



KITSAP WINE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Enjoying fine wine on the beautiful Kitsap Peninsula

Input to the KWS Newsletter are welcome and may be sent to Coreen Haydock Johnson no later than first day of the month: corrاند1@wavecable.com. Really-- send me info/articles!

For More KWS news and information go to www.kitsapwines.org

SAVE THESE DATES!

Saturday, September 22nd	Saturday, October 20th	Saturday, November 17th
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Welcome to New Member: Tami Burns

UPCOMING EVENTS~

◆ Taste High-end Wines at Affordable Prices

Saturday, September 22nd. We invite you to join us for an evening of high-end wine tasting as we spotlight the captivating wines of Christine Andrew.

Kitsap Wine Society and Puget Sound Wine Cellar join together to introduce you to a new label of wine from the Kautz Family, owners and operators of Ironstone Vineyards out of Lodi California. Andrew offers wines under \$20 that exceed quality expectations in this price range. Puget Sound Wine Cellar is currently the only wine retailer in WA to offer the wines of Christine Andrew. Light appetizers will accompany the eight wines. Wine glasses provided. The Andrew wine tasting will include: *Chardonnay, Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Malbec, Lodi Merlot, Sonoma Petite Sirah, Lodi Tempranillo, Lodi Old Vine Zinfandel, Lodi Viognier, California*

Send your reservation check postmarked on or before September 17, 2007 to KWS High-end Wines, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383. Or drop off check at Grape Expectations, 3594 NW Byron St., Silverdale, WA 98383. For info contact event chairs Scott & Suzanne Wisenburg at 360.769.0457 or scottandsuzanne@wavecable.com

HIGH END WINES AT AFFORDABLE PRICES!

DON'T MISS IT! RSVP TODAY! ONLY \$15!!!

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22ND

TIME: 7:00PM

COST: \$15 MEMBERS \$20 NON MEMBERS

CUTOFF DATE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

**LOCATION: PUGET SOUND WINE CELLAR, NEXT TO AMY'S ON THE BAY RESTAURANT
OFF BAY ST., DOWNTOWN PORT ORCHARD**

Reservations : send a check postmarked on or before September 17th to:

KWS August Whites Event

PO Box 1684,

Silverdale, WA 98383

Or By September 18th deliver a check during normal business hours to:

Grape Expectations

3594 Byron St.

Silverdale, WA 98383

- ◆ **October 20th "Oktoberfest with Pacific Northwest Micro-brewns ."** Hello Wine aficionados, Event chair Shannon Jones is offering us a first time event for the KWS, because it will **feature the best of N. W. microbrews, instead of wine**. The event will feature a special, light hops microbrew and homemade sausage, both made by KWS's own brewmeister Vic Keranen, as well as 8-10 other Oktoberfest and selected Northwest Microbrews, a potluck dinner of German foods, authentic oom-papa music, a guest speaker, and friendly conversation. Speaking of food, Shannon is requesting help. If you plan on attending, please consider bringing something, a main course, side dish, or dessert. Your favorite German Strudel Grandma used to make, something from your recipe book, or search Oktoberfest and German foods on the web! Contact Shannon by email if you can prepare food and what your top two considerations might be, and she will e-mail you back after October 1st to coordinate the recipes. Put Oktoberfest 07 on your social calendar, bring a guest or two, and enjoy the evening. The event will be limited to 30 attendees.

Auf Wiedersehen, Shannon - Email: jones_and_jones@msn.com

Date: October 20, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Clear Creek Community Club

Cost: \$22 members, \$27 non-members

Cutoff date: Saturday, October 13th

To make a reservation send a check postmarked on or before October 13, 2007 to KWS Oktoberfest PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383. Or you may drop off your reservation at Grape Expectations, 3594 N. Byron St., Silverdale, WA 98383.

- ◆ **November 17th A Very Special Vertical Tasting.** November's event will be a vertical tasting of a cabernet-based blend called Cinq Cepages from the **Chateau St Jean Winery**. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime occasion! Chuck Tourville, Event Chair, 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/vineyard for 6 years in succession. WOW!!! Cinq Cepages literally translated means "Five grape varieties". In this case the wine is a blend of the five red Bordeaux grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot and Petite Verdot. **NOTE:** The 1996 vintage was ranked No. 1 in Wine Spectators "The Top 100 Wines of 1999". Can't wait to see if I agree!!

Reminder: Except when noted, 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: As usual this time of year I always ask myself where did the summer go??? Summer, summer please don't go!!! Well the good news is the fall KWS events are looking great. This month (Sept 22nd) will feature 8 wines from a California winemaking family with a long history. Next month (Oct 20th) will be a departure from the usual and will be a Kitsap Oktoberfest with up to 12 local microbrews, a FULL German dinner and, if the rumors are correct, oompapa music to make it authentic. On November 20th, KWS will present a once in a lifetime, at least for most of us, vertical tasting of Chateau St Jean Winery's Cinq Cepages. Wow!!!

The August "Summer Whites" indoor picnic was great fun!!! Interesting wines and enough great food for a full dinner, sorry you could not join us.

Larry

PS don't forget about the Logo contest – Find the details in this newsletter!

Next board meeting will be:

Tuesday, October 2nd, (a week later than usual!) 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.

DRINK WINE, AND YOU WILL SLEEP WELL. SLEEP, AND YOU WILL NOT SIN. AVOID SIN, AND YOU

WILL BE SAVED. ERGO, DRINK WINE AND BE SAVED.

MEDIEVAL GERMAN SAYING

AUGUST EVENT REVIEW— Summer Whites—Larry Sukut

Last Months (July) Event Review was of a Virtual Picnic (that didn't happen!) this months is of an Indoor Picnic! Just as the event name implies, this event featured



White wines suitable for a summer picnic. We started off with wonderful fruit platter and an interesting greeter apple wine called Sweet Pea. It has just a touch of peach in the nose and is a bit sweet but went very well with the fruit. We then moved to the communal table and had a wonderful Caesar salad with both a Chateau Ste Michelle Riesling and an Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc. Matching a wine to a salad is always a problem because the vinegar and the wine do not pair well, but the Riesling and the

Caesar salad really sing together. The Sauvignon Blanc was a bit dryer than the Riesling and was OK, but the Riesling was a clear winner. We then moved on to a Pasta salad and several kinds of wrap sandwiches with the Walter Dacon Roussanne. This is an unusual grape from the Rhône River Valley in France and makes a wonderful and intriguing white wine. Not many vineyards are producing Roussannes, so if you see it on wine list, I say go for it, you will not be disappointed. At this point we were all stuffed from the mountains of food, but could not pass up the Brownie with the Olympic Cellars Honey Lavender wine. This wine came from the Laurie Simms cellar, since it no longer made by Olympic Cellars. Such a treat it was!! All of the great food was provided by Goodies restaurant so if you are in downtown Bremerton it is great place to stop for a coffee or sandwich, or wonderful sweet.



KWS Logo contest

The Kitsap Wine Society (KWS) needs a Logo. This original logo has to be representative of the group. 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. **This contest is open to KWS members as well as non-members. Deadline for entries is Oct 2nd 2007.** Post mark your entries on or before the deadline and send them to "LOGO Contest, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383" or deliver them during normal business hours to Grape Expectations Wine Shop, 3594 NW Byron, Silverdale.

If your logo is selected as the KWS logo, in addition to the bragging rights forever there are fabulous prizes that will include a wine basket, a gourmet dinner for four, etc etc!! Get your creative juices flowing and send in your entries.

2007 Seattle Wine Award–Winning Wines at Seattle Wine Society Event

Submitted by Jean Charneski

On Sunday, August 12, 2007 the Seattle Wine Society featured gold and silver-award winning wines at an annual wine tasting dinner. Held at the Community Center at Mercer View on Mercer Island, there were 175 participants and a panoramic view from the patio of the spacious room..

The wine tasting was accompanied only by cheeses and breads. It included 19 of the 49 Gold and Silver medal winners from the 2007 Seattle Wine Awards held in April at the Rainier Club in Seattle. Each participant received scrip for 10 tastings. North City Bistro cooked the dinner on site, which included a salad, grilled asparagus with hazelnut aioli, baked salmon topped with roasted fennel, wild mushroom risotto and blueberry fruit tart. Dinner was served an hour and a half after the start of the wine tasting. Participants had the opportunity to purchase left over bottles of wine at SWS's discounted purchase price, plus 20%, still a bargain!

This writer found many very knowledgeable SWS members in attendance who could discuss the wines. My favorite of the 11 tastings I participated in were:

- * 2203 E.B. Foote Cabernet Sauvignon with 87 points in Wine Enthusiast and Gold Medal in Seattle Wine Awards
- * 2004 Fielding Hills Merlot 94 points Wine Enthusiast and 90 pts. Wine Spectator, Gold Medal – Seattle
- * 2004 Fielding Hills Syrah 94 and 93 points, Gold Medal
- * 2006 Tsillan Estate Pinot Gris, Silver Medal Seattle Wine Awards
- * 2005 Puget Ridge Winery Gewurtztraminer made by South Seattle Community College students.

Other notable wines: 2006 Maryhill Viognier, 2005 Latah Creek Wine Cellars Chardonnay, 2005 Thurston Wolfe Syrah – Gold Medal in both Seattle Wine Awards and NW Wine Summit. Two Gordon Brothers – a Cab at 89 points in Wine Spectator and Bordeaux-Style “Tradition” with 90 points in Wine Spectator were excellent.

The room cost SWS \$1,300 and included the patio and kitchen. There was ample room for the crowd to circulate to wine tasting tables grouped as whites, reds and dessert wines. SWS members paid \$50/ticket and nonmembers \$60. The society had 150 prepaid participants and anticipated no more than 180 total. The chairperson, John Imre, felt the Society broke even on the event, but wine sales had not been tallied yet and bottles were selling briskly at the end of the day.

And now for a little wine trivia----- from www.theworldwine.com

- ⇒ The US ranks 33rd in per capita wine consumption at 2.088 gallons a year, which works out to about 10.5 bottles per person per year. In contrast, Luxembourg leads the world in per capita wine consumption, beating the US by a factor of more than 7.5 to 1. The non-Moslem country reporting the lowest per capita wine consumption is Mexico, at less than a glass of wine per person per year.
- ⇒ One 6.4-ounce glass of typical white wine contains about 133 calories; while a glass of a typical red contains about 141 calories. In contrast, that much grape juice contains about 131 calories. So you won't lose much weight by switching from wine to grape juice.
- ⇒ The California wine industry provides about 150,000 jobs. This may not be surprising when you consider that more than 160 countries import California wines.
- ⇒ Napa Valley recently surpassed Disneyland as California's No. 1 tourist destination with 5.5 million visitors a year.

During the writing of this newsletter, the author (Coreen) was drinking Estancia 2005 Pinot Noir, from Central Coast California: "lusciously fruity with ripe cherries layered with sweet oak, dried flowers, leather, and spice." Soft and silky with a persistent finish. "

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.

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Share the excitement of wines, food, and good company with someone you know.

Name(s) _____
New Member _____ Membership Renewal _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

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 _____

Newsletter/Publicity _____ Membership _____ Finance _____

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

Send coupon and *payment made out to KWS* to: Membership Chair, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383; for questions call 360-394-2459 or kitsapwines@yahoo.com