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KITSAP WINE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

(See the KWS website at www.kitsapwines.org)

SAVE THESE DATES!

	Saturday, June 17	Saturday, July 8	Sunday, August 20
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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 17 – A blind tasting of eight red Meritage and Meritage-type wines is set for 7 p.m. on June 17 at the Clear Creek Community Club, 12641 Clear Creek Rd NW, in Silverdale. Meritage is the American equivalent of the traditional blends of the “noble” Bordeaux varietals, according to Event Chair Larry Sukut. A red Meritage is a blend of two or more of the following varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, St. Macaire, Gros Verdot, and Carmenere. No single variety may make up more than 90 percent of the blend.

By June 12 mail your check for \$35 (members) or \$45 (nonmembers) to: KWS Meritage, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383. *This event will be limited to the first 40 reservations.* For questions or cancellations call Larry at 360-769-5458 or contact him at Kitsapwines@yahoo.com.

July 8 – Annual Barbecue Goes Down Under. Australian cuisine is influenced by many areas of the world, but particularly Italian and Asian, Chair Andy Campbell has discovered. He hopes you’ll put on your thinking caps to come up with a salad of Aussie flavor to enter in the always-spirited salad competition. Winners get prizes and bragging rights for the entire year!

This event will once again be held at the Red Barn in Silverdale, beginning 5 p.m. that Saturday. Andy could use some volunteers to help him plan the menu, to set up and clean up, and to help him work the barbecue grill. Call him at 360-308-0911 and let him know you’re willing and able. Everyone watch for more details...

August 20 – A Taste of Italy will feature a full four-course gourmet dinner at the new Cosmo’s Restaurant on Tremont Ave. in Port Orchard. In order to not interfere with this popular venue’s regular clientele (and to have the place to ourselves!) this event will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on this Sunday.

Vegetarian choices will be available, and wines tasted will be available by the glass directly from Cosmo’s. More details to come, but plan on it! Janice and Bill Lounsbery are Co-Chairs.

www.kitsapwines.org/current_event.htm

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 –

Wow!!! Where has the time gone?? Seems like that is my mantra these days. Busy lives...full schedules...make for lots of choices as to what gets our attention. I for one really look forward to the wine events, which is one of the reasons I took on the task of being KWS President. I assure you that I will do my best to make sure that the KWS events are fun, educational, varied in format, varied in subject, varied in cost, and most importantly: the best value possible.

The June 17 Meritage tasting will be a reasonably high-end tasting, with the wines in the price range of \$20 to \$46 each. This will give you a chance to taste some wines to add to your cellar for those special occasions. In the future we will also taste wines in the "House Wine" category to help you find that Vin Ordinar – both red and white – that you can drink every night with dinner and not feel guilty about cost. If you have a favorite house wine please send me its name in an e-mail so that we can include it in a future tasting.

KWS is an organization for every level of wine drinker – from beginner to expert – so please join us at an event. If you have suggestions for an event subject or format, please let me know.

Have Fun, Larry

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Next Board Meeting will be Sunday, June 25, 4 pm, at the home of the Lounsberys in Manchester (directions to be provided).

MAY EVENT REVIEW

Just days before our Argentinian Malbec tasting, Event Chair Mary Earl got word of a family emergency in Chicago. The event had to be cancelled, but the good news is that her mother is on the mend. All reservation holders have been contacted, but if anyone has questions, please refer them to Tom Devlin, flop4@comcast.net

FYI – Most recipes from the Spanish Tapas and Wine (April) event are now posted on our website.

MEMBERS – Our newest members are John and Kristen Cage and Dan and Marylou Zimmerman. Welcome!

WINE TASTINGS – FULL 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

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

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