



Message From The Bottle

June 2011

**Join us on the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail this summer
For Fun, Sun and Wine!**

Get our your calendars and make plans to visit the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail all summer long, The sun is out and it looks like summer might just show up after all! The Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail wineries are busy this month and through the summer and fall with a whole host of events planned to keep you coming back for more! Remember to check out our website for lodging information www.rattlesnakehills.com

June 3 & 4: Toppenish Mural in a Day @ Pioneer Park

Watch as professional artists create a mural in less than 48 hours. The event will run

Friday from noon- 9 pm and Saturday from 7 am - 4 pm. There will also be a car show, live music, arts/crafts and food vendors, a Friday night steak feed and Saturday morning pancake breakfast. For more information call the City of Toppenish @ 509.865.6375 or visit their website at: www.toppenish.net

June 4: Wood Fired Pizza @Steppe Cellars

Guerra's Gourmet will be cooking pizzas on Steppe Cellars wood fired pizza oven on Saturday, June 4. They will be offering traditional wood fired Neapolitan style thin crust pizzas with a variety of toppings from 11 am -5 pm at the tasting room at Steppe Cellars.



Chef Chris Guerra will have an amazing barbeque chicken and cilantro pie, a roasted vegetable and goat cheese pie as well as a signature Carne Picante pie featuring chorizo, roasted onions and salami. Come out and enjoy our amazing and unique view of the valley with a glass of wine and a slice of pizza. For more information call Steppe Cellars @ 509.494.2145 or visit their website: www.steppecellars.com



June 11: 2nd Annual Jerri Lin Canter Against Cancer Trail Ride and Wine Tasting Through the Rattlesnake Hills to Benefit Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center sponsored by the Yakima Valley Old People's Riding Club. Riders depart from Severino Cellars Vineyard located off of Roza Drive in Zillah.

This trail ride takes you into the heart of the Rattlesnake Hills AVA with stops at many of the Rattlesnake Hills wineries. All proceeds made go to benefit FRED HUTCHINSON CANCER RESEARCH CENTER. Last year we were able to raise over \$6,000.00 and are hoping for an even bigger event this year. For additional information they can contact Linda Spurlock at 509-952-7106 or by visiting our web page www.YVOPRC.org

June 11& 12: Tefft Cellars will release their 2010 Rosato de' Sangiovese!

Get your summer started on the right foot with a few bottles of our beautiful Sangiovese Rose. We will be releasing this wine to the general public throughout the weekend of June 11-12 from 11 am- 7pm. Last year's cases of this award winner flew out the door so you don't want to wait too long. Our signature, estate grown Sangiovese grapes lend an aroma and flavor of fresh strawberries to a beautiful wine. Enjoy this off dry wine at cellar temperature (not too cold), with light snacks or appetizers. Friends will love it if you share this wine with them.

June 18-19: Tefft Cellars will release their 2010 Pinot Grigio!

Back by popular demand, our 2010 Pinot Grigio pays homage to the dray and crisp Old World Style. This wine is brightly acidic with hints of citrus and pineapple. The perfect wine to get your party started! Stop by our tasting room all weekend and enjoy a

bottle with friends on our sun-drenched patio.

June 18: Silver Lake Winery at Roza Hills is celebrating Father's Day

Join us Sunday, June 18 for lunch, live music and great wine on our scenic grounds and patio area- the perfect way to relax with dad. For more information call us at 509.829.6235 or visit our website: www.silverlakewinery.com

June 19: Celebrate Father's Day @ Piety Flats

Join us from 5-8 pm at Piety Flats Winery June 19th (Father's Day) in the park next to the winery. Bring a cigar for Dear Ol' Dad, a folding chair, Kentucky Fried Chicken or something that pairs well with any of our wines, not that KFC would not pair well with our Chardonnay.

We do have cheese (and Cougar Gold); salami and crackers if you are eating light. Sit back and enjoy the amazing John and Jeff's Great Adventure.

We have 6 picnic tables, but to listen to the band you may want to bring some portable folding chairs for better viewing. Be prepared to dance and or play Bocce and spend some quality time enjoying the day with Dad.

June 24: "Friday on the Patio" at Severino Cellars begins again. 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

June 24: Friday Knight @ The Hill

Music, food and great wine at Knight Hill Winery. \$25 per person. For more information or to make reservations call 509.865.5654 or email us at: info@knighthillwinery.com

June 25-25: Tefft Cellars will release their 2009 Chardonnay

Yes, it's finally ready! Thank you all for your patience as we've waited until just the right moment to release this special vintage. Our barrel fermented Chardonnay is worthy of a trip to Outlook all by itself. Be sure to plan your weekend around a trip to our warm and friendly tasting room.

The entire month of June...



Bonair Winery: June is here and that means SUNSHINE! In June Bonair Winery will begin serving its very popular Tapas menu on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons throughout the summer and fall season. There is nothing as relaxing as eating our Spanish snacks (Panini's, cheese, smoked salmon, etc.) with a glass of wine on our patio and enjoying the ducks and the dog and the grapevines. Most Saturday

afternoons our wonderful Russian friend Slava will delight you with his soulful romantic Russian ballads on the deck.

Check out our special by the case - Dry Gewurztraminer (half price: \$78). That's only \$6.50 per bottle when you purchase it by the case for a delightful summer wine.

Eaton Hill Winery: Inventory and spring cleaning are officially completed and we are ready for you! Our doors are open, the flowers are blooming and a beautiful sun is shining. Join us for samples of our award winning wines and our famous soups. Cook Brook has been hard at work in the kitchen concocting new recipes to serve up each weekend, so hop in the car and come down for a visit. We are open daily noon-5 pm. For more information email us at: eatonhillwinery@gmail.com

Knight Hill Winery: We are releasing our 2009 Mourvedre and Syrah this month as well as a non vintage Roundtable Red Bordeaux blend. Soon to be released is Rook's Red, also a Bordeaux blend.

Piety Flats New Release-

Enjoy our newly released Mercantile Red. It is a truly magnificent blend in the tradition Bordeaux has made famous. 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot (Bordeaux styled) and another 25% Syrah to make it just the way Mercantile Red should be. You will taste the fresh acids and realize this is a true winner.

A trip to Piety Flats is a trip into history ... This is the centennial year of the Donald Fruit and Mercantile building in Wapato!

Silver Lake Winery at Roza Hills: Our famous BBQ lunches are back for the summer season on Saturdays and Sundays from noon-4 pm. For more information call us at 509.829.6235 or visit our website: www.silverlakewinery.com

Tanjuli Winery: Pre-Father's Day Release of 2009 Viognier.

Just in time for the start of summer, Tanjuli Winery has created a beautiful white wine putting a Rattlesnake Hills spin on this famous French varietal. This dry white wine celebrates the sun and fun of summer, the perfect match for Asian cuisine especially Thai and Vietnamese dishes. Come enjoy the magic of Tanjuli Winery. For more information call us @ 509.731.4829 or email us at: tanjuli@gmail.com

July ~August ~ September ~ October:

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 Move 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

Saturday, August 13 will feature "Under the Tuscan Sun"

Saturday, September 3rd will feature "Goonies"

October 15 at Two Mountain Winery: Winemaker for a Day

Find out if you can hack it as a winemaker when you join us for our hands-on Winemaker for a Day event held annually in October. This exclusive event features the opportunity to participate in the most exciting time of year at Two Mountain - harvest and crush. The first hour will be spent in Copeland Vineyard with Vineyard Manager Patrick Rawn, examining the vines and learning how to determine when the grapes are ready for harvest. Then you'll roll up your sleeves and head to the Two Mountain cellar for the second hour with winemaker Matt Rawn, where you'll receive hands-on education as you participate in the process of crush. You'll learn how to read brix through a hydrometer, take temperature readings, participate in a punch-down and learn about the fermentation process. At \$40 per person, this annual experience sells out quickly so call to reserve your spot as soon as possible @ 509.829.3900.

Seattle Wine Award Winners

The Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail wineries and AVA had a great showing at the Seattle Wine Awards. The wines that earn recognition in the Seattle Wine Awards must achieve tasting panel consensus where they earn one of the following awards ~ Double Gold, Gold, Silver and



Bronze Grand Awards of Excellence in their respective price/wine categories. The wines that do not receive a Medal of Excellence, earn our Vintner's Honor ~ Outstanding Washington Wine Award. This means we recognize the Washington wines that are truly outstanding!

And the Rattlesnake Hills winners are:

Bonair Winery

GOLD 2009 Chardonnay

SILVER 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon

Claar Cellars

GOLD 2010 Riesling
GOLD 2008 Syrah
SILVER 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon

Knight Hill Winery

BRONZE 2009 Rook's Red

Hyatt Vineyards

SILVER 2006 "Roza Ridge" Syrah
DOUBLE GOLD 2008 "Roza Ridge" Petit Verdot
GOLD 2006 "Roza Ridge" Cabernet Sauvignon

Portteus Winery

DOUBLE GOLD 2009 Winery Zinfandel "Old Vines"
DOUBLE GOLD 2008 Portteus Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, RSH

Silver Lake Winery at Roza Hills

GOLD 2009 Chardonnay
DOUBLE GOLD 2009 "Roza" Riesling
SILVER 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon

Steppe Cellars

SILVER 2009 Dry Riesling
SILVER 2007 Artemisia

Tefft Cellars

SILVER 2008 Syrah

Two Mountain Winery

DOUBLE GOLD 2007 Syrah
GOLD 2007 Cabernet Franc Reserve
SILVER NV "Hidden Horse III" Red Table Wine

AVA Winners:

DOUBLE GOLD 2009 Brown Box Wines Riesling
BRONZE 2006 Woodhouse Wine Estates "Kennedy Shah Reserve La Vie En Rouge," Rattlesnake Hills
BRONZE 2008 Brown Box Wines Cabernet Sauvignon
GOLD 2007 Cabernet Franc Reserve



Meet Brian Wavernek, Head Winemaker for Tefft Cellars

Tefft Cellars is proud to announce that Brian Wavernek of Walla Walla has joined our team as Head Winemaker! Brian brings impressive credentials to Tefft,

having learned his art from four great mentors of New & Old World winemaking: David Lake of Columbia, Steve Reeder of Simi, Harry Hanson of Edna Valley and Christophe Paubert of Canoe Ridge.

Originally from Wisconsin, Brian attended University of Wisconsin where he majored and graduated with a degree in organic chemistry and a 'minor in home brewing'. After a year in the biotech industry, Brian joined the cellar crew at Columbia Winery in Woodinville to explore his wonderment with fermentation science (.."something so complex and wonderful from a something as simple as a single yeast cell!"). During his 5 years at Columbia, Brian worked very closely with one of the industry's legends, David Lake. David and Columbia offered constant creativity with different varietals, yeasts, and fermentation methods, providing endless opportunities to see how each decision by a winemaker affects the finished wine.

In 2004, Brian joined Simi Winery in Healdsburg, California where he was charged with re-vitalizing their Rose' Program. Sourcing fruit from the Russian River, Dry Creek, Carneros and Alexander Valley gave him the chance to monitor the effect that location and vineyard practices can have on the quality of the harvest. The initial '05 vintage was incredibly popular, and the '06 and '07 vintages collected 90 point reviews from *The Wine News*.

A desire to be more connected to the vineyard brought Brian back to Washington State and a position at Canoe Ridge Vineyard in 2008. There he completed his UC Davis Winemaking & Viticulture Certificate while managing the winery's lab and working alongside Christophe Paubert. With Christophe, he was exposed to a more traditional French approach to winemaking and terroir driven wines.

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 units 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!

Your Ticket To Fun in the Sun!

Make sure you have your Rattlesnake Hills Passport 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](#)

[Bonair Winery](#)

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[Horizon's Edge](#)

[Hyatt Vineyards](#)

[Knight Hill Winery](#)

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