



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 2008 DATES!

Saturday, Nov. 8 th , 2008	Saturday, Dec. 6 th , 2008	Saturday, January 17, 2009
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Upcoming Events

** Saturday, December 6th, 2008- A Cellar Dive 7-10pm at Ambrosia Catering, East Bremerton

For those special bottles of wine we have the special event! This holiday season is the perfect occasion to share that mature wine with other wine lovers and taste their bottles of mature wine. Uncork a gem from your cellar (at least 7 years old) and share with other wine lovers who are opening special bottles. Share a table with 6 to 8 others bringing comparably valued wines. Discuss the attributes, tasting order, and decanting. Wine glasses will be provided, but bringing your own is highly recommended, especially if you want to taste several while the wines open up in your glass. This special evening will feature heavy hor d'ouvres and artisan cheeses. Seven volunteers needed, for organizing, cooking, setup and cleanup. Contact Event Chair Mary Earl at grapex@yahoo.com

Members: \$24 plus a bottle of wine*

Non-Members \$34 plus a bottle of wine*

Three convenient ways to reserve and pay **by Dec. 4th!!!** (cut off date)

Mail checks to:
KWS Cellar Dive
P.O. Box 1684
Silverdale , WA 98383

Or pay on line: <https://www.nwregistration.com/KWS/>

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

****Need wine? Before surfing the web for that older bottle, check out Grape Expectations Wine Shop in Silverdale and the Wine Cellar in Port Townsend. Both of these wine society member wine shops have been in business over 20 years and have a large selection of aged wines at affordable prices.***

For more info: 360-698-0522 or kitsapwines@yahoo.com

October's Scavenger Hunt for Wines

Thanks to Peter and Ellen Barnett who hosted the Scavenger Hunt for Wines on October 11th. At the event, those in attendance were able to sample 8 different and unique wines from the Southern Hemisphere. Participants introduced their wines and educated us about the wine and the region it was from prior to pouring their selection. We were treated to gourmet food offerings representing each wine region we sampled, which were provided by Ellen Barnett. This further complimented and enhanced our tasting experience!

Speaking of Mature Wine....

Age appears to be best in four things, - old wood best to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read"- Alonso of Aragon

And the 5 best wines to invest in (literally) and let mature.....

According to David Solokin, autor of Investing in Liqued Assets) those with the greatest investment potential: 2003 Chateau Cos d'Estournel (\$260); 2001 Chateau d'Yquem (\$700); 2003 Chateau Montrose (\$350); 2005 Chateau Troplong Mondot (\$450 and 2005 Domaine de la Romanee Conti La Tache (\$6000)

Presidents Musings November 08

Hello Fellow Wine Lovers!

Happy Halloween! I hope everyone has been able to take advantage of the nice weather we have been having.

A good time was had by all October 11th at the Scavenger Hunt for Wines. The Sparkling Wines with Champagne was a big hit. Mary had a great turnout for the event.

November's bus trip to Woodinville has been canceled unfortunately due to lack of response from the membership.

We are gearing up for The Cellar Dive December 6th. After a month off from an event, I'm certain everyone will come out to enjoy our pre-holiday celebration. Shannon is busy planning and tasting the wines to select for the January 17th Italian Wines event at Olympic Wine Brokers in Poulsbo.

We have some changes coming to KWS. First, online registration is available and the link is on the website to register for events and membership renewals. We are finally modernized to accept credit card payments online. Whoo-Hoo! Second, beginning the first of the year, we are going to initiate an Early Bird registration payment. Those members registering early for events will be able to receive a discounted fee for the event. Lastly, with the economy at this present time, the board has decided to keep our events at a lower price for the next few months. We know times are tough for all and we want everyone to be able to enjoy their membership without their wallets being compromised.

We have open positions on the Events and Membership Committees. Anyone wishing to volunteer and participate in these committees, please send an email to kitsapwines@yahoo.com. We will facilitate the contact with the appropriate board member. Have a great Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing you December 6th at The Cellar Dive!

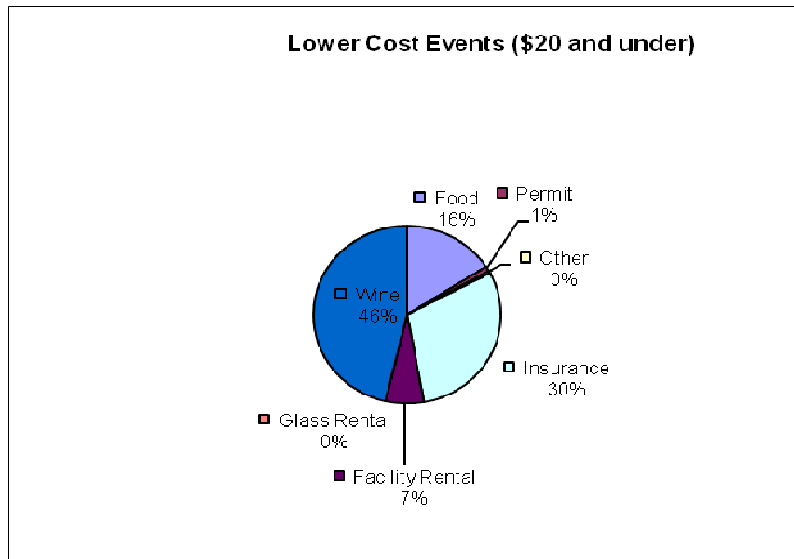
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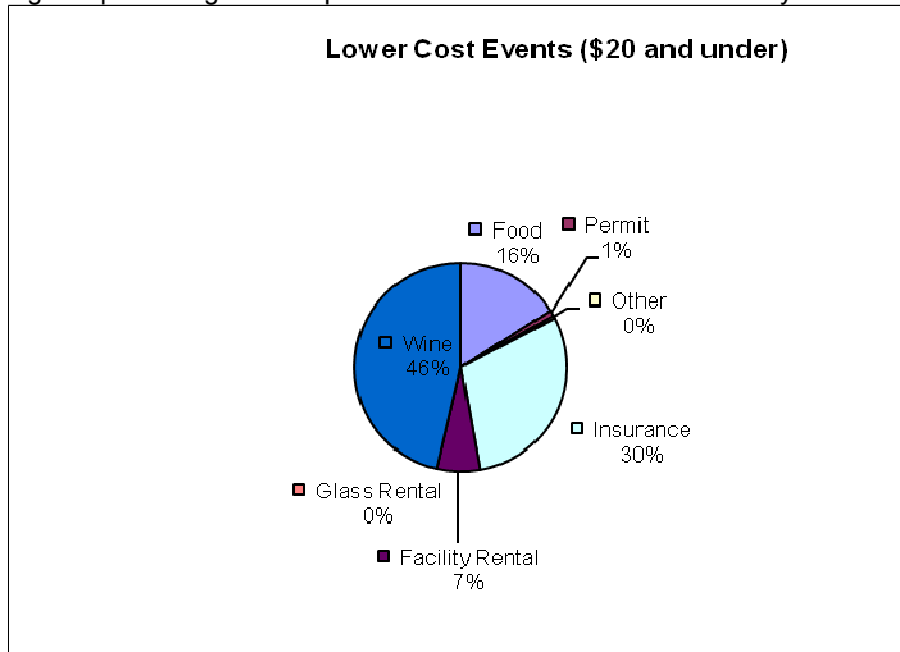
WE ARE GLAD YOU ASKED....

The Board thought that it would be informative for members to know how we budget for and price our events. Below you will see 3 different pie charts.

- The first chart is the price breakdown by category for our lower cost events. The highest percentage for price breakdown on this pie chart is the wine cost and liability insurance.

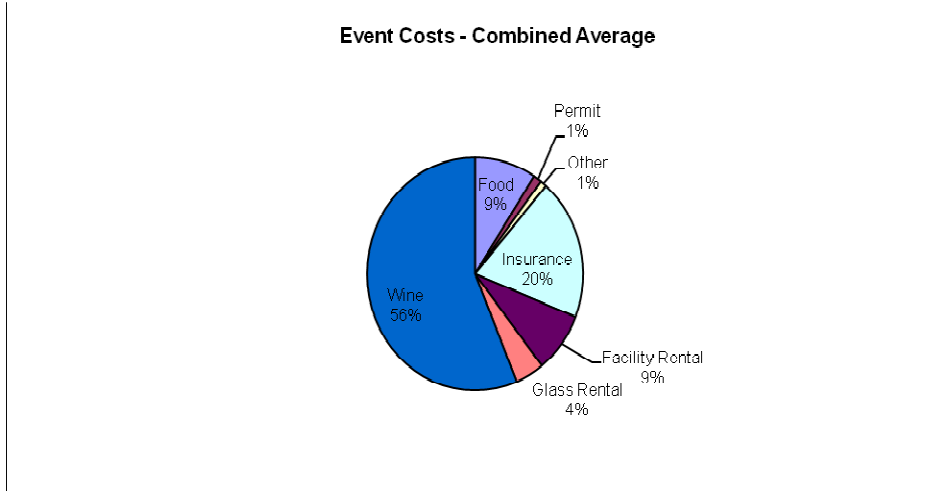


- The next chart is a price breakdown by category for our higher cost events. Again, the highest percentage for the price breakdown is the wine and liability insurance costs.



- Lastly, is the average between the lower and higher cost events. This illustrates again the bulk of the fee of our events covers the wine and liability insurance cost. These fixed costs

really cannot be negotiate: the liability insurance, online registration and hall rental fees. The type of event and wines poured determine the cost for the event.



During the writing of this newsletter, the author (Coreen) was back to inexpensive bargain wines, specifically drinking this evening--Columbia Crest Two Vines Merlot Washington State 2004. The Two Vines designation is a tribute to the special trellising of their vines. This extra effort to position the grape clusters for better sun exposure helps produce the ripest grapes and richer more flavorful wines.

Welcome! New Members
Rich Nugent
Methia Gordon

WINE TASTINGS – FULL UPDATED LISTING ON OUR WEBSITE!

WINE LINKS -- To learn more about wines and wine events, check out the wine links noted at the KWS website: www.kitsapwines.org

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

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 that includes promoting and tracking membership using spreadsheets, letters, membership cards and nametags.

Unsure, please call me!

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

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