

## May 2020 “Stay At Home” Wine Tasting

I am writing this as I am thinking that tonight should have been our Platinum Tasting. As we look toward May’s tasting, I know that a get-together for our whole club is not advisable. So, let us “Stay at Home” and share a favorite wine and food pairing online.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, post a couple of pictures of you, your wine, your food pairing, and comments about your choice(s) — including the names of all the participants. Make this post between 7 and 9 p.m. to the YES Facebook page of YakimaWine.org. If you do not do Facebook or have issues, message me at 509-961-5563 and I will post for you. We will award two bottles of wine, door-prize-style, to two participants drawn at random (one bottle each) who post on May

13<sup>th</sup> between 7 and 9 p.m.

Please join us online, stay safe, and enjoy your wine. We hope to see you at the June tasting.

No registration deadline.

No charge.

No glasses to bring.

Questions? Call Marie Clark at 509-961-5563.

—Marie Clark

## PLATINUM “XVIII” Update

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Platinum Dinner has been rescheduled for August 8th, at the Yakima Country Club starting at 5:30 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the event is still in some doubt, but the Yakima Country Club has us on their event calendar. The Platinum committee will evaluate the situation in the middle of June and make a decision on whether or not to proceed. We will try to keep everyone up to date. This was shaping up to be a great event with huge industry participation, and if we can safely hold our event, we will.

Some of the highlights of this year’s event:

The wineries that won a significant number of Platinum awards this year were **Maryhill Winery** (15), **Reustle-Prayer Rock Vineyards** (8), **Cellardoor Winery** (7), **Gehring Bros. Estate Winery** (6), **Cave B Estate Winery** (5), **Zerba Cellars** (5), and **Brian Carter Cellars** (4). Wines from all of these wineries will be served and all of them will have representatives from their winery at the dinner to speak about their wines.

Canada continues to produce a large number of Platinum winners. This year Canadians earned seven Double Platinum wines. We will be pouring some of these wines at our dinner. If you have

not had the chance to visit the wineries in Canada, please consider joining YES for our bus trip to the Okanagan in September.

If the decision is to proceed with the dinner, please consider attending, as we still would like to be able to provide some scholarships to the students studying winemaking in the Pacific Northwest. This event is open to members of the Yakima Enological Society, the Yakima Country Club and any invited guests. More information will follow in June.

—Chuck Johnson



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

—Brad Baldwin

**June 10...**  
**Central WA Ag Museum**  
Union Gap

**July 8...**  
**Stems Courtyard Event**  
Downtown Yakima

**August 8...**  
**Platinum Dinner**  
Yakima Country Club

**President's Corner**

**May 2020**

**"Interesting Times"**

Well aren't they now? These are times to play it safe, in earnest. Times to take care of your health, really. Times to be closer with family, you have little choice. And, times to think of and care for others. We're all in the same boat.

"Social Distancing" puts a bit of a kink in our **social-centric Yakima Enological Society**. We're together because we want to be. We have common interests. And, we love to be entertained, as a group. But, being a "group," at this particular time, may come at the cost of health (or life). As a Board, we do not want that.

But, as a group, we have spirit and drive. How do we work around this "obstacle"? How do we keep connected with, and charged by, each other's energy?

We (well, **Marie Clark**, specifically) presented the concept of a "Virtual Event." YES Members can exercise their creativity and talent at home and share it online. We can still be a "Society." And, we do not compromise anyone's health.

Several Board Members have already tried this out. It's kinda fun! See the details in Marie's article. "A Picture can speak a thousand words."

And, on another front, **Pam Larin**, our new Treasurer, has produced our first year-end statements as a 501(c)(3) corporation. And, our 2019 income tax statement has been filed. Based upon these documents, we're doing a very good job at being a nonprofit organization. That's a Good Thing!

—Please Be Safe, Roy

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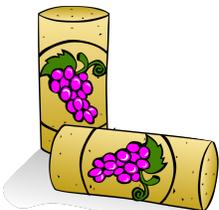


**June Teaser: Central Washington Ag Museum**

Our June 10<sup>th</sup> YES event will be held at the **Central Washington Agricultural Museum** (hopefully), at the southern end of Union Gap. We will focus on the viticultural aspect (growing of the wine grapes) of our YES education. We will be served by **Staci's Catering** (proven GREAT food) and **GFW** wines (a local winery, formed in 2016, producing **very nice wine, tasted by the**

**Board**). And, there will be a viticultural trivia contest! This will be different and fun! More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

—Roy Lewis



*Stay Home, Stay Healthy*