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## **KITSAP WINE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

(See the KWS website at [www.kitsapwines.org](http://www.kitsapwines.org))

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

	<b>Saturday, December 2</b>	<b>Saturday, January 13</b>	<b>Saturday, February 3</b>
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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 2** – Don't perpetuate the myths that you *must* serve Champagne for New Year's or that Cabernet Sauvignon is *the* wine to accompany Prime Rib – or even that dessert isn't dessert without a traditional Port. Kitsap Wine Society presents "Festive Holiday Wines" to introduce you to wines that are not traditionally served during these special holidays.

So plan to join us on Saturday, December 2, 7 pm, at the Clear Creek Community Center, 12641 Clear Creek Road NW, in Silverdale. Your holiday guests expect to be served Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and various Champagnes during their holiday gatherings – but this event will help you turn those expectations upside down! And as a bonus, you will learn how to lower your holiday wine budget, because these special wines are in the range of \$7-21. Nibbles will be provided, but attendees should have a light dinner beforehand.

By Nov. 27 mail a check for \$25 (members) or \$35 (nonmembers) to: KWS December Event, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383. Or by Nov. 28 deliver a check during normal business hours to Grape Expectations, 3594 N. Byron St. in Silverdale. Limited to the first 24 reservations. Wineglasses will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite holiday hat. For more information contact Tom Devlin at 360-394-2459 or [flop4@comcast.net](mailto:flop4@comcast.net).

Go to [www.kitsapwines.org/current\\_event.htm](http://www.kitsapwines.org/current_event.htm) for more event information.

**January 13** – The Poulsbo Athletic Club has had a long-running practice of presenting art from local artists and has invited the Kitsap Wine Society to share in this adventure. In addition to the exciting art there will be an interesting selection of both RED and

WHITE wines and light appetizers. The cost will be \$25 for members and guests. More details will follow. Ann Randall, Chair.

**February 3** – “House Wine” tastings. Phil and Courtenay Havers, Co-Chairs.

**March** – Chilean Wines. Chair needed.

**April** – Annual Meeting; watch for updates! Chair needed.

**Reminder: Except when noted, these events are designed as a learning experience and are set up just for tasting. Please have dinner or a late lunch beforehand.**

### **AND NOW WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT –**

Hello Hello

Rain -- Rain -- Rain makes you want to fill your wine glass with a nice red wine and find a cozy fire – and pray for the seed catalogs to start coming ( a sure signal that spring is not too far away). Well just hold those warm thoughts, you still have a few more holidays to survive. This season gives us a chance to see and interact with old friends and to make new ones. I don't know about you, but wine plays a big part in my holiday season. I typically serve it to guests and make it my drink of choice so that I can still drive home at the end of the party.

In November we had a blind tasting of 4 white and 4 red Washington wines, and it turned out to be very educational. The **December 2<sup>nd</sup> KWS Festive Holiday Wines** event promises to be great fun as well!! It will give you a chance to try some interesting and reasonably priced wines that complement this holiday season. You will be able to amaze and amuse your friends and family with these choice wines while at the same time minimizing your entertaining dollars. Sign up now; the deadline is coming fast.

Having fun and hoping you taste some interesting wines this season.

Larry

**Next board meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, at 6:45 pm at Tony's Pizza in Bremerton**

*Inputs to the KWS Newsletter are welcome and may be sent to Janice Lounsbery by the first day of each month via [blounsbery@wavecable.com](mailto:blounsbery@wavecable.com)*

### **NOVEMBER EVENT REVIEW**

On November 11 the Kitsap Wine Society held a blind tasting of eight Washington State wines at the Clear Creek Community Center. We tasted four Viogniers, three from the Columbia Valley: Maryhill (2005), Syncline (2005), and Waterbrook (2005), and a Whitman (2005) from Walla Walla Valley. The four Syrahs were all from Columbia Valley: Barnard Griffin Handcrafted Selection (2004), Five Star (2004), Walter Dacon

C'est Syrah Belle (2003), and a Washington Hills Shiraz (2004). The group ranked the Maryhill best of the Viogniers (and surprisingly, the best price at \$11-13), and the higher-priced Barnard Griffin best of the Syrahs – but the very economical Washington Hills (\$6-7) didn't do badly at all.

All the wines were enjoyable, so it was difficult to rank most of them. The fruit-flavored Viogniers had hints of various citrus blossoms and were pleasing to the palate. (Many were truly impressed by the audacity of this delicate grape.) All the Syrahs were supple and appealing, and offered lingering fruit flavors. (Some noted the initial tartness subsiding subtly into a delicate nuance.)

In recent years many fine wineries have sprung up in our state, offering opportunities for tasting tours. Some of the wines for this event were purchased at Olympic Wine Brokers in Poulsbo (where a KWS discount applies upon request); the rest at the Puget Sound Wine Cellar in Port Orchard.

*...Bill Lounsbury*

**WINE DISCOUNTS** – In addition to the discounts from wine shops that are currently noted on our website, we have learned that certain select restaurants are offering great discounts on wine served with their meals; they include:

Brix 25, Gig Harbor – Wednesday is “half-price bottle of wine night,” where their selection of over 200 wines come mainly from the Northwest. This restaurant won a Wine Spectator Award of Excellence for 2006.

The Beach House, Purdy – Now the Margarita Beach House, has discontinued its discount wine night and now specializes in tropical cocktails, according to one of its owners.

**WINE TASTINGS – FULL UPDATED LISTING ON OUR WEBSITE!**

*If you know of additions or deletions, please let your editor know...*

**WINE LINKS** -- To learn more about wines and wine events, check out the wine links noted at the KWS website, [www.kitsapwines.org](http://www.kitsapwines.org).

**KITSAP WINE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP COUPON**

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I would like to help with (check all that apply):

Program Planning \_\_\_\_\_ Wine Procurement \_\_\_\_\_ Food Preparation \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Setup or Cleanup \_\_\_ Greeting/Guest Registration \_\_\_ Wine/Food Service \_\_\_

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Annual dues for new members: Single, \$25 or Couple, \$45

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