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KITSAP WINE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Enjoying fine wine on the beautiful Kitsap Peninsula

Input to the KWS Newsletter is welcome and may be sent to Coreen Haydock Johnson by the last 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, Mar. 21, 2009	Annual Meeting Saturday, Apr. 18, 2009	Watch for info on May
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Upcoming Events Upcoming Events

****Saturday, March 21st, 2009 – Zin’s...Doing it Blind**

7-9pm at Ambrosia’s Catering, East Bremerton

\$25 members \$35 Guests

Join us for a blind tasting of 8 full body RED Zinfandels including **Seghesio's** Sonoma County 2007 Wine Spectator’s number 10 on their top 100 wines of 2008. We will also taste a truly unique old vine Zin from the Northwest, **Owen Roe** Hillside 2005 and a **Rosenblum** Vintners Cuvee XXV from Larry Sukut’s cellar. It is a non-vintage wine released in 2002.

PLUS: **Bogle** Zinfandel California Old Vine 2006

Neyers Zinfandel Pato Vineyard 2006

Ravenswood Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley Teldeschi 2006

Renwood Zin Grandpere Vineyard Lodi 2004

Rosenblum Zinfandel Paso Robles Richard Sauret Vineyards 2006

These wines cover a wide range in costs and well as styles so it should be an interesting tasting. For the most part if you fall in love with one of them you will be able to still get them. And the good news is that Zin’s offer some of the best wine values around. If you have never done a blind tasting this is the way the big boys do it. The wines are bagged so you do not know what you are tasting. Therefore you are not swayed by the wineries reputation or the high or low cost of the wine. You judge the wines based on your perceptions of what is in the glass in your hand AND WHETHER **YOU** LIKE IT OR NOT!! Larry will give a short “this is how you taste a wine” talk, everyone will have time to evaluate the wines, followed by discussion of the wines and rating. After this adventure Larry is sure you will drink wine in an all-new way.

Cut-off date Mar.7th Maximum number of reservations:22 Hurry and Reserve!

Three convenient ways to reserve and pay

Mail Checks to: KWS Pinots from Willamette
P.O. Box 1684
Silverdale , WA 98383

Or pay on line: <https://www.nwregistration.com/KWS/> (please indicate the event name)

Please note: When you receive your invoice, Northwest Registration Services will be the payee, not Kitsap Wine Society. KWS is using their services for online payments.

Or pay in person: Grape Expectations Wine Shop
3594 N.W. Byron Street, #102 , Silverdale WA 98383

****Saturday, April 18th, 2009 – Winemaker Evening**

5-8pm at [Monica's Waterfront Bakery and Cafe](#), Old Town Silverdale

\$25 members \$45 Guests

Meet Victor Palencia, Winemaker for Jones of Washington. He will discuss his background and experience, history of the winery, types of wines produced, inspiration, process, grape growing and selection. We will be sampling their entire line of wines.

Jones of Washington is a family owned and operated winery that is committed to small-batch artisanal wines crafted with all the love and attention that people who are closely tied to the land can make. They have been receiving a lot of attention and awards lately in the local and national press. For more details, check out their website www.jonesofwashington.com.

The first 30 minutes will be the Annual Election. After the election, the event will start. We will be serving a full dinner for this event. KWS is subsidizing a portion of the cost as a Thank You to all of you for your membership. Full details of the menu will be posted on the website. Online registration is available for the event.

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Speaking of Zinfandel (America's Heritage Grape).....

Five Fast Facts about Zinfandel

1. 1832: First documented in Boston, Massachusetts
2. California plantings: 52,000 acres (2007)
3. Over 19 million cases: White zinfandel
4. About 3.5 million cases: Red zinfandel
5. Pairs well with Thanksgiving turkey

And this from the [Zinfandel Advocates and Producers \(ZAP\)](#)

(check out their website if you are a Zin lover!)

“Zinfandel is the ‘Horatio Alger’ of American Grape Varietals. Like a Horatio Alger hero, the Zinfandel grape has advanced from rags to riches. Considered uniquely American because it has transformed from a little know grape to one that is grown on over 50,000 acres in the United States.”

And here is one more for you...

“Winerd Wine Trivia and Blind Tasting Board Game”

The game is described as “the perfect way to turn your passion for wine into laughter with friends.

Creator Tamara Leigh Murphy paired fun wine trivia questions with an innovative spin on blind tasting to create a wine trivia board game that is a HUGE hit and has been featured on the Today Show and on the Wine Spectator Gift Guide.”

[Available at Amazon.com](#) for \$22.96....

Get out and Vote for almost nothing!

The KWS election season is upon us. The KWS board will soon have vacant positions-- so if you have enthusiasm and can spare about 4 hours every other month for board meetings, we'd love to have you.

We are looking for members to fill the following officer positions:

Vice President- two year term until April 2011

Secretary- two year term until April 2011

Treasurer- one year term until April 2010

If you are not interested in one of the board positions, but still would like to help, you can volunteer to be on one of the committees. The committees are: Events, Membership, Finance and Publicity. You can assist with food pairings, wine purchasing, event planning, money taking and depositing, spreading around the publicity, membership paperwork or other tasks related to the four standing committees.



Your Wine Society needs you! Remember, only YOU can prevent apathy. Volunteer for one of the open positions and let your voice and ideas be heard. Intrigued? Want additional information? Email Debbie Seamans, Nominating Committee Chair and Secretary at Debbie@nwregistration.com or Tami Burns, President at RNshagwell@hotmail.com. Thank you very much.

Presidents Musings March 09

Hello Fellow Wine Lovers!

Can you believe it's March already? This year is just flying by. I hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful Pacific Northwest weather.

February 21st we enjoyed Pinot from the Willamette Valley of Oregon. The event was held at Monica's Waterfront Bakery and Cafe in Silverdale. We sampled Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley perfectly paired with Monica's gourmet food. I missed the event, but heard that it went well. Special thanks to Monica for hosting this event for us. Thank you to Loren Loftus for planning the event and filling in for me.

March 21st is a Blind Zin tasting chaired by Larry Sukut. For those of you who haven't been to one of Larry's events, you won't want to miss it. Full details are on the website and in the newsletter as well.

April 18th will be our Annual Meeting and a Winemaker evening with Jones of Washington. The first 30 minutes will be devoted to the election of our new officers. After that, we will enjoy a full dinner and tasting of the Jones of Washington wines. See the website and newsletter for full details. The KWS board has decided to supplement some of the cost of this event for members as our way of thanking you for your membership.

Happy March! I look forward to seeing all of you March 21st at Ambrosia for the Zins...doing it blind event.

Cheers! Tami

During the writing of this newsletter, the editor (Coreen) was drinking Columbia Winery 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon "exhibits a deep garnet color, an opulent aroma of red berries with notes of sage and cedar. Rustic red berry fruit on the palate is highlighted by the flavor of sweet plums complimented by fine tannins that lead to a hint of espresso on the lengthy finish". Columbia Winery, established in 1962, is Washington's first premium winery, producing distinctive Washington wines from European vinifera grapes. Winemaker Emeritus David Lake, deemed "Dean of Washington Winemakers" by both Wine Spectator and Decanter Magazine, believed in the synergy between art and science, and continued the founders' tradition of innovation by introducing new varietals to the state, such as Syrah, Cabernet Franc, and Pinot Gris. Today, Director of Winemaking Kerry Norton honors the Columbia Winery tradition by crafting highly-acclaimed wines from Washington state.

February 2009 Membership at 67

Renewals-January

Loren Loftus

Upcoming March Renewals

Loren Loftus

Charlie Morgan

Rick Endresen

Bill & Ruth Drollinger

Cece Grasso & Ted Oehlerking

Donna & Gary Usa

Brian & Susan Burns

Debbie & Jim Seamons

Renew online at www.kitsapwines.org/membership.htm

New Members

Jennifer & Nicholas Andres

Earn Wine Bucks

Bring a guest to an event and when the guest joins at that event, you are awarded a gift certificate worth \$5 for each sign up. Gift certificates can be used to offset members' fees at future events. The guest surcharge for the event will be applied to the membership fee. For instance, if a guest pays \$25 for an event, \$10 of that applies to the membership fee. Thus, the new member paid \$15 for the event, \$10 is applied to the membership fee.

For more information, contact Mary Earl or Tami Burns, Membership Committee

kitsapwines@yahoo.com

How to Transfer Funds

If you wish to use a *credit card* to pay your membership [click here](#).

Please note: When you receive your invoice, the payee will be Northwest Registration Services whose services the Kitsap Wine Society employs. Send completed form via snail or email.

If you wish to pay by *check*, send completed form and check to 'Kitsap Wine Society' to:

Membership Kitsap Wine Society

PO Box 1684,

Silverdale, WA 98383

There is also the option of attending an event to check us out and joining then. The guest surcharge - mainly to cover liquor liability - would then be applied to your membership fee.

For questions, call 360-698-0522 or e-mail kitsapwines@yahoo.com

KITSAP WINE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Learning about and enjoying good wines and good food ... *in good company!*

You must be 21 to attend KWS events.
Pay with credit card, check or cash. Details below.

Name(s) _____

New Member(s) _____ Renewal(s) _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____ E-mail(s) _____

The Kitsap Wine Society's Board has four standing committees - Program Planning, Publicity, Membership and Finance. Would you help? Check all that interest you and the committee chair will contact you.

Program Planning-Could include event planning, wine procurement, food preparation, event setup/cleanup, greeting & guest registration and/or food and wine service.

Finance-Could include event budgeting, supply procurement and inventory and/or auditing the books once a year.

Publicity-Includes the monthly newsletter, event promotion through distribution of monthly flyers, other website notices and newspaper notices.

Membership-Computer work including promoting and tracking membership, using spreadsheets, letters, membership cards and nametags.

Unsure, please call me!

Annual Dues: Single \$25 _____ Couple \$45 _____