmarked by June 4, 2018
 Or pay online with Brown Paper Tickets
by 11:59 PM JUNE 6, 2018
 Look for the BPT link on the Y.E.S. website

Number of Members ____ @ \$45 = \$_____

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