



Message From The Bottle

April 2011

Spring Barrel Tasting Rattlesnake Hills Style April 15-17

Spring pruning, frogs croaking, and water in the canals. What else says spring? Spring Barrel Tasting, of course, where wineries polish up, throw open the doors, and de-bung barrels for the curious consumer and festival-loving traveler alike.

Come and explore new releases, baby wines in barrels, and winemakers ready for

challenging queries. Music, food, wine, and sun. Spring fever abounds in our valley April 15-17 10am-5pm (with some wineries open until 6 pm).



Wine is not all you'll experience during Spring Barrel Tasting weekend in the Rattlesnake Hills. Several wineries will have other things to tease you out of your winter doldrums, including live bands, BBQ at reasonable prices, chocolatiers, and artists displaying their art. But the real entertainment is the barrel tasting, where winemakers offer samples of their hand-crafted wares while discussing terroir, grape cultivation, fermentation, and the fruit forwardness of the barreled wine. Most winemakers believe barrel tasting is for education, not only of their newest releases, but of the art of tasting the fruit of the vine.

"Spring Barrel Tasting has been a tradition in the Yakima Valley for more than 25 years, with a dozen wineries in the Yakima Valley sharing samples from the wine aging in the barrels with their customers. It gives the visitor a chance to compare the flavors of the unfinished product with the bottled wines of the same variety. The purpose of the event is educational as fans and the curious are able to discuss and enjoy the wines with the winemakers themselves," said Shirley Puryear, owner of Bonair Winery.

No ticket is required- *just a glass*-to sample great wines and enjoy the festival atmosphere on the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail (RHWT). Wine tasters are encouraged to purchase a RHWT Passport for \$10 per person. Passport holders will enjoy many benefits and discounts at Rattlesnake Hills Wineries. Wine glasses and Passports are available at all the wineries on the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail. Passports are good one time at each winery, but otherwise never expire! They're not required, but definitely worthwhile!

Spring Barrel Tasting weekend is well designed for both the casual sipper and the connoisseur stocking their collection. You'll see those intently taking notes of each tasting while others are simply enjoying a casual weekend getaway. It is recommended to stay at least one night and the Yakima Valley offers numerous outstanding options for getaways. Visitors are encouraged to go to the www.rattlesnakehills.com website for a list of lodging opportunities that vary from full service hotels to quaint B&Bs.

[Spring Barrel Events!](#)

Taste Responsibly:

You must be 21 years of age to taste wine.

Please have ID ready at each winery.


Having a designated driver is encouraged.

Wineries can refuse service.

Only the wines of the winery you are visiting may be consumed on the premises, all other alcohol prohibited.

Thank you and have a great weekend!






*All
Up Dressed* and nowhere to go?

**Great Wines • Great Food • Great Music
Great Times With Friends**

Join us for the 7th Annual Rattlesnake Hills
Passport Party, Saturday, August 27th, 2011 at

Silver Lake Winery



Just complete your passport and turn it
in to be invited! Hope to see you there!
Seating is limited, buy your tickets today!

Featuring food by Birchfield Manor and music by Vicki & the Velvetones!

Space is limited to the first 250 people.
To purchase tickets go to: www.brownbagtickets.com and type in
Snake In The Glass to find the event.
Don't wait too long! Many tickets have already been sold!

Spring Special!

Zillah Lakes Wine Getaway Package

\$60 Per Night---Per couple

This special is for Sunday-Thursday nights during April and May



Take a break from everyday life and escape during the week Sunday-Thursday nights with a wine getaway for up to TWO COUPLES (kids welcomed) at Zillah Lakes "a wine country village", just 2.5 hours from Seattle, 10 minutes south of Yakima in the heart of Rattlesnake Hills Wine Country. You will enjoy a two night stay (weekends rates are higher) in a beautiful new home at Zillah Lakes and take advantage of all the Rattlesnake Hills Wineries.

The Zillah Lakes Wine Getaway Package Includes

- One or more nights in a brand new 3-bedroom/2 bath home lakefront on Zillah Lakes-fully furnished.
- Wine Country Goodies Basket including: fruit-breakfast muffins-juice-local chocolate
- Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail Passport-one per person
- Bottle of wine from a Rattlesnake Hills Winery
- Local restaurant discount
- Free use of a boat and bicycles to explore the Zillah Lakes and our nature trails. (Package value: \$150)

We offer a concierge service to arrange other activities: hiking, golf, bird-watching, river rafting, wine-maker dinners, and visits to local farmer's market.

ALL FOR \$60 PER NIGHT

Please call our Hospitality Manager-Pam Lakman at 206. 753.7188 to check available dates.

You can also visit us at www.zillahlakes.com

Your Ticket To Fun in the Sun!

Make sure you have your Rattlesnake Hills Passport for Spring Barrel Weekend, or any weekend you plan to come over and taste some wine. The Passport is your ticket to great benefits and discounts at all of our wineries.

Get your Rattlesnake Hills Passport at any one of the 18 member wineries on "The Trail" or at the Visitor Information Center located right off of I-82. There are only \$10 per person and don't expire!

[Click here for Passport benefits.](#)



The 18 Wineries of the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail:

Click on their name for more information:

[Agate Field Vineyard](#)

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