

THE Y.E.S

YAKIMA ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY

AN EVENING WITH VELEN WINERY

NOVEMBER 2026

Join the Yakima Enological Society on Wednesday, November 11th, for a special five-course dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn, featuring wines from Velen Winery!
Located in Zillah, Velen Winery is a family-owned estate vineyard in the Yakima Valley. Owners John and Rebecca Otis will share their winemaking journey while guests enjoy a selection of award-winning wines, including a rosé, white blend, three reds, and a dessert wine with a cheeky name!

Honoring Our Veterans
In celebration of Veterans Day, all veterans attending as guests will receive YES member pricing.

Register Early!
Last year's event sold out! With an earlier headcount required by the Hilton, we encourage members to reserve their seats as soon as possible.

Take Home Your Favorites!
Velen wines will be available for purchase or order following dinner.

We look forward to an evening of exceptional wines, delicious food, and wonderful company. Don't miss out—reserve your seat today!

— Jimi, Sue & Mary

Event Details

DATE: NOV. 11TH

LOCATION: HILTON GARDEN INN

TIME: CHECK-IN 5:30PM
DINNER SERVICE 6:00PM

PARKING: UNDERGROUND PARKING OPENS AT 4:45PM

COST: $75 PER MEMBER, $85 PER GUEST

REGISTRATION:

- **MAIL IN: POSTMARKED BY NOV. 5TH**
- **ONLINE AT YAKIMAWINE.ORG BY NOV. 6TH**

IF YOU ARE MAILING YOUR REGISTRATION, PLEASE CONTACT MARIE CLARK 509-961-5563 OR JIMI WEAVER 509-961-3676

PLEASE BRING 3 WINE GLASSES

Larson Gallery Recap

The Yakima Enological Society return to the Laron Gallery's Central Washington Artists Exhibition on October 7, 2026. Members enjoy an evening of Art, Wine and Great Company, Y.E.S. served wine from our affiliate member wineries, along with a beautiful charcuterie presentation. Our members selected "Nightfall" by Laura Wise as favorite art piece, "Emerging Sea"by Kathryn Kaye 2nd, and "Aligned Within"by LuAnn Ostergaard 3rd. We finished the evening in Yakima Valley Vintners tasting room for dessert and more wine tasting. A big thank you to the Larson Gallery and Yakima Valley Vintners for hosting us again.

Nightfall, Laura Wise



Aligned Within by LuAnn Ostergaard



Emerging Sea, Kathryn Kaye



Want a Limited Edition Y.E.S. Bottle of Wine?

YES 50th Anniversary Wines for Sale- Red is $25.00 White is $20.00 at Stems cash or check only, please!



Save The Date: Y.E.S. Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 9, 2026

The Yakima Enological Society is returning to the Yakima County Club for our 50th Anniversary Holiday Party. Mark your calendar now for an evening filled with great wine, great food and company in festive atmosphere. Invite your friends and join Y.E.S. Members for a festive celebration. Make your calendar for this very special occasion.

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Gone But Not Out

As many of you are aware, Julie and I have sold our beautiful home in Yakima and moved to a retirement community in Vancouver Washington called Touchmark. I will miss all of you and all the great times I had with the Yakima Enological Society. But, I am still on the board and will be so until my term ends in January, so I am still involved, just from a few miles away.

I am concerned that new leadership will not stand up and work to continue all great things YES has been able to accomplish. In 1984 when I was trying to figure out where I wanted to go with my life, I went to a two-day seminar intitled “More then Just a Job” One of the major things I got from that seminar was a quote that went as follows.

“This is the true joy of life, being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. Being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances” “My life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it what I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die” George Bernard Shaw from Man and Superman”

I have strongly believed that YES and wine were a purpose that I recognized as a mighty one and that my life belongs to the community and I should do for it what I can. I am sure that everyone has a purpose in life that they strongly believe in. I hope that somewhere out there; there is someone who also believes that YES and the work we have done and will continue to do is a mighty purpose and will fill any small gap that my leaving the society has created. I will continue to support YES and will keep up with my receiving the monthly newsletter.
I hope that everyone finds True Joy in Life, as I have. I may be gone but I am not out.

--Chuck Johnson



Talkin' Grapes with Gar'

The State of the World Wine Industry

I read an astounding statistic the other day to the effect that worldwide wine consumption decreased by 1.5 billion gallons from 2020 to the present (that's billions mind you) and that many vineyards are dropping fruit, pulling vines, with wineries flushing juice down the drain.

This is due in large part to consumer preference growing for beer, spirts, and legalized marihuana from younger consumers, but could also be attributed to the paradigm effect of winemakers (i.e. believing that all you need to do is continuing what you're doing and nothing will change).

This is having a deleterious effect on both growers and wineries where numbers have plummeted, acreage planted decreased dramatically, and winemakers scratching their heads trying to figure out what to do to get younger people drinking wine again.
Back when I was a 'kid' drinking Pepsi/Coca-Cola/Dr. Pepper, Ernest & Julio Gallo introduced Boone's Farm/Annie Green Springs/Zapple wine's (which was condemned by establishment wineries as rot gut) but took me from soda to these type wine's with ease (and ultimately to growing/making wine on my own).

Clearly, that is the challenge facing the world wine industry today, and they are failing miserably, with the bottom yet to be reached.

The good news is that for wino's like us there are bargains galore to be had for the taking and great wine can be found for <$20/bottle (the current issue of Wine Enthusiast rates the Kirkland Brand of many varieties >90 points and priced < $10/bottle), so drink up while you can, it's a buyers' market, eh?



YES Membership Enrollment Form

Member Information: $25.00 per Individual (Same Address)

				Date
First Name	*Last Name*	*Home Phone*	*Cell Phone*	*E-Mail Address*
First Name	*Last Name*	*Home Phone*	*Cell Phone*	*E-Mail Address*
First Name	*Last Name*	*Home Phone*	*Cell Phone*	*E-Mail Address*

Address	*City*	*State*	*Zip*

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**

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Total Amount enclosed