



Newsletter

May 2010



Mother's Day is just around the corner . . . that day when we honor those who brought us in to the world with a little something special. So, what are you doing for MOM this weekend? Taking her sailing? Taking her to the Caribbean? Or to that mountain lake you used to go to as kids? No family tradition? Well . . . what are you waiting for? Start one! How about wine tasting and touring? At this time of year, the vines are all leafing out in some of the most beautiful vineyards in the northwest, the estate wineries in the Rattlesnake Hills! The fruit trees are in bloom, asparagus is available, the weather is warm and sunny, and MOM needs some wine – it's the perfect thing, a little time and some fun with you!

Coming up in the Rattlesnake Hills:

There's lots of great times coming up this summer at the wineries of the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail:

MAY:

May 8 & 9 Mom's Day and the entire month of MAY "SPECIAL" Piety Flats will be offering our Riesling at a 20% discount for one or more cases, and a 15% bottle discount on Riesling if our customer's have a Rattle Snake Hills Passport. So give Mom exactly what she has been asking you for!

May 8 Canine and Wine Walk, 11am start time

Grape fun for people and puppies alike with all proceeds going to: [Northwest German Shepherd Rescue](#) and [Furbaby Rescue](#) and [Montana German Shepherd Rescue](#). Bring your own pooch or walk a rescue dog through the vineyards. Stop at selected wineries and sample Yakima Valley wines while your canine companion enjoys fresh water and yummy treats. Meet dogs available for adoption and join us for all or part of the



estimated 3 ½ miles. Canine experts and trainers will be on hand to share their knowledge and answer questions. There will be lots of door prizes at every stop including a one year subscription to [Modern Dog Magazine](#) and free copies of the current issue to the first 200 folks who show up. Cost: \$10 minimum donation includes a chance to win a bottle of wine at each winery. The WagstoRiches rescue group is serving a chicken and beef kabobs for lunch for an additional donation.

May 9 Mother's Day Salmon Lunch and Live Music Bring Mom out for some relaxing music, a delicious Salmon lunch, Fantastic wines and a gorgeous view all at the same time! Lorri with Classic Events Catering will be serving her famous Chardonnay Salmon on the



patio from Noon to 4pm while Jim Henson serenades you with his guitar. Lovely roses and free tasting will also be offered to the special Mother's in our life. 25% off select wines this day only. Noon-4pm Reservations not required for lunch but recommended. (509) 829-6235 or tstephas@silverlakewinery.com

May 22 The Grand Ole Barn Dance

Join the Rattlesnake Hills Wineries that support the Buena Library. Dinner, Dance, Wine Raffle, Auction, and Dance Lessons. Liberty Theater, Toppenish, WA. Dress is western or historic. 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. friendsofbuenalibrary@yahoo.com

May 29 Two Mountain Winery's Annual Chalk Party, benefitting the non-profit Pegasus organization which provides interaction and horseback riding for children with challenges. The winning chalk drawing becomes a label for one of our wines. For more information, call 509.829.3900 or visit www.twomountainwinery.com

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. Spearheaded by Linda Spurlock, co-owner of Severino Cellars, this is sure to be a fun filled and, hopefully,



well attended event. This fundraising trail ride will be routed through orchards and vineyards of Zillah, WA, and will take about 3 ½ hours. A walking route will be available as well. Stops will be made along the way at several wineries in the Rattlesnake Hills. There will also be a vehicle that will transport



your purchases back to the registration table where they will be held for you. Named after Dr. Jerri Nielsen-Fitzgerald, the physician who, when working for the U.S. National Science Foundation at the South Pole, discovered and treated herself for breast cancer. The first “Canter Against Cancer” ride was held last October, in Massachusetts by friends of Jerri Lin. All it takes to participate is \$40 or more in donations and/or pledges to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center! All participants will receive a Canter Against Cancer wristband and t-shirt. 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 25 Fridays on the Patio Need a way to unwind after you day tasting through wine country? Join us at Severino Cellars from 4 pm - 7 pm for our Friday's on the Patio. Sit, relax and unwind. 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:

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AUGUST:

August 14 Dinner and a Movie Night Every summer, we welcome wine lovers to bring their favorite lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy our outdoor Dinner and a Movie Series at Two Mountain Winery. You'll enjoy a catered dinner and fabulous Two Mountain Wines followed by a private screening of some of our favorite films on the cool, soft grass outside our winery. Dinner begins at 7:30 pm and the movie starts at dusk. 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

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August 28 'Snake in the Glass' Passport Party Watch your email - the e-invitations with will be sent out at the end of May to the most sought-after party around! The annual 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

June 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!

Garnering Attention

Hyatt Vineyards recently won Gold Medals on two of their red wines at the Pacific Rim International Wine Competition.

Gold Medal Winners: 2006 Syrah and 2006 Merlot

Silver Medal Winners: 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon and 2008 Zinfandel

Silver Lake Winery took medals at the prestigious San Diego Wine Competition for the following wines:

Platinum Medal Winner: 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon

Silver Medal Winners: 2008 Reserve Chardonnay, 2008 Sauvignon Blanc, 2008 Cabernet-Merlot

Eaton Hill Winery won another medal at the Capital Food and Wine Festival held in Lacey, WA. Last month we reported on their wins for their 2003 Orange Muscat and their 2007 Riesling. Well, they were notified they also won the following:

Silver Medal Winner: 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, 18 months on American Oak.

Tasting Room News

Bonair Winery May 1 marks the beginning of 'Tapas Season' at Bonair Winery. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will offer an assortment of fresh Tapas, so you can slow down, enjoy some great food, and refresh yourself before you head on for more wine tasting in the Rattlesnake Hills. And . . . With Spring Barrel Tasting we have released our luscious 2006 Morrison Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. Two years in oak; two years aging in the bottle, and now it is ready for release in time for our 25th anniversary at Bonair. The grapes are from the oldest vineyard in the Rattlesnake Hills, planted in 1968. "Big and bold, but not over-extracted, this wine screams steak! It was aged two years in new small French oak barrels. It has been in the bottle since 2008, so drink now, but this wine is a keeper, so we expect it to mature in 2013." Gail Puryear, Vigneron of Bonair Winery.

Paradisos del Sol Winery's first release of 2008 Oyster White – our estate wine, based on **Semillon**. 2008 was our first harvest here at the new Vineyard del Sol. Only a single barrel (20 cases) and several have been sold on futures to already (in 2009 we will have four barrels). It is selling very well and won't last for long. Here is what we've put on the back label for your edification: *I am very fond of crab, halibut, walleye, and chicken in a tarragon sauce, but Walleye White or Chicken White just doesn't sound as elegant! I'm not actually fond of oysters, I eat them to be polite and I like to chase them down with good wine. This is a dulcet, flavor full wine based on a cultivar that grows better here than anywhere else in the world, one of Washington's best varieties for fish and poultry . . . Sémillon. Carefully grown to have tropical fruit aromatics. Barrel fermented and aged in aged oak for roundness, suppleness, and complex flavors. Crisp acidity brings harmony to a seafood dish – skip the lemon, you've got this wine!* For you Riesling fans, be patient, it will be ready by summer's end!

Keep checking the web site as we add new events all the time. Finally, if you didn't make it to one of the Spring Barrel Tasting weekends in the Rattlesnake Hills, we're sorry we missed you. It was fantastic! 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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