



THE Y.E.S



REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

NOVEMBER 2025

Join Y.E.S. for a special evening showcasing five veteran-owned wineries from across Washington State—four based in Walla Walla and one in Enumclaw. After much tasting (and debate!), we've selected seven standout wines that we're excited to share.

Wineries & Wines Featured:

Please bring 3 wine glasses for this tasting.

- Aluvé Winery - Sparkling Rosé, Estate Chardonnay
- Los Rocosos Winery - Estate Grenache
- Smoky Rose Cellars - Rosé of Cabernet Franc
- Deux Soldats Winery - Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc
- Leonys Cellars - "Magical Moments" Cinsault

 These wines will be paired with a delicious sit-down dinner prepared by the chef at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Special Guest Presentation:

The owners of Deux Soldats Winery (Two Soldiers) will be joining us to share the story behind their wines and service.

Limited Seating - 45 Guests Only!

Please register by Saturday, November 8, so we can provide an accurate headcount to the chef.

We can't wait to raise a glass with you in honor of our veteran winemakers!

Event Details

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
12TH

LOCATION: HILTON GARDEN
INN - 401 E YAKIMA AVENUE,
YAKIMA, WA 98901

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT
6:00PM. DINNER AT 6:30PM

COST: \$72 PER MEMBER
\$82 PER NON MEMBER

BRING: 3 WINE GLASSES
FOR THE TASTING

REGISTRATION:

- MAIL-IN: POSTMARKED BY NOV 5TH
- ONLINE: REGISTER AT YAKIMAWINE.ORG BY NOV 8TH
- IN-PERSON: DROP OFF PAYMENT AT STEMS BY NOV 8TH

CALL OR TEXT: WITH Q'S TO
MARIE AT 509.961.5563

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Recap of October's Platinum "Best Buys"

Everyone had a grand time at our October event at the Selah Civic Center. The event was very informal, which allowed attendees to mill around and visit. The food for the event was tasty and plentiful and was prepared by Marie Clark, Pam Larin, Julie Johnson, Dorene Boyle and Brad Baldwin. The 10 Platinum award winning wines were, as expected, very good and the group included four white wines, two rose wines and four red wines. Of the 10, five were Double Platinum award winners and were a real steal at under \$25 a bottle.

At the end of the evening, each attendee had three chances to pick their favorites from the 10 wines they tasted. If their name was selected, they got to take home a three-bottle pack of that award winning wine. The Selah Civic Center (a new venue for us) was recently renovated and nice. If you missed this event, you lost the opportunity to try some very good wines at very reasonable prices.

Chuck Johnson

-- Chuck Johnson

New Board Members Needed

We are making another appeal, asking any member to please consider serving on the Yakima Enological Society's board. We currently have 11 board members, but four of them have announced that they will be stepping down in January 2026, which leaves YES with only seven members on the board. Our bylaws (as follows) state that we need a minimum of nine board members in order to conduct business.

ARTICLE V - Board of Directors

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than nine nor more than fifteen members who shall be members of the Society, such Directors to be elected by the membership at any regular or special meeting, and/or by the Board. The officers designated in these by-laws shall be elected by the Board and shall include the immediate past President.

We desperately need people to step up and agree to serve on the board for 2026-27. If we do not fill these positions YES will no longer be able to function. Now might be the time to finally take some ownership of your club. A board term is a commitment of only two years. Please consider serving. Please contact any of the current board members if you would consider serving and they can supply you with more information.

The YES Board

--The YES Board

Save the Date: A Festive Evening Awaits

Yakima Enological Society Christmas Party!

- Wednesday, December 10, 2025
- Hilton Garden Inn in Downtown Yakima

The most magical time of the year is just around the corner, and so is our annual YES Christmas Party! Make sure to mark your calendars now for an evening filled with great wine, delicious food, and holiday cheer as we come together to celebrate the season with our amazing YES members and friends. Expect festive decor, a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and a few fun surprises to toast to another wonderful year of wine education and camaraderie.

Stay tuned for more details and ticket information in the coming weeks—this is a holiday event you won't want to miss!

🍷 With holiday spirit,

--The YES Board



President's Corner

The holidays are coming! A lot of the wineries are having fun events for Halloween and we need to get out and support our local wineries. Don't forget about buying extra wine for Thanksgiving and Christmas and we need to shop local. Don't forget to go to Stems and support Brad, who is a board member of YES.

Please plan on attending our veterans event coming up the day after Veterans Day. We have some amazing wines for you to taste that are from veteran, owned wineries, and guest speakers from one of the wineries that are both veterans. Also put our Christmas party on your calendar. It's always a great event and a perfect way to celebrate the holidays. hope to see you all at the coming events.

--Sue Atteberg



Talkin' Grapes with Gar'

This has been another trying year for the Pacific Northwest wine grape growers and wineries. The continued change in the demographics for wine drinkers is leading a steep decline, which when coupled with climate change and winery ownership, has decimated the Wine Industry. To wit:

- 1.) Extreme cold last Winter (10 to 15 below zero for 3-4 days) left many vineyards being pruned with chainsaws back to the ground, which then restarts the fruiting cane production, but takes 2-3 years before fruit is produced again.
- 2.) Continued shakeout within the Wine Industry prompted by Ste. Michelle being bought by a New York based owner which immediately cut ~ 50% of vineyard contracts AND wrote off ~ \$200M in wine as unsellable.
- 3.) Demographics from young drinkers shows a shift to spirits and/or mocktails which has led to a steep decline in alcohol consumption overall.
- 4.) Tariffs (or the threat of) continue to wrought uncertainty in long range planning of vineyard plantings and wine making.

The good news is that regulatory changes in Canada again allows for purchasing of U.S. wine grapes, which will diminish the glut on market and should foster long term relationships to develop.

The steep downturn in the drinking of alcohol cries out for a better marketing campaign to halt the decline and bring responsible drinking back into vogue with a younger clientele ala' Boones Farm, Annie Greensprings, Bartles & James back in the 80's did when the \$64K question was how do you get sweet soda pop drinkers into drinking wine.

But what's new, as it has always been a challenge to make a go of it, with the joke being, "How do you make a small fortune in the wine industry? Start with a large one!"

Here's to a better 2026, eh?

Remembering our Veterans

Wednesday, November 12th 2025

Doors Open: 6:00pm

Hilton Garden Inn - 401 E Yakima
Avenue, Yakima, WA 98901

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Postmarked by November 5th

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

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Members _____ @ \$72 =
\$ _____

Number of Guests _____ @ \$82 =
\$ _____

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)

				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**

\$ _____

**Total Amount
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