



# 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](mailto:corrاند1@wavecable.com). Really-- send me info/articles!

For More KWS news and information go to [www.kitsapwines.org](http://www.kitsapwines.org)

SAVE THESE 2008 DATES!

Saturday, January 26, 2008	Saturday, March 15, 2008	Saturday, April 12, 2008
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### Give the gift of membership!

Gift giving season is upon us and we have the perfect gift for friends and family (who are old enough!) A KWS membership and a bottle of wine\* would be a great gift. This is one of those gifts that keeps on giving and you'll benefit too! You get to see more of those special wine friends and share more bottles of wine together.



KWS is offering a special December package to new members, which includes \$5 off memberships! All new membership will receive a gift certificate to stuff into a stocking or drop under a tree. Payment and new member info must be received by Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Happy Holidays! Membership Coupon

From \_\_\_\_\_ Who wants to share the inspiring world of wine, food pairings and good company with you!

New member(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues Special: \$20 single, \$35 couple (December 2007 through December 2008)

Mail to : Membership Kitsap Wine Society  
P.O. Box 1684, Silverdale 98383

Drop off at: Grape Expectations Wine Shop  
3594 NW Byron, Old Town Silverdale

More info: Mary Earl - 698-0522 [kitsapwines@yahoo.com](mailto:kitsapwines@yahoo.com)

\*Bottle not included in the membership price. (But read on for some suggested wine retailers!)  
Need a bottle of wine to go with that KWS membership gift or for serving at your holiday events? Check out these fine local wine retailers.

- ◆ **Bainbridge Island Vineyards and Winery**, 8989 Day Road E, Bainbridge Island
- ◆ **Grape Expectations** 3594 NW Byron Street, Old Town Silverdale
- ◆ **Manette Wine Shop**, 1102 Scott, East Bremerton
- ◆ **Puget Sound Wine Cellar**, 120 Harrison Ave., Downtown Port Orchard
- ◆ **Olympic Wine Brokers**, 19740 7th Ave. NE, #G, Poulsbo
- ◆ **The Keeping Room**, 7811 Pioneer Way, Gig Harbor:
- ◆ **The Wine Seller**, 940 Water St., Port Townsend
- ◆ **Water to Wine**, 9014 Peacock Hill Ave, Ste 103 A, Gig Harbor
- ◆ **Winslow Wine Shop**, 278 Winslow Way, Bainbridge Island

**The next KWS Event is January 26<sup>th</sup> 2008** -Mark your calendars

We will sample Sparkling and dessert wines at Jeff 's Olympic Wine Brokers wine shop in Poulsbo. Watch for more information in the Jan. newsletter

**February 2008**—Event chair and program needed!! How about a wine and literary event? Wine paired with cheeses? Mardi Gras wine event? Famous romance wines?

## Presidents musings Dec 07

### Hello, Hello:

November was gone in a flash and December is here and gift buying and giving is our main focus now. Have you considered giving a KWS membership as a gift to someone who wants to learn more about wine? A bit of wine knowledge is real power when you are handed the wine list at a restaurant. A membership and a bottle of wine would be a wonderful gift for almost anyone on your gift list. Beside you are really giving a whole year of fun to the lucky recipient. To help in your gift giving efforts KWS will discount each single membership gift \$5 and the couple membership gift by \$10. But HURRY, HURRY this offer is only good for the month of December. Use the normal membership procedure just mark on the form “gift membership” and include a check for the reduced amount.

The November **Chateau St Jean Winery**'s vertical tasting was wonderful. If you missed it and you are sad check out April event. More BIG cabs are coming WOW!!!

We're skipping December so I am looking forward to our January 26<sup>th</sup> sparkling and dessert wine event in Poulsbo. Details to follow.

## Larry Sukut

Next Board meeting will be:

Tuesday, January 29th, 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.

In a perfect world, everyone would have a glass of Champagne every evening. ~ Willie Gluckstern

Tiny bubbles (tiny bubbles)  
In the wine (in the wine)  
Make me happy (make me happy)  
Make me feel fine (make me feel fine)

**NOVEMBER EVENT REVIEW—**

**Cinq Cepage Vertical Tasting – November 17, 2007**

When we received the October KWS newsletter invitation to taste 6 successive years of Chateau St. Jean's renowned Cinq Cepage red blend, we jumped at the chance. We'd tasted the wine at their lovely California winery a few years ago, and purchased 2 bottles for our cellar. Our thanks to Chuck Tourville, Event Chair, for opening his collection of 1996-2001 vintages for this unique opportunity. We were anxious to taste what Nature had produced and the vintner had blended in this award-winning wine, so we might get a clue on when to open our own precious few bottles.

The evening of November 17th was a warm mix of old friends, new faces and a shared interest in wine. It began with a welcome taste of the Robert Young Chardonnay from the featured winery. Next we all sniffed, swirled, sipped and ranked the 6 offerings of what is now almost impossible to get Bordeaux-style wine. Even though the same 5 grape varieties were used in each vintage: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet franc, Malbec and Petite verdot, the wines were distinctly different. It was one of the more interesting tastings we've been to. Although we disagreed individually, the group shared notes, comments and laughter as we filled out the easy to use rating forms. Chuck had provided excellent tasting notes on the wine in general, plus a description of each specific vintage. Each year of Cinq Cepage contained about 75% Cab Sauvignon, with the other grape varieties added in varying percentages. KWS President Larry Sukut tallied our scores and announced the group's picks: #1 was the 2001, #2 the 1996, #3-1999, followed by 1997 and 1998 in a tie, then the 2000. Many thanks to KWS for another great event and a bargain-priced chance to taste some excellent wine.

**Bill & Ruth Drollinger**

**Welcome New Members**

James Kelsey

Joe Newhouse

**Thank you Renewing Members**

Laurie Sims

Greg and Anne Scea

Chuck and Germaine Tourville

**Hope we meet again someday soon (please renew)...!!!**

Scott & Suzanne Wisenburg

Peter Taafe & Lucretia Ferch

Charlie & Judy Morgan

## More Upcoming 2008 dates:

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** Pinot – California's Santa Rita Hills vs Oregon – Featuring wine educator/ consultant Bob Bentley

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** High end Cab tasting. This tasting will be of six different California cabernets' from the acclaimed 1999 vintage. Three wines were ranked in top ten Wine Spectators "Top 100 Wines of 2002" Two were in the top one-hundred and the last wine was rated a "92 points" by Wine spectator. Cost: \$41 members and \$46 non-members -- Chuck Tourville -- Event chairman

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** German White wines -- Shannon Jones -- Event chairman

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** Speaker: Lloyd Anderson, winemaker from Walter Dacon and he will bring his full line of just released wines, including wines that can only be purchased at the winery. A real treat!!

### Seattle Wine Society December Event

Enjoy one of the best events of the holiday season! The ever-popular Seattle Wine Society December Event provides ample opportunity to taste from over **55** different wines, holiday sparklers, reds, whites, and a variety of dessert wines. Celebrate with numerous gourmet treats to dip into gallons of luscious chocolate, provided by Helene's Chocolate Affair! Relax and stroll around, taste wine, chat with friends and make new ones! Tasty food bites to complement the wines will be provided by Lori Gilliam of Chef du Jour Catering. Delectable nibbles include Northwest Crab Cakes with Chipotle Remoulade, Savory Goat Cheese Tart with Caramelized Onions and Fresh Herbs, and Beef Canapes with Roasted Garlic Aioli on Toasted Flatbread. To purchase tickets or for more information on the wines and food bites: [www.seattlewinesociety.org](http://www.seattlewinesociety.org). This popular event tends to sell out quickly, so don't delay! **Wednesday, December 12, 2007** from 7:00 - 9:00pm St. Demetrios Cultural Center, 2100 Boyer Avenue East, Seattle, WA. Members \$28/Non-members \$38. KWS members qualify for member price.

*During the writing of this newsletter, the author (Coreen) was drinking Small Vineyards 2004 Tre Donne Barbera D'Alba from Italy "Characteristic ruby red wine, dry, generous and very versatile, holds up well to ageing" Ageing? Not a chance, I drank it and thoroughly enjoyed it!*

### 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).

*Happy Holidays and May you be blessed with a prosperous, peaceful New Year!*