



# THE Y.E.S

## CRUISING THE COLUMBIA: A WINE & WATER EXPERIENCE

SEPTEMBER 2025

Join YES for a 3.5-hour private cruise aboard the West Star yacht with Water2Wine Cruises. Wines will be featured from Palencia Winery, with Victor Palencia and his wife Yaneth joining us to share insights and offer a special 2013 Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon library tasting.

Upon boarding, enjoy sparkling Albariño with appetizers (Smoked Steelhead Crostini & Stuffed Mushrooms). A gourmet lunch will follow, paired with Palencia wines. A no-host full-service bar will also be available.

We'll be joined by our friends Women Who Wine from the Tri-Cities for another lively reunion!

**\$125 per person | Limited to 64 reservations (over 40 already booked—reserve soon!)**

Register online at [yakimawine.org](http://yakimawine.org) or mail/drop your form at Stems Wine Shop.

Parking is available at the marina, but carpooling is encouraged. YES will not be providing transportation to the Tri-Cities. The boat will return at 2:30 PM. Please arrive early—the boat departs promptly at 11:00 AM.

## Event Details

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**

**LOCATION: COLUMBIA POINT MARINA, 660 COLUMBIA POINT DR., RICHLAND, WA**

**TIME: BOARDING AT 10:30AM, DEPARTS AT 11AM**

**COST: \$125 PER PERSON**

### REGISTRATION:

- MAIL-IN: POSTMARKED BY SEPT 5TH
- ONLINE: REGISTER AT [YAKIMAWINE.ORG](http://YAKIMAWINE.ORG) BY SEPT 5TH
- IN-PERSON: DROP OFF PAYMENT AT STEMS BY SEPT 5TH

**CALL OR TEXT: RSVP TO MARIE AT 509.961.5563**

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# August Event Recep: A Taste of Mexico

For those of you that missed our August event at the Yakima Area Arboretum, you missed a beautiful evening, great music, plenty of wonderful food, some interesting wines from Mexico and some shots of Tequila and Mescal. I thought the music by Temo was especially enjoyable and added a lot to the festive feeling. If you need a musician for an event let me know and I will get you in contact. The attendance was down from past events, and we will probably lose some money on this event due to the low attendance. A special "Thank You" to Luis Moreno, General Manager of Fiesta Foods and his staff for their hard work and food preparation that went into making this event so enjoyable. Thanks also must go out to the YES Board for the help in setting up, serving and cleanup that is needed to make these events a success.

- Chuck Johnson

## Platinum Wine "Best Buys"

For those of you who were unable to attend the recent Platinum XXIII, we have an opportunity to not only taste some Platinum award winners but also take home with you some of the award-winning wines. We were able to obtain ten (10) of these wines for our event in October. A couple of these wines are from Canada, some from Oregon, Red Mountain, Chelan, Horse Heaven Hills and Columbia Valley. These wines will be accompanied by some light appetizers. After tasting these ten special wines, you will have the chance to take home a few bottles of your favorites. If you missed Platinum XXIII, don't miss this chance. Mark your calendars for October 8th. More information will follow.

-- YES Board

# President's Corner

Dear YES Members,

As summer winds down and we head into fall, we're excited to share some upcoming events we hope you'll join us for:

- September - Cruising the Columbia wine and river trip
- October - Platinum Wine Tasting
- November - Veteran's Month Tasting featuring all veteran-owned wineries, with a guest speaker from one of them

We also have several board members rotating off in January. If you are interested in serving on the YES Board, please contact me or any current member.

As always, these events support our mission of raising funds for scholarships. We're thrilled to share that Platinum XXIII was our most successful dinner in 23 years! Thank you to everyone who attended, bid on auction items, and contributed through "Raise the Paddle." Because of your generosity, we are able to significantly increase our scholarship contributions in 2025:

- Yakima Valley College (Grandview, WA) - \$7,000
- Washington State University (Richland, WA) - \$4,000
- Walla Walla Community College (Walla Walla, WA) - \$3,500
- Okanagan Community College (Kelowna, B.C.) - \$3,000
- Central Washington University (Ellensburg, WA) - \$2,000
- Umpqua Community College (Roseburg, OR) - \$1,500

Please plan to attend our annual scholarship meeting in January and hear directly from some of the students who received these awards.

With gratitude,  
Sue Attebery  
President, YES



# Talkin' Grapes with Gar'

Oh Canada, how we love you!!! I just spent 10 days up North in Waterton Lakes, Banff, Bow Lake, and Fernie and with the exchange rate of \$1.00 US to ~ \$1.40 Canadian Loonie, I couldn't spend money fast enough, eh?

Now you might say, what's this got to do with Wine, to which I say I had many > \$200 meals paired with wine that were out of this world/mind blowing in every regard, but with the ~ 40% discount made them taste even better.

In particular, Banff fancies itself as a World Wide Destination and I won't argue the point. I stayed at the 4 Star Rimrock Lodge Resort across the street from the Banff Hot Springs and was blown away with the view/accommodations/culinary experience.

The Lodge will be closing in September for renovation, but I was able to meet with their Sommelier and talk wine with him to the point where since the Resort would be closing, the wine cellar he had put together needed to get 'drained' and I was more than willing to assist in this endeavor.

What transpired next was the Head Chef/Sommelier pulling together his 'Grand Finale' six course menu of every favorite dish they ever served expertly paired with six wines from the cellar. At \$499/person (Canadian) it was sublime and probably the best meal with paired wine I have ever experienced.

The reason I mention all this is to point out that you never know when opportunity knocks and given that YES Members have a good working knowledge of all things wine, you have the ability to parlay that into meeting new people and talking wine with them to point where they will open up, share what they have and make it truly special.

Bottom line: Get out there and travel to places you've never been. I highly recommend Alberta/British Columbia right next door, yet worlds away given that Alberta Beef is some of the World's best, British Columbia has great wines from the Okanagan Valley served with a true British Flair, and the people love Americans (although not Trump so much), eh?

Cheers!



**Cruising the Columbia:  
A Wine & Water Experience**

**Saturday, September 13th 2025**

**Arrive: 10:30am  
Returns: 2:30pm**

**Columbia Point Marina (660 Columbia  
Point Dr.)**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Please note any dietary restrictions:

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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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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](mailto:CHEYENNE@NEEDHAMMEDIAANDMARKETING.COM) WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT  
THE ONLINE PURCHASING PROCESS

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**Postmarked by September 5th**

**PAY BY: CHECK, ONLINE, or  
IN-PERSON AT STEMS**

**Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$125 =  
\$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_**



# 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](http://yakimawine.org)

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

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Amount**

**enclosed**