



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!*

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SAVE THESE 2008 DATES!

Saturday, Oct. 11 th , 2008 Wednesday, Oct. 29 th , 2008	Saturday, Nov. 8 th , 2008	Saturday, Dec. 6 th , 2008
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Upcoming Events Upcoming Events

** Saturday, October 11th, 2008 Scavenger Hunt for Wines of the Southern Hemisphere 7-9:30pm Ambrosia Catering,

This event's challenge is to find wines made of grapes that are not normally found on the average supermarket shelf. The targeted region is south of the equator: Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and South America. Attendees are asked to bring a bottle for sampling and be prepared to discuss the grape and winegrowing region with the rest of the group. The rules are: No common white or red grape varieties (Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, etc.) Wine should be in the \$10 to \$15 range. Attendees will be assigned a region upon registration. 1 bottle per couple or individual attending.

\$15.00 per person (plus wine) for members

\$20 per person (plus wine) for non-members

Reservations required. Cut off date for reservations: October 6th.

Mail payment to: KWS Scavenger Hunt

P.O. Box 1684

Silverdale, WA 98383 OR

Drop off a check at Grape Expectations in Silverdale

For questions, email kitsapwines@yahoo.com or call 698-0522

**Saturday November 8th, 2008 Woodinville Winery Tour 9:30am-4:30pm Meet at Kitsap Mall

Ease on down the road with us as we venture out to Woodinville to taste wines from different wineries. We have planned visits and tastings to the following wineries: **Brian Carter, Columbia and Senoj Estates**. We will start our morning sampling wines from Brian Carter Cellars. They have offered us a 15% discount for all purchases as well. Our next stop will be Columbia Winery as guests to A Taste of Red Event. There will be a full tasting of 12 of their red wines as well as hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and vendors. Our last stop will be at the newest winery in Woodinville Senoj Estates. They are quickly making a name for themselves. We will have a full tasting there as well as hors d'oeuvres.

Cost is \$59 for members and \$69 for guests. Price includes tastings and bus transportation. It will be a long ride so we have games and prizes planned to pass the time. Reservations Required. Note earlier reservation date: **RSVP by October 20th**. To make a reservation, mail your check to:
KWS Woodinville Trip
P.O. Box 1684
Silverdale, Wa 98383
OR Drop off a check at Grape Expectations in Silverdale.

****Saturday, December 6th, 2008 A Cellar Dive**

Do you have a bottle of wine waiting for a special event? Uncork that gem with us (at least 7 year old wine) and share at the KWS Cellar Dive. We will discuss the attributes tasting order and decanting and serve the wines in decanters with a multi course meal. The event to be held at Ambrosia Catering is expected to be about \$40-\$45 per person. Don't have an older bottle, check with Grape Expectations and the Wine Cellar in Port Townsend both of these wine society members wine shops have been in business over 20 years and have a large selection of aged wines. Contact Mary Earl at ggrape@yahoo.com for info.

Speaking of a Scavenger Hunt and the challenge of finding things....

"Men are like a fine wine. They all start out like grapes, and it's our job, as women, to stomp on them and keep them in the dark until they mature into something you'd like to have dinner with."
-Anonymous

And a little Southern Hemisphere Trivia....

The first vines arrived in Australia in 1788, and after an unsuccessful planting at Farm Cove (the site of the present Sydney Botanical Gardens), were transplanted to Parramatta, west of Sydney. Foreign investment dollars are pouring so quickly into Chile's wine region that it could, in the next decade, become a serious competitive threat to the U.S. and French wine markets.

Presidents Musings October 08

Hello Fellow Wine Lovers!

Happy Fall. Halloween is just around the corner. We have 2 fun events planned for you in October.

A good time was had by all September 13th at Oktoberfest at the Puget Sound Wine Cellar in Port Orchard. Darryl from Moon Dogs Too discussed the beer making process and how to taste beer. It was a real treat to have him there. There was an appetizer contest.

Congratulations to Bev Hall, Donna Usa and me for our winning entries. September 25th was the first of our mid week wine tastings. This event was a Malbec tasting at the Puget Sound Wine Cellar in Port Orchard. We enjoyed 4 Malbecs from Argentina and 2 from Washington State. We were only scheduled to try 5, but Chuck Tourville treated all of us that attended to a bottle of Bodega Renacer Punto Final Reserve. All of the wines sampled had a Wine Spectator rating above 90 points. October holds 2 ore fun events.

October 11th will be the Scavenger Hunt for Wines of the Southern Hemisphere. It will be held at Ambrosia Catering in Bremerton. October 29th will be a sparkling wine and Champagne tasting at Grape Expectations. Mary Earl will bestow her knowledge upon all of us that attend.

November is the bus trip to Woodinville. Reservations for this event are due early. You'll need to have your check in the mail by October 20th to reserve your spot. There has been a slight increase in the cost of the trip due to an up-charge for tasting by one of the wineries. Full details are on the website and inside the newsletter.

We just signed the contract with Northwest Registration Services for online registration and membership. We hope to have the link posted on the website soon. Special thanks to Debbie Seamans for making this dream a reality for all of us. 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.

I look forward to seeing you October 11th at the Scavenger Hunt!

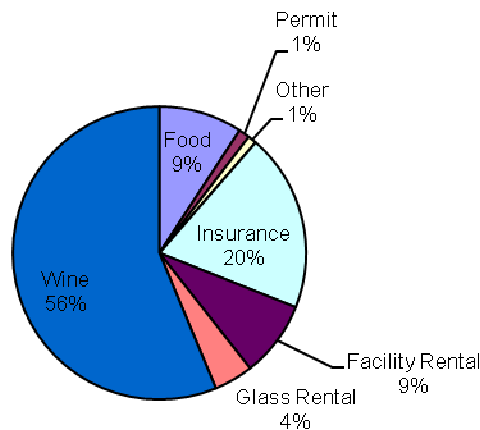
Cheers!

Tami

WE ARE GLAD YOU ASKED....

Members have asked: "How are KWS events priced?" We decided to provide a cost analysis broken down by lower cost events and higher cost events so you can see the distribution of money for each event. Attached to this newsletter is a breakdown of costs by lower cost events (\$20 & under) or higher cost events (\$30 or more) as well as combined averages. Below is a pie chart from this attachment—you can clearly see, wine and insurance are our highest cost per event.

Event Costs - Combined Average



During the writing of this newsletter, the author (Coreen) was drinking Stephen Ross Pinot Noir Central Coast 2006- a gift from a friend! I Loved it!. "Formerly the winemaker at the prestigious Edna Valley Vineyard, Stephen Ross started his own label in 1994, and has been making graceful and beautiful wines ever since. In creating this entry-level Pinot Noir, he has taken full advantage of the perfect Pinot-friendly climate in the Edna Valley. Full of fresh raspberry fruit with underlying notes of mocha and stones, this wine is mouth-watering!"

Mid-Week Wine Tastings—New to KWS!--Visit with these Friendly Wine Shops at these great events!

In October...

Wednesday, October 29th Hop on your broomstick and fly to Grape Expectations for a trick or treat celebration Kitsap Wine Society style...sampling great wines!!! The festivities start at 6pm. Costume optional. More details to follow!



Welcome! New Members

Upcoming Events From our Friends at Olympic Peninsula Enological Society (we have reciprocal membership privileges)

October Event- Saturday, October 25, 2008
Sunland Main Dining Room
HOSTS: Gloria Farmer & Larry Sukut
COST: \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members.

Come and join the fun at Sunland for an exciting blind tasting of six wines and a fabulous steak dinner. Grace Michaud, Executive Chef, and her staff will prepare and serve three delicious appetizers, Caesar salad, a filet (cooked to order) or salmon, baked potatoes, and rolls plus a delicious dessert prepared by Michael Wall, the Chocolatier, famous for his Teardrop Desserts.

Larry Sukut, past president of the Kitsap Wine Society, has chosen six wines that will be served blind---that is, without the taster(s) having seen the label or bottle shape. This tasting will involve serving the wine in numbered, bagged bottles. Research has demonstrated the power of suggestion in perception as well as the strong effects of expectancies. For example, people expect more expensive wine to have more desirable characteristics than less expensive wines.

For questions and reservations, please contact Carol Peet (360) 457-4318, peetnpa@olympen. Be ready to also let her know how you would like your steak cooked (rare, medium-rare, medium, well) or if you prefer salmon. Checks for the Event should be mailed to OPES, P.O.Box 4081, Sequim, WA 98382.

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

Kitsap Wine Society Membership Coupon

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 kitsapwines@yahoo.com

