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KITSAP WINE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

SAVE THESE DATES!

July 8th (Sunday) Annual BBQ and annual cook's contest	August 18 th Summer Whites	September 22 nd High-End wines in Port Orchard	October 20 th Oktoberfest in the Pacific North West	November 17 th Cinq Cepages Vertical
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JULY 8TH (SUNDAY) Annual BBQ and annual cook's contest. Hurry; hurry! You must have your **RESERVATIONS IN BY JULY 3RD** to attend the Kitsap Wine Society's **Annual Picnic at the Red Barn** on the banks of Clear Creek. This year's theme is "**ANTEBELLUM**," and features watermelon, country fried chicken, and apple pie. The cook's competition with fabulous prizes this year is "side dishes." Matthew Rawn, winemaker from the **Two Mountain Winery** in Zillah will be on hand to share his wines and winemaking experiences.

For details on the contest and the wines see www.kitsapwines.org/current_event.htm

Mail your reservation check before Tuesday, July 3rd to --

KWS Sunday Picnic, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383 --- or --- deliver in person to Grape Expectations Wine Shop, 3594 NW Byron, Silverdale.

Cost: \$22 members, \$32 guests.

August 18th (Note: Revised Date) "Summer Whites" Easy summer wines will be showcased at this Bremerton event with matching finger foods; watch for details. Laurie Sims, Event Chair.

September 22nd (Note: Revised Date) "High-End wines in Port Orchard" -- This event will be a "high-end" standup wine tasting at the Puget Sound Wine Cellar in Port Orchard. Watch for details. Scott and Suzanne Wisenburg, Co-Chairs.

October 20th (Note: Revised Date) "Oktoberfest with Pacific Northwest Micro-brews." Oktoberfest is touted as the biggest public festival in the world. KWS will add to this worldwide frenzy but we will feature local micro brews and matching foods. More details to follow. Shannon Jones, Event Chair

November 17th A vertical tasting of a cabernet-based blend called Cinq Cepages from the **Chateau St Jean Winery**. Chuck Tourville, Event Chair. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime occasion!!! Chuck has opened his cellar for a vertical tasting of California's, Chateau Ste. Jean for the years 1996 to 2001. This is the kind of tasting you only read about. We will be able to taste wines from the same chateau for 6 years in succession. WOW!!! Watch for details.

PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS –

Hello Hello:

For those of you who knew that our Treasurer Chuck Tourville was having medical problems, I am very happy to announce that he is on the mend. For those of you who did not know of his problems, he had a couple days of intense pain followed by a surgical procedure and then several days in the hospital. The doctors then sent him home with a bucket of medicine. The bad news, however, is he cannot drink wine while taking this medication. The hope is that he will soon be off this medication so he will be fully back to normal. In the meantime, he is very happy to be home and appreciating his improving health.

On to KWS business --- The annual Picnic is just around the corner, so sign up quickly. It is a social event that always has great food and great wines and wonderful friends. Please join us for some fun!!! The August event will feature "Summer Whites" No!! No!! Not a sailor's summer uniform, but the delightful easy-drinking, refreshing white wines suitable for sipping on hot summer days. It will be held at a new KWS venue in downtown Bremerton. More details will follow.

Having fun and always looking for some interesting wines,
Larry

Next board meeting will be:

Tuesday, July 10, at 6:45 pm at Hacienda Grande, 3329 Kitsap Way in Bremerton (479-6398). Coming from Hwy 3, it's on the right, just past Burger King.

REVIEW OF JUNE EVENT

The Bus loaded up on time and headed for the new winery area in South Seattle. Our first stop was the EB Foote winery where they poured 8 wines for us to try. This winery is one of Washington's oldest, established in 1978. It was purchased by the current owners/winemakers in 1991 and their wines have been improving every since. The plan was then to go the Seahurst Park for a picnic lunch, but it was pouring rain at that point. Sherrill Miller, the winery owner, came to our rescue by allowing us to have our picnic in the wonderful confines of the winery. That also allowed us to purchase a glass of wine to have with our lunch. Such a deal!!!

After the wonderful lunch we went on to the O-S winery and were entertained by Bill Owen – the "O" in O-S winery -for an hour. This was before the normal winery opening time, so we had his undivided attention. He, also, poured 8 wines ranging from low

alcohol European style white and blush wines to big chewy RED blends with real lay-down potential.

From there we went on to Nota Bene. By then, it was the normal winery operating hours and other wine drinkers were also checking out these relative new wineries. Our little group of 28 had to mingle with the existing crowd and we really filled up the winery. Nota Bene was also pouring about 8 wines --- not sure I could still count at that point!!! They were wonderful big, red Bordeaux style blends and Rhône style blends of Syrah. Their wines are big and chewy and age worthy as well.

By the time we moved on to the Fall Line Winery, everyone was having a great time. Fall Line does a straight up Cab as well as two Meritage style blends. More info and hours of operation of these last three wineries can be found at www.SSAW.info. We finished off the day with a chocolate tasting and then grabbed our dinners and headed back to Bremerton. A good time was had by all!!!

LOGO CONTEST

The Kitsap Wine Society (KWS) needs a Logo, so put on your thinking caps and get ready for a logo contest with a fabulous prize. Details will follow but you can start thinking and sketching now. It has to be a strong graphic that looks great small as in a letterhead as well as large, like perhaps on a t-shirt. It can have some color but must also look great in black and white. More details will follow.

LOCAL WINE SHOP TASTINGS

For a FULL LISTING of the local wine shop tastings that we know of, see the KWS web site at www.kitsapwines.org/local_wine_tastings.htm. If you know of additions or deletions, please let your editor know at Kitsapwines@yahoo.com

WINE LINKS

To learn more about wines and far away wine events, check out the selected wine links listed on the KWS website, www.kitsapwines.org/wine_links.htm.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

KWS is a membership-based organization. By joining, you get discounts from some local wine merchants as well as attend KWS functions at a reduced price. Your membership dues support the infrastructure of the organization i.e. paying for the web site, office supplies, insurance (event and D&O), etc. etc. See the web site for full membership details. <http://www.kitsapwines.org/membership.htm>

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Inputs to the KWS Newsletter are always welcome and may be sent anytime to Kitsapwines@yahoo.com - The newsletter is sent out the first day of each month, so send your input to the Newsletter by the 26th of the month for inclusion.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Robert Louis Stevenson is quoted as saying, "WINE is bottled poetry." That is an interesting way to express the nuances that pour from a bottle.