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KITSAP WINE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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

SAVE THESE DATES!

	Saturday, February 3	Saturday, March 10	Saturday, April 21
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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3 – Curious about what your fellow wine lovers drink at home on weekends or weekday evenings? Or are you looking for suggestions about some reasonably priced but tasty wines to serve yourself? Join us at 7 pm at the Clear Creek Community Club in Silverdale for samples of affordable, widely available wines that are members' favorites.

Mail a check (\$22 each member, \$32 each guest) postmarked no later than January 26 for the required reservations. Address it to KWS February House Wine Event, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383. Or, by January 27 deliver the check during normal business hours to Grape Expectations, 3594 N. Byron St., Silverdale. Wine glasses will be provided.

Co-hosts for this "House Wine" event will be Phil and Courtenay Havers; they may be contacted at nikanb@hotmail.com, or 360 779-3342.

Go to www.kitsapwines.org/current_event.htm for more event information.

March 10– Chilean Wines. A dozen years ago, Chile had a reputation for friendly reds at very nice prices. With wines under \$10, Chilean wine soared in popularity, becoming the third-largest source of U.S. wine imports in 2000, with 6.6 million cases. With such momentum, expertise, money, and equipment began to pour into the country from some very famous sources: Château Mouton-Rothschild, Robert Mondavi Winery, the Marnier-Lapostolle family, and other wine experts from France to Argentina – to name only a few.

Once heavily planted in the Bordeaux region of France, Carmenere grapes are now primarily grown in Chile, where the variety was fortunately imported in 1850. And although it was often mistaken for Merlot, its true identity has been rediscovered – and will be featured at this upcoming KWS event March 10, 7 pm, at the Clear Creek Community Center.

After a white starter wine, four flights are planned, one each of Carmenere, Shiraz, Cabernet, and a blend of these three and perhaps Merlot. Two wines will be compared with each flight.

Accompanying the wines will be light tastes of empanadas (turnover snacks), asados (barbecue), parilladas (mixed grill), a meat soup known as carbonada, and diced and mashed charquican (served with rice or potato salad); chefs for these five "bites of Chile" are needed. Please call or e-mail Co-Chairs Rick Calvin or Mary Earl at calvinsteely@yahoo.com or ggrapex@yahoo.com.

Cost is \$22 per member and \$32 for guests. Bring two glasses each. As always, assistance in setup and teardown of the room will be appreciated. By March 6 please mail your reservation check made out to “KWS March event” to: KWS March Event, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383.

April 21 – Annual Meeting to include the election of officers. This should be a very interesting meeting. Mary Earl and Pam Mayo, Co-Chairs. Watch next month’s newsletter for details, but plans so far promise to rival last year’s virtual visit to sunny Spain!

May – Tentatively a restaurant event featuring excellent food and matching wines.

June – Currently looking at doing a road trip. Stay tuned for details.

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:

Snow and cold, snow and cold, snow and cold – Wow! The New Year is off to a great start; hopefully, spring is not too far away.

January 13’s Art & Wine event brought a brief ray of sunshine into our lives. Five interesting Washington wines, great appetizers, and nine artists gathered together in a warm, bright, wonderful environment. How much better could it get? And the **February 3 House Wines** event is shaping up to be another winner. It will give us a chance to taste what other KWS members have discovered to be good everyday wines and good values that we may add to our own cellars as well.

(For the information of the membership, I want you all to know that your Executive Board is reviewing Society bylaws to make them consistent with the bylaws of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest in time for April’s annual meeting.)

Having fun and always looking for some interesting wines,
Larry

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, at 6:45 pm at Tony’s Pizza in Bremerton

Inputs to the KWS Newsletter are welcome and may be sent to Janice Lounsbery -- usually by the first day of each month—via blounsbery@wavecable.com

FYI

Part of the agenda for the Annual Meeting in April will be the consideration of the KWS Executive Board for 2007-2008. According to our bylaws,

“In December of each year, the President shall present to the Board for its advice and consent a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members, one (1) of whom shall be a director and two (2) who are neither officers nor directors. All nominees shall have indicated to the President or the nominating committee a willingness to serve prior to placement of the nominee’s name on the ballot. The slate shall be presented to the membership 30 days prior to the annual meeting. At the annual meeting the nominating committee shall submit nominees for election as officers and chairs, at least one of whom shall be a member not currently serving as a director.”

President Larry has appointed me to lead the nominating committee, and I need two other members to help canvass our membership for volunteers to keep KWS an active venue for wine education and experiences. Without the time and efforts of Society members, we wouldn't have the wonderful educational events KWS provides. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time.

President Larry Sukut, Vice-President Bill Lounsbery, Treasurer Chuck Tourville, and Secretary Jim White were elected last year for two-year terms as officers. All but Jim, whose schedule conflicts, will continue. But since Jim was elected last year for a two-year term, our President, in accordance with the bylaws, will appoint a replacement instead of electing a new Secretary. If you could serve a couple of hours a month for one year, please let us know.

“The DIRECTORS

4.1 Definition

Directors shall be the chairs of the standing committees, the Immediate Past President, and up to two At-Large members. Directors shall be 4 to 7 in number.

4.2 Standing Committees

Chairs of the standing committees shall also serve as directors on the Executive Board. The committees shall include: Events, Newsletter, Membership, and Finance.”

Currently, *your* Directors are: Events – Scott Menard; Newsletter – Janice Lounsbery; Membership – Tom Devlin; and Finance – Rick Calvin. The term of these positions is one year. Janice and Rick have consented to continue. We need nominations for a Membership Chair. The jury is still out on the Event Chair. . .

Mary Earl

(For questions or nominations, contact Past President Mary Earl at 698-0522 or ggrapex@yahoo.com or visit www.kitsapwines.org)

JANUARY EVENT REVIEW

The “Art and Wine in Poulsbo” event saw a large group (56) of Kitsap Wine Society and Poulsbo Athletic Club members eager to enjoy a selection of Washington wines and various appetizers while viewing the works of local artists.

The wines included a 2005 L’Ecole Semillon, Columbia Valley (#12.75); a 2005 Gordon Brothers Chardonnay, Columbia Valley (\$10.75); a 2003 Lost River Merlot, Columbia Valley (\$21.50); a 2005 Syncline Subduction Red (Rhone Blend) (\$17.60); and a 2003 Meritage from DiStefano (\$22.50) – offering something for every palate. It was interesting to hear various opinions regarding which wines were “best” – and how those opinions changed when paired with the appetizers.

Nine artists exhibited everything from portraits and Old World still lifes (using the encaustic medium), to impressionistic works, glass art, ceramics, and various jewelry items made from glass or silver and stones.

Many thanks to Ann Randall, Chair, and her Athletic Club associates Peg Garrison and Linda Francalancia as well as Wade Zinn for enabling the hosting of the event at the Athletic Club. Thanks also to Jeff Benson from the Olympic Wine Shop for providing the wines at his usual heavily discounted price. (Prices stated above are his retail prices. Stop by his shop in Poulsbo and thank him for his great support, including a 15% discount to KWS members at his shop.) The cumulative efforts of all resulted in a well-attended and most enjoyable event – one that many attendees said they hoped would become an annual one.

Chuck Tourville

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.