



Message From The Bottle

July 2011

Summer on the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail Where Great Times Meet Great Wines!

We have some great events coming up this summer, capping the season with our annual **'Snake in the Glass' Passport Party!** Do you have your reservations yet? Only 60 days left until the party and only 100 tickets! Don't wait too much longer- tickets are going fast! The Passport Party will be Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 6-10 pm at Silver Lake Winery.



If you are receiving this newsletter, you are a Passport completer and can purchase tickets for the event. Go to <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/148382>

Passport completers can invite two couples to attend the event as well! Bring friends and introduce them to the wonderful wines in the Rattlesnake Hills.

If you have trouble ordering tickets call me. I'm happy to help! I can be reached at 509.965.4521 or by email at info@rattlesnakehills.com

There are a few new items to look forward to at this year's event including: **A Grand Prize Wine Weekend Getaway** including a two-night stay at Zillah Lakes, a welcome basket when you arrive, a winemaker dinner, lunch at Silver Lake Winery, four Rattlesnake Hills wine glasses and Passports, a vineyard tour at Bonair Sunday

morning and much more! We will also have wonderful gift basket giveaways from our wineries.

Passport party guests will be able to purchase the wines featured at the party at a discounted rate at the wineries the next day. Before you leave the party, simply place your order at the Rattlesnake Hills information table and your wine will be ready for you before you leave town Sunday! Plus - all guests will be able to **purchase new 2011 Passports at 50% the regular price at the party**. The new Passport has a great new look with great information from each winery and a place to make tasting notes!

Don't want to drive to and from the party?

A&A Motorcoach (800.798.9856) is providing transportation if you'd rather leave the driving to someone else. For ONLY \$17.50 roundtrip will be providing bus service to the event with pickups at all three sponsored hotels. Pickups will begin at 5pm, with a 10 minute load time at each hotel. The bus will return from the event at 9pm. If you do not take the bus, but choose to drive yourself, and find that you are worried about driving home following the event, you can purchase a seat (based on availability) on the bus that evening from an A&A driver. Roundtrip tickets for the bus can be purchased in advance from www.shopwineyakima.com (you'll need to know which hotel you'd like to be picked up from).

4th of July Weekend (This Weekend!):

@ Silver Lake Winery at Roza Hills: We will have music Saturday July 2nd from 1-4pm Raven Wolf. Lunches will be available Saturday and Sun 12-4pm. Plus 50% off a case of Reserve Syrah and Reserve Cab Franc! For more information go to www.silverlakewinery.com



@ Piety Flats Winery: Come enjoy Barbecue John, his son Eric and Fiddler Kristi Hunzicker, at Piety Flats Winery on July 2nd - 2-5pm. Barbeque John is a longtime Yakima musician and the leader of the band Hot Barbeque.

They play an occasional original song, but mostly a blend of rockabilly, old country, western swing, reggae, rock 'n roll, cheesy pop, blues, bluegrass, Cajun, and whatever else they can think of. For more information go to www.pietyflatswinery.com

July Events

@ Knight Hill Winery: "Friday Knight @ The Hill" is on July 22 from 6:30-9:30pm. It's \$25 per person which includes wine tasting, dinner with glass of wine, music and dancing. Wine by the glass or bottle is available to purchase as well. Music is by KCJazz. The band has a varied playlist and will be fun. For more information go to

www.knighthillwinery.com

@ Masset Winery: Masset will have picnic supplies for the weekend of the 4th of July, including fresh baked breads, cheeses, fruit and Italian style cured meats.

Masset will have a sale on library wines for July, including Magnums of our 2005 Reserve Syrah (90 points Wine Spectator), 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon (91 points Enthusiast) as well as 2004 Petit Sirah and Sandra Jean Red Wine. Come in for a good deal on properly cellared wines that are perfectly aged. For more information go to

www.massetwinery.com

@ Bonair Winery: July is a wonderful time at Bonair to walk through our vineyards and watch the grapes grow, relax by our duck pond with a picnic lunch, and check out our great summer wine specials. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday all summer tapas are available from noon to 4:30pm. What could be better than to enjoy tapas with a glass of wine under BLUE SKIES and SUNNY WARM weather! Slava, our Russian friend and world-renowned performer will be playing and singing every Saturday afternoon. Our staff is here to provide you with an informative, happy experience and a lot of great wine!! For more information go to www.bonairwine.com

@ Eaton Hill Winery: Eaton Hill Winery is running business as usual. Stop by and try a sample of our tasty soups and a sip of our award winning wines. Now's the time to stock up on a perfect Patio sipper- we recommend our delicious Sun Glow or Off Dry Riesling to set the mood in the summertime! Connect with us on Facebook to keep updated on news at Eaton Hill Winery! www.facebook.com/EatonhillWinery or Eatonhillwinery@gmail.com

@ Severino Cellars: "Friday on the Patio" at Severino Cellars will be by July 29th. Enjoy appetizers, conversation and great wine with friends. They will have extended hours on Friday evening. For more information call Severino Cellars @ 509.829.3800 or visit their website at: www.severinocellars.com

@ Two Mountain Winery: Make a date at Two Mountain Winery for Dinner & a Movie: Every summer we welcome wine lovers to bring their favorite lawn chairs or blanket and enjoy our outdoor Dinner and A Movie Series. You'll enjoy a catered dinner and a fabulous Two Mountain wines followed by a private screening of some of your favorite films on the cool, soft grass at our winery. Dinner begins at 7:30 pm with the movie starting at dusk. For \$25 per person, our Dinner & a Movie Series are the perfect way to unwind after a day touring Yakima Valley's wine country. For more information call us @ 509.829.3900 or visit our website at: www.twomountainwinery.com

Meet Steve Hovanes
Head Winemaker for Hyatt Vineyards



I am originally from New Zealand, although I have lived in the US for most of my life and am an American citizen. I trained in winemaking in New Zealand, graduating from Charles Sturt University with a degree in Wine Science.

I currently live in Yakima and have a daughter, Katy, who will be a senior at Smith College in Massachusetts next year.

I was at Silver Lake Winery for almost three years before moving to Hyatt and have previously worked at Esk Valley Estate and Tukipo River Estate wineries, both in the Napier, New Zealand area.

Prior to my winemaking career I worked as a mechanical designer in aerospace and commercial marine equipment.

Zillah Lakes Wine Getaways

Enjoy a relaxing stay in the Rattlesnake Hills with a stay at Zillah Lakes. A wine package includes two nights deluxe accommodations in one of their new, beautifully furnished homes with three bedrooms, 2 baths. We offer a wine basket when you arrive and continental breakfast the first morning of your stay. Use the kitchen to make your own snacks and meals while you are staying with us. This "Wine Getaway" is a \$500 value but can be reserved for only \$400 per weekend or \$350 for two nights during the week. If you are interested please contact Pam Lakman at 206.753.7188.



Visiting wine country in your RV? Zillah Lakes has 20 plus RV unites near the Town Center Plaza for use. All RV's must be fully self-contained as no utility hook ups are provided. All RV parking is "FREE" on a first come basis.

The Best Kept Secret in Eastern Washington!

Winery and Vineyard Tours

Make your wine experience complete with a winery or vineyard tour.

Bonair Winery: The grapes are now in bloom and owner and winemaker Gail Puryear will take you on a tour of their vineyards where you can see irrigation and vine development. Tours are \$10 per person. If you would like to schedule a tour please contact us at winemaker@bonairwine.com



Paradisos del Sol: Paul Vandenberg, winegrower of Paradisos del Sol, will take you on a vineyard tour of our on-site vineyard. He will share insights of 27 vintages as a vineyard manager, executive winemaker, cellar rat, and consultant here in Washington. The cost is \$10 per person; wear comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing for the season. We will be out walking around in the vineyard. Call 509.829.9000 or send us an e-mail at info@paradisosdelsol.com to set up your tour and tasting with Paul



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