



Newsletter

June 2010

Memorial Day weekend is upon us and we hope you are doing one of the traditional activities surrounding the national holiday – remembering those who have served for our freedom. Memorial Day weekend is also the perfect time for visiting the Rattlesnake Hills wineries. Pick up some great wines for summer barbeques, sipping on the patio, or relaxing with friends and family. The winemakers are often in the tasting rooms to ask about food pairings, the weather is gorgeous, the flowers are in bloom, and the myriad orchards and fields are just beginning to yield the crops that have made the Yakima Valley famous.

Rattlesnake Hills – sophisticated wines, uncomplicated lifestyle

Coming up in the Rattlesnake Hills:

May 29 & 30 Rattlesnake Hills Trail Days The Official launch of our weekend BBQs! Delicious slow cooked/smoked BBQ chicken and ribs served Noon to 4pm both Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy the sounds of soulful country ballads sung live while sipping on a glass of our award winning wines. Take in the beautiful panoramic views of vineyards and orchards or better yet, take a horse back tour through the vineyards in front of our winery! Horse back vineyard tours taking place all day from 10am-4:30pm; call or email for questions or reservations. (509) 829-6235 or tstephas@silverlakewinery.com

JUNE:

June 5 Rock the Gap Rattlesnake Hills sponsors the annual Rock the Gap celebration at Sarg Hubbard Park in Yakima. Dinner, silent auction, wine and beer tent, and some of the hottest sounds around rock the park on June 5th! \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. A few VIP tables for \$450 are still available, too. Call Karl Corpron at 509.249.0955 or karl@designcentralnw.com

June 12 Trail Ride and Wine Tasting Through the Rattlesnake Hills to Benefit Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center On June 12th the Yakima Valley Old Peoples Riding Club will be sponsoring the “**Jerri Lin Canter Against Cancer**” trail ride. All ages are welcome! If you would like additional information you may call Severino Cellars at 509-8293800 and Linda would be more than happy to answer your questions.



June 19 Tefft Cellars If you happen to be in the Seattle area on Father’s Day weekend, come celebrate with us! Family-style Italian Dinner and Wine Pairing - June 19th in Woodinville (\$55/person, call 425-481-4081 for details). And check out the Tasting Room Notes, below, for our new releases!

June 20 Father’s Day in the Rattlesnake Hills Wineries in the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail are all open Father’s Day - what a great way to spend the day with Dad! And several have specials running that weekend, just for Dad.



For example, JoAnn Stear, owner of **Eaton Hill Winery**, says, “Eaton Hill Winery has a very nice discount on all wines through Father's Day, well worth a Tasting Room visit (12 Noon to 5:00). Or contact us to order some of your favorites at these prices. Toll free 1-866-EATONHILL, or visit our web site at www.info@eatonhillwinery.com.”

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Jim Russi, owner of **Piety Flats Winery**, says, “Father’s Day has arrived at Piety Flats Winery. With an abundance of BBQ sauces, and so many Rubs for all the grilling meats, Dad will thank you over and over again as long as you serve him a nice glass of one of our Red Wines. Otherwise he may change the will.”

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Paul Tollner, owner of **Tefft Cellars**, says, “Father Knows Best! All dads with a photo of their kids receive 10% off all wine purchases on Father’s Day, June 20th!

June 25 Fridays on the Patio at Severino Cellars from 4 pm - 7 pm. Wine and appetizers available for purchase as we enjoy the end to a long week. Party's of 6 or more please call for a reservation. 509-829-3800

JULY:

July 30 Fridays on the Patio at Severino Cellars from 4 pm - 7 pm. Wine and appetizers available for purchase as we enjoy the end to a long week. Party's of 6 or more please call for a reservation. 509-829-3800

AUGUST:

August 14 Dinner and a Movie Night Bring your favorite lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy our outdoor Dinner and a Movie Series at Two Mountain Winery. At \$25.00 per person, our 'Dinner and a Movie' events are the perfect way to unwind after a day touring Yakima Valley's wine country. 509.829.3900

August 27 Fridays on the Patio at Severino Cellars from 4 pm - 7 pm. Wine and appetizers available for purchase as we enjoy the end to a long week. Party's of 6 or more please call for a reservation. 509-829-3800

August 28 'Snake in the Glass' Passport Party

The e-invitations with **the special code** will be sent out on June 1st to the most sought-after party around! The exclusive Passport-completers-only event will be in the beautiful



gardens of Maison de Padgett Winery this year. Wine and dine with the winemakers of the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail, dance under the stars, and have the chance to win some fabulous prizes. Complete your Passport by the end of July for an invitation but don't wait too long. The 'Snake in the Glass' has sold out weeks ahead of time for the last several years!

Call A&A Motorcoach at 800.798.9856 for transportation to and from the party if you prefer someone else do the driving, and check back to the web site frequently for new hotel partners providing lodging at rates exclusively for our Passport Completers!

Garnering Attention

Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail wineries continue to earn awards and high marks throughout the world!

Hyatt Vineyards Look for their Rattlesnake Hills AVA wines in the August Wine Enthusiast:

2008 Pinot Gris - Best Buy, 90 points, and label shot

2006 Cabernet Sauvignon - Best Buy, 88 points

2006 Syrah - Best Buy, 87 points

Hyatt Vineyards also won the Chairman's Award and a Gold Medal at the Riverside International Wine Competition on their **2008 Pinot Gris**

Silver Lake Winery has earned acclaim on their Silver Lake wines and their new Girly Girl wine collection. See below:

Awards and Reviews for Silver Lake Winery and Girly Girl Wines at Silver Lake Winery in the Wine Advocate Review:

2008 Late Harvest Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Rattlesnake Hills: 92 points, Editors Choice

2008 Late Harvest Reserve Riesling, Rattlesnake Hills: 88 points

2008 Reserve Chardonnay, Rattlesnake Hills: 88 points, Best Buy

2007 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rattlesnake Hills: 88 points, Best Buy

2008 Chardonnay Rattlesnake Hills, 87 points, Best Buy

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Seattle Wine Awards to **Silver Lake Winery:**

2008 Late Harvest Reserve Riesling, Rattlesnake Hills: Double Gold Medal

2008 Sauvignon Blanc, Rattlesnake Hills: Gold Medal

2008 Chardonnay, Rattlesnake Hills: Outstanding

2008 Reserve Merlot, Rattlesnake Hills: Outstanding

2008 Late Harvest Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Rattlesnake Hills: Outstanding

2007 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Rattlesnake Hills: Silver Medal

2007 Girly Girl Cabernet Sauvignon, Rattlesnake Hills: Gold Medal

2008 Girly Girl Pinot Gris, Yakima Valley, Outstanding

Tasting Room News

Tefft Cellars Throughout June, Tefft celebrates all things Italian (see events in June) with **free wine tasting** and the release of 3 amazing Italian varietals!

2007 Nebbiolo - June 5-6

2009 Pinot Grigio - June 12-13

2007 Sangiovese - June 19-20

Masset Winery has two new releases – **Tempranillo and Sangiovese!** Only 40 cases of each produced, so don't wait on these! Here are the notes from the back labels:

Tempranillo grapes produce a wine that is smooth with relatively low acid, often compared to the delicate Pinot Noir. Aromas and flavors of plum, berries, vanilla, and pipe tobacco are found. An excellent choice to accompany simple preparations such as roast pork, Tuscan "brick grilled" chicken and a wide variety of other dishes.

100% Tempranillo

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Sangiovese is a name derived from the Latin sanguis Jovis - the blood of God. If you recall your Roman mythology- Jove was King of the Gods, son of Saturn, brother of Veritas, and father of Mercury . . . A bright and juicy wine with cherry, strawberry jam, tar, and spice made to be enjoyed Mediterranean cuisine- especially Southern Italian dishes.

100% Sangiovese

Maison de Padgett Winery announces the new release of an unusual wine – **Late Harvest Merlot**. Available beginning Memorial Day weekend and in limited quantities.

Bonair Winery is excited to announce the new release of their **2006 Rattlesnake Hills Cabernet Sauvignon** and their **2006 Rattlesnake Hills Merlot**. These are grown in their estate vineyards. Shirley Puryear, owner of Bonair, says, "Summer time is a special time at Bonair. Walk through our vineyards and check out the grapes on the way to the tasting room. Bung the Wonder Dog will greet you. Enjoy a glass of wine and some tapas (Spanish styled snacks) while watching the ducks play on the pond." Their tapas are served Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons all summer.

Keep checking the web site as we add new events all the time. Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and a great Father's Day! Hope to see you on the 'Trail' soon . . . Cheers!

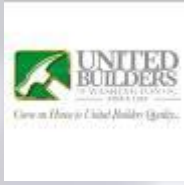
Shannon Bird, Executive Director

Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail

'Sophisticated wines, uncomplicated lifestyle – the Rattlesnake Hills'

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