



THE Y.E.S

YAKIMA
ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY

BLIND LEADING THE BLIND

JUNE 2026

Each wine varietal has its own characteristics. Our sense of taste comes from what our nose and tongue pick up from what we eat and drink. It is sad to say that this sense is not well developed in most of us. Either we like something or we do not. Picking up the subtle flavors and aromas is a learned skill of association of known flavors and aromas. It takes a lot of effort to train our nose and palate to accomplish this. It is just another step in learning more about wines and appreciating the differences.

First we will try to educate our noses. A set of wines will be doctored with aromas that are not subtle to our nose. We will take time to smell these examples against what you think of as citrus, leather, berry, etc.

Then we will apply the memory of these smells to a blind tasting of varietals that include three whites, three roses, and three red wines from the Pacific Northwest. The wineries have published a description of what they smell and taste in their wines. Will you be able to figure out which description matches the wines you are tasting? Bring **THREE** glasses.

LIMITED TO 60 PEOPLE

Event Details

DATE: WED. JUNE 10TH

LOCATION: SELAH CIVIC CENTER, APPLE ROOM

TIME: DOORS OPEN/REGISTRATION AT 6:30 P.M. TASTING AT 7 P.M.

COST: \$40 PER MEMBER, \$50 PER GUEST

BRING: 3 WINE GLASSES

REGISTRATION:

- MAIL IN: POSTMARKED BY JUNE 5TH,
- ONLINE AT YAKIMAWINE.ORG BY JUNE 8TH
- DROP OFF PAYMENT AT STEMS BY JUNE 8TH

CALL/TEXT IN BY JUNE 8TH, 8 PM TO MARIE AT 509.961.5563.

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July Event Teaser

Mark your calendar for our Annual YES BBQ at 6PM on July 8 @ Yakima Area Arboretum. The event will feature the 3 major food groups: Chicken, Beef Brisket, and Pulled Pork, along with all the fixin's (Coleslaw, corn on the cob, grilled asparagus, baked beans, potato salad, and an assortment of desserts).

Also included is one of our YES 50th Anniversary Logo Riedel Crystal Stemware, as a memento from the event. Featured wines are a special white blend from Yakima Valley Vintners and a red blend from Bonair Winery, bottled especially with the YES 50th Anniversary Logo.



Winery Affiliate Membership

We have developed a winery membership. It is limited to 12 wineries. They get to post an ad each month. Currently we are only running their logos. Wilridge Vineyard Winery and Cathedral Ridge Winery are the latest ones to join. Please visit them and enjoy their wines.

Winery Affiliate Members



BRIAN CARTER
CELLARS



Coyote Canyon
WINERY



CATHEDRAL
RIDGE WINERY

FORTUITY 



thurston ^{wolfe}

evergreen
FAMILY WINES



WILRIDGE

VINEYARD, WINERY & DISTILLERY

Featured Winery Affiliate of the Month

Wilridge is a pioneering Washington winery and distillery that helped define what our region could be and continues to move it forward. Environmental responsibility guides how we farm and make wine, so the character of the land stays front and center. From estate vineyard to city, we bring our story to life through experiences designed for connection and exploration, featuring organic wine, craft cocktails, seasonal food, community gatherings, and outdoor adventure.

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Talkin' Grapes with Gar'

Since the War in Iran has put a serious dent in automobile travel plans for the Summer, perhaps it is in order for more 'Staycations' this year, so according to the current issue of Food & Wine Magazine two of the top five are located in our neck of the woods:

First, and foremost is Walla Walla AVA, which is located in South Western Washington and is home to ~ 130 wineries/1300 acres of *Vitis vinifera* wine grapes. What really stands out to the critics is the infrastructure of the area which boasts numerous fine dining establishments, bed & breakfasts, and hotels, as well as a thriving bar/music scene. The best news is it's only a 2.5 hour drive from Yakima, the highways to get there have been upgraded, and are in great condition.

The second area highlighted is the Columbia Gorge AVA, which includes both sides of the Gorge so as to include the Hood River Fruit Loop, all the great Pinot noir wineries of Oregon, and Multnomah Falls. If you haven't been lately, you will be surprised how much the region has changed, yet still includes old standbys like the Maryhill Museum, Mt Hood Lodge, and the nearby Carson Hot Springs Resort.

Bottom line: So much great food and wine, so little time to partake of it all.

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Wednesday, June 10th 2026

Selah Civic Center, Apple Room

Time: Doors open/Registration at 6:30 p.m. Tasting at 7 p.m

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- Postmarked by June 5th,
- Drop off payment at Stems by June 8th

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Members _____ @ \$40 = \$ _____

Number of Non-Members _____ @ \$50 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please note any dietary restrictions: _____

Please note if you are bringing a guest who does not drink alcohol ___ YES ___ NO

Please clip and mail this form with your check to:

Yakima Enological Society, PO Box 2395, Yakima WA 98907
All reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE



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PLEASE VISIT YAKIMAWINE.ORG AND CLICK "EVENTS & NEWSLETTER" TAB
CLICK THE HIGHLIGHTED LINK ASSOCIATED W/ THE EVENT

PAY ATTENTION TO THE PURCHASE OPTIONS
(i.e. member, non-member, non-drinking member, non-drinking non-member)
FOLLOW PROMPTS TO PURCHASE

EMAIL CHEYENNE@NEEDHAMMEDIAANDMARKETING.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE ONLINE PURCHASING PROCESS



YES Membership Enrollment Form

Member Information: **\$25.00 per Individual**(Same Address)

				<i>Date</i>
<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>	<i>E-Mail Address</i>
<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>	<i>E-Mail Address</i>
<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>	<i>E-Mail Address</i>
<i>Address</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>

Please make Checks Payable to: Yakima Enological Society

Bring Your Completed Membership Form, and Annual Dues, to the Annual Meeting.

You may also pay your dues on line using your credit card by going to yakimawine.org

Or, Mail your Form and Dues to: **Yakima Enological Society - PO Box 2395 - Yakima, WA - 98907**

\$ _____

**Total Amount
enclosed**