

The Y.E.S. Newsletter

A monthly publication for members of the Yakima Enological Society



A Taste of Texas

Did you know that Texas is the fifth largest wine production state in the U.S., only behind California, New York, Washington and Oregon and has over 400 wineries? The first wine grapes were planted in 1650 near El Paso by Spanish missionaries, and now Texas has over 4,550 acres of *Vitis Vinifera* grapes.

The wines we will be featuring are all from Texas vineyards produced by **Becker Winery** in Stonewall, Texas, and **Bending Branch Winery** in Comfort, Texas. They will include: 2017 Viognier, 2020 Picpoul Blanc, 2016 Comfortage (Roussanne), 2018 Mourvedre, 2018 Tannat, 2018 Dolcetto, 2016 Grenache, and a 2017 Ranger Hays (Bordeaux Blend). Texas beer will also be available, made by **Spoetzel Brewery** in Shiner, Texas.

The Texas-style BBQ done by Pit Master **John Vandervale** will feature the "Texas Trinity," which is beef brisket, pork ribs and sausage links. Sides will include ranch beans, cole slaw, tortillas and salsa. Dessert will be fruit cobblers.

This "Taste of Texas" will be held on Saturday June 12th starting at 4:00 pm with wine tasting, visiting and Texas music. The BBQ will be served at approximately 5:00 pm. This Saturday event will be held at the home of **Chuck and Julie Johnson** with lots of open space and room to roam. Parking is at a premium, so we ask that, if possible, you consider carpooling with your friends. Please remember to bring a wine glass marked with your identification.

Cost for the evening will be \$50 for members and \$60 for guests.

So put on your jeans, cowboy boots, Stetson and grab your partner and prepare yourself for a special "Taste of Texas."

—Chuck Johnson

Directions to the Johnsons' home (1850 S.R. 821, Yakima):

- ▶ From Yakima, exit Highway 82 at Exit 26 (Yakima Training Center exit) and turn left at stop sign.
- ▶ Go approximately 2 miles on Highway 821 toward Ellensburg (Yakima Canyon).
- ▶ Turn left onto gravel driveway across the road from a 40 mph sign.
- ▶ Proceed down driveway, turn right at the corner.
- ▶ Proceed through the gate. Parking to the right behind the barn.
- ▶ If lost, call 571-7576.

THE DETAILS

Date: Saturday, June 12

Time: 4 p.m. start for wine tasting, approx. 5 p.m. dinner

Location: The Johnsons' (1850 State Rte. 821, Yakima)

Cost: \$50 per person for members; \$60 per person for nonmembers

Registration deadlines:

Mail: Postmarked by **06/05**

Drop off: Payment can be dropped off by **06/09** at Stems Mon.–Fri. 10–4 or Sat. 10–3. For information, call 509-452-8800. Can use credit cards, for a fee.

Call: Late registration by phone at 509-575-6841 by **06/09**

July Teaser

Y. E. S. returns to downtown Yakima for a fun and hot night in the courtyard of the **Hilton Garden Inn. Stems** will find fun summer wines to cool you off. Mark your calendars for July 14. Start time is 6:30 pm.

—Brad Baldwin



Plan Ahead... Y.E.S. Calendar of Upcoming Events

—Brad Baldwin

July 14 (Wed.)...
Stems/Ummelina at Hilton
Downtown Yakima

August 21 (Sat.)...
Platinum Dinner
Yakima Country Club

September 8 (Wed.)...
Central WA Ag Museum
Union Gap

PLATINUM XIX DINNER

The Yakima Enological Society has our 19th Annual Platinum event scheduled for August 21st, 2021 at the **Yakima Country Club**. At this time, assuming things go as planned, we believe that this year's Platinum Dinner, delayed by the pandemic in 2020, will be a great opportunity to meet friends and enjoy great wines once again.

Some of the highlights for 2021 will be:

★ During the Winemakers Reception we will be pouring eight wines, all of them are Double Platinum winners.

★ The five-course dinner will feature Platinum award-winners paired with a menu that is still in development. The wine courses this year will include: Viognier, Pinot Noir, red blends, Syrah and finally a late harvest Riesling and a Riesling ice wine.

Call your friends and start putting your table together as we expect another sell-out event. An early registration form will be in the June newsletter. Remember that all the money raised at this event goes to scholarships for Pacific Northwest students studying enology or viticulture. Your attendance will support the wine industry, wineries and winemakers of the Pacific Northwest.

—Platinum Committee

May Recap: River Ridge / Bosma Winery

The May tasting was held on May 12th at **River Ridge Golf Course and Restaurant**. **Kina Blackburn** and **Marty Griffith** prepared a delicious prime rib dinner that was served with six wines from **Bosma Winery**. Y.E.S. members were able to taste Bosma Winery's Viognier, Roussanne, Cabernet Sauvignon Blend, Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 8 and Syrah. The owner of Bosma Winery, **Steve Bosma**, was our guest speaker. River Ridge Restaurant has room for other events, small or large — call them to find out more. Steve Bosma hopes to see some if not all of us down at his wine tasting room in Zillah, WA. He said they will soon have some new releases. We hope everyone that was able to make it enjoyed the wines and the meal.

—Jimi Weaver and Jarvine Mabes

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What..... A Taste of Texas

When Saturday, June 12 starting at 4:00 p.m.

Where The home of Chuck and Julie Johnson
(1850 State Route 821, Yakima)

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Number of Guests _____ @ \$60 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Important: Please include your phone number AND email in case we need to reach you.

★ 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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Postmarked by 06/05

OR dropped off at Stems by 06/09

Mon.–Fri. 10–4 or Sat. 10–3.

Can use credit cards, for a fee.

Platinum XIX Dinner

Registration

Saturday, August 21st, 2021 ~ Yakima Country Club

5:30 pm ~ Winemakers Reception & Greeting Wines

6:30 pm ~ Dinner featuring five courses

and Platinum Wines

You may purchase seats individually or purchase a table of ten. *If you are buying a whole table, please send in the money for all of your table along with a list of the people at your table. In that way you will be guaranteed to sit together!* If you are not buying a table, but would like to be seated with friends, please write their names below and we will make an effort to seat you accordingly.

1. Name: _____ Phone or e-mail _____

2. Name: _____ Phone or e-mail _____

3. Name: _____ Phone or e-mail _____

4. Name: _____ Phone or e-mail _____

5. Name: _____ Phone or e-mail _____

6. Name: _____ Phone or e-mail _____

7. Name: _____ Phone or e-mail _____

8. Name: _____ Phone or e-mail _____

9. Name: _____ Phone or e-mail _____

10. Name: _____ Phone or e-mail _____

Early Bird (must be postmarked by Saturday, July 31st)

Regular seating - \$150/person

Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$150 = _____

After July 31st

Regular seating - \$165/person

Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$165 = _____

We would like to be seated with:

Total Enclosed \$ _____

If no seating preference is made, your seating will be assigned for you.)

Please mail this form along with your check to:

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All Reservations must be paid for in advance and are Non-Refundable.