



COMING EVENTS

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41st Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival

Dolly Ammann

Member, TCWS Board of Directors

Well, it is that time again. **The 41st Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival is just around the corner – Saturday, November 16, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick.** This is the most fun-filled Tri-Cities Wine Society's event of the year and one you don't want to miss! It will be an evening of wine, food, merriment and music. **Doors to the "Great Hall" open at 7:00 p.m. for the general public and 6:30 p.m. for society members.**

NEW THIS YEAR – A special entrance for wine society members wanting to take advantage of the 6:30 p.m. opening! We have made arrangements with the Three Rivers Convention Center to have a special wine society members' entrance. Instead of entering the lobby through the main entrance and mingling with the crowd, walk along the sidewalk to the left of the main entrance and watch for signs directing you to the wine society members' entrance door. (When you see the silent auction



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Wine Society Holiday Party

Randy Schreiner

Member, TCWS Board of Directors, Event Chairman

Fall is definitely here! Temperatures and leaves are dropping. We are "falling back" as Standard Time returns November 3. The Hallmark Channel's holiday season movies are now airing. More toy commercials are also airing. So, it is definitely not too early to talk about and mark your calendars for the Tri-Cities Wine Society's own holiday season!

The wine society's holiday season again starts this year in November with the 41st Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival gala event, Saturday, November 16, continues into December with the society's own annual holiday party and ends in January with the annual best-of-show gala wine dinner featuring top award winners from the wine festival.

So, for December, if you haven't done so, mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 8, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Allied Arts Association Gallery at the Park, Richland.** This year we will be starting the event with some sparkling wine to brighten your spirits. Then, throughout the afternoon, we will be featuring several Ports, Port-style wines and dessert wines that will pair with "small plates" of delectable food.

Besides the great opportunity to sample "holiday wines," the society's December event will also include drawings for wine, a silent auction with gift baskets and other treasures, and an opportunity to shop the gallery with its inventory of arts and crafts items from local artists – all while enjoying time with other society members.

Proceeds from this event are targeted for the society's educational fund. The fund is used to provide scholarships for students enrolled in enology and/or viticulture programs at local educational institutes. So, remember to bring cash

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President's Message

Ted Davis, TCWS President



Washington Reaches 1,000-Plus Wineries

Washington State's wine industry has reached a major milestone by surpassing 1,000 active wineries, according to the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. The industry now contributes more than \$7 billion to the state's economy and generates roughly \$2.4 billion in revenue. In the early 1980s, there were only 20 wineries in the state.

Vineyard acres is also continuing to expand. Twenty years ago, there were only 4 American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) in the state producing 24,000 acres of wine grapes and 70,000 tons of grapes. Today, there are more than 59,000 acres of vineyards within 14 AVAs that produced 260,000 tons of grapes last year.

(Excerpted from Washington State Wine Commission announcement)

November Wine Quotations

- In victory, you deserve Champagne, and in defeat, you need it. *(Napoleon Bonaparte)*
- Wine makes every meal an occasion, every table more elegant, every day more civilized. *(André L. Simon, The Commonsense of Wine)*
- He who loves not women, wine and song, remains a fool his whole life. *(Martin Luther)*

November Wine Trivia

- About 800 gallons of wine are produced from an acre of wine grapes. *(Excerpted from: wine.about.com)*
- European wines are named after their geographic locations, e.g., Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot and Bordeaux, while non-European wines, e.g., Pinot Noir and Merlot, are named after different grape varieties. *(Sip by Sip, Michael Bonadies)*
- More than 10,000 wine grape varieties exist today worldwide. *(Excerpted from: wine.about.com)*

A Glass All-the-Way Full

From decades of research and studies, the evidence is clear: a moderate amount of alcohol in your diet can boost your heart health. Researchers are talking about a single, 5-ounce glass of red or white wine. Wine glasses, however, come in a variety of sizes and shapes ranging from 6 to 30 ounces. This can make it difficult to judge the amount of wine in a glass. One study showed people were more likely to pour more than a serving's worth into larger glasses versus the smaller ones. Just imagine how different 5 ounces of wine can look in different size glasses.

(Excerpted from Consumer Reports)

The TCWS – You, Family and Friends

The Tri-Cities Wine Society has been a fixture in the local wine community for more than 40 years. The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines a society as "an organization or club formed for a particular purpose or activity." Our wine society is dedicated to educating its members, their guests and the public about wine and the wine industry through monthly events in a casual atmosphere. Our monthly events focus not only on Pacific Northwest wines but also on wines from across the country and throughout the world. Being a wine expert is not a membership requirement. In fact, other than being 21 years old and paying membership dues, there is no membership requirement! So, join us and bring family and/or friends, **including for the upcoming 41st Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival, Saturday, November 16!** All our welcome. For more information, check out our society website:

www.tricitywinesociety.com ♦



Welcome New Member!

Anissa Goehring

2019/2020 Projected Event Calendar

November – 41st Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival & Volunteer Party

December – Wine Society Holiday Party

January – Best-of-the-Festival Gala Dinner



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registration/pick-up tables set up inside, you'll be close.) At the wine society members' entrance, there will be someone to take your ticket and check your ID, e.g., a driver's license. Once inside you will get your logo wine glass with a silver sticker. You then can check your coat and get your silent auction bidder number before the crowd gets in. Again, the doors to the Great Hall will open for our members at 6:30 p.m.

Recommend buying your ticket in advance. They are on sale at the Toyota Center Box Office, online through Ticketmaster or at Ticketmaster outlets. **The price is \$60 in advance or \$65 the day of the event.** Note: you can avoid online fees and/or waiting in line the night of the event by buying tickets at the Toyota Center Box Office. The ticket price includes all wine, food, beverages plus a logo wine glass.

Currently, 325 wines are entered for judging and tasting from 55 Northwest wineries representing 62 winery labels. Each winery submits its wines for judging in advance of the festival. The wines are judged "blind" by our panel of professional, international wine judges. Judging results are announced the evening of the festival. Just watch for and follow the balloons!!

The Three Rivers Convention Center will be providing a great spread of tasty appetizers for your enjoyment. Another feature is a microbrew tasting for those who like a beer now and again.



Finally, don't forget about the silent auction! There will be many wonderful items on display donated by wineries, local businesses and other friends of the festival. With holiday gift giving next month, this is an opportunity to bring home some great bargains and at the same time support the society's scholarship program!

Hope to see you at the wine festival this year! ♦



Taste Back:

Learn, Evaluate and Taste...Like a Sommelier

Dolly Ammann

Member, TCWS Board of Directors

The society's October 13 seminar at the Columbia Sun River RV Resort clubhouse on how to evaluate wine like a sommelier was both fun and educational. The seminar was led by Glenn Grabiec, a Certified Master Sommelier, and wine society member, who has an impressive resume as a sommelier and wine judge.

The event started out with a little sparkling wine to cleanse the palate. Tables of 5 were set with bread baskets and trays of cheese, roast beef slices, small pieces of celery, and fresh grapes. These are what is referred to as "palate cleansers" in the world of wine judging. The handouts at each individual place included 2 wine tasting grids used for evaluating wines and a general information sheet entitled "Tips from a Sommelier."

The first wine we evaluated was a white. Glenn explained how the tasting grid is used to record the "organoleptic" (sensory) characteristics of the wine. He demonstrated how judges taste by taking a small amount of wine into the mouth and then leaning forward drawing air into the mouth for aeration of the wine. This practice is a bit ugly, and is not recommended for drinking and enjoying wine with friends! You do not want to look like a wine snob.

In the white wine, we tasted apples, pears and stone fruit. It was a bit floral with some evidence of oak. It was dry with medium acid and alcohol. From the above, we were able to conclude that it was from a moderate climate made in a New World style. We nailed it as a Chardonnay from the United States and from a recent vintage. WOW!

The second wine was a red. We used the red wine grid and followed the same procedure of looking at the wine's color; describing the wine's aromas and flavors; assessing the wine's structure considering sugar, acid, alcohol, tannin, and finish. Lastly, were able to determine it was from a cool-climate region and made in an Old World style. We then knew it was a Syrah from the Rhône Valley of France.

Next came the wine judging portion when the 5 people at each table became a judging panel. We were each given 3 red wines in numbered glasses to evaluate and rate as either gold, silver, bronze or no medal. At our table, it was hard to get a consensus. This was a little frustrating as everyone seemed to have a different opinion. When each of the 6 tables reported their scores, they were really all over the place. Only one table got the same scores as Glenn our wine judge. My conclusion – everyone has a different palate. Just drink what you like!

We ended the seminar with a game called "Stump the Sommelier." If you could ask a wine question that Glenn could not answer, you would win a bottle of wine to take home. Glenn could answer most of the questions asked, but there were some esoteric bits of wine trivia that stumped our sommelier. So, 6 bottles of wine went out the door. I have to brag ... I brought home 2 of those bottles!

In summary – a good time was had by all. ♦



Coming in January Best-of-the-Festival Gala Dinner

Mark your calendar and join us at the Meadow Springs Country Club, 700 Country Club Place, Richland, Saturday, January 25, for the wine society's annual "Best-of-the-Festival Gala Dinner."

This is the wine society's premier wine and food event of the year. It is when the wine society will showcase the top award-winning wines from the 41st Tri-Cities Wine Festival, including the wine that wins "Best of Show." This is your opportunity to enjoy great wines and dine in style!

The dinner is limited to just 48 people. So, looking ahead, to ensure you are one of the lucky ones who get to attend, reserve your place by sending in the event coupon in the December *EVOE* right away!

Everything at this dinner is first class, including black floor-length tablecloths, gleaming crystal stemware, gilded base service plates, candlelight and special dinnerware. This is a dress-up occasion with coat and tie suggested.

The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. with a Champagne reception and passed hors d'oeuvres. This will be followed by a fabulous multi-course dinner. At this point, we cannot tell you what the wines or the menu will be because we have to wait for the festival judging results! After the wines are selected we will meet with the Meadow Springs Country Club executive chef to plan the dinner.

Watch for details on the wines, menu and cost in future *EVOEs*. Meanwhile, reserve January 25 on your calendar! ♦

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Wine Society Holiday Party

and checkbook for the drawings and auction; credit cards can be used when shopping in the gallery.

This is a one-day-only, calorie-free holiday event! Therefore, the calorie excuse won't work either for not attending! We hope you can join us for some holiday time with your wine society friends and/or make some new ones!

Think fun, holiday shopping, and sharing time and good wine with members and friends. Further, based on past holiday events, this event sells out! Therefore, with a limit of just 50, we recommend signing up quickly. Watch for final details in the December *EVOE*. ♦

Wine Society Holiday Party Randy Schreiner, Event Chairman

Date:	Sunday, December 8
Time:	2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Location:	Allied Arts Association Gallery at the Park 89 Lee Blvd., Richland
Cost:	Members, \$40; guests, \$50
Limit:	50
Type:	Festive, casual, stand up (limited seating)
Bring:	Cash, checkbook, credit card
Cutoff:	Friday, December 6
Cancellation Policy:	For a full refund, cancellation must be made by phone to Randy Schreiner, 572-2426, on or before Thursday, December 5 . ♦



Event Sign-Up Coupons

Saturday, November 16
Three Rivers Convention Center
7:00 p.m. for the General Public
6:30 p.m. for Wine Society Members

GALA WINE TASTING
JUDGED WINE COMPETITION AWARDS
SILENT AUCTION
HORS D'OEUVRES
SELECTION OF LOCAL CRAFT BEERS

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Toyota Center Box Office or ticketmaster.com
Price: \$60/advance; \$65/day of or at the door
More information at: tricitiewinesociety.com or
threeriversconventioncenter.com.

Annual Wine Society Holiday Party
Sunday, December 8
Members: \$40 Guests: \$50

Limit: 50
Number of members attending ____
Member _____
Member _____
Phone Number _____
Email _____
Guest 1 _____
Guest 2 _____

Note: Please provide phone & Email information!
 Have MAST card; can help pour at the event
 Available for other help

2019 Membership Application or Renewal

- New Renewal
 Single: \$25 Couple: \$35

Referred by: _____

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Name 2 _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

Email 1* _____

Email 2* _____

Mail Payment with Coupon to: Tri-Cities Wine Society
P.O. Box 1142 Richland, WA 99352

Tri-Cities Wine Society Event Policy

Attendance Confirmation

No tickets are issued. If an event is full when your reservation is received, you will be notified and put on a waiting list.

***NOTE: Reservations mailed in the Tri-Cities area can take up to 4 days, or more, to reach the TCWS PO box. If your reservation is made within 5 days of the event, please call Treasurer Judy Stewart, 509-627-6579, or the cancellation point of contact listed in the event details box, and notify the event chairman or a co-chair by phone or email that your reservation is in the mail.**

Courtesy

Strong smells deter from an enjoyable tasting experience. Please be considerate and do not wear perfume or after-shave when coming to an event.

Guest Policy

Events are open only to TCWS members and their guests. Guests must be sponsored by a TCWS member.

Liquor Consumption

Only wine served by the TCWS may be consumed during our events.

Minimum Age 21 at All Events

Only persons minimum 21 years of age are allowed at monthly program events or at the Tri-Cities Wine Festival.

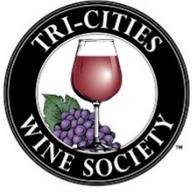
Event Refund

If you cannot attend an event after the refund deadline, call the point of contact listed in the event details box. If your reservation can be filled, you may be able to get a refund. ♦

Membership Reminders

- For ALL address/contact changes, contact Randy Schreiner, membership chairman. Phone: 509-572-2426; Email: tcwinesocietymembership@gmail.com.
- Memberships are for a year; the society sends renewal reminders.
- Members receiving the EVOE by mail can find their renewal date on the mailing label; or, contact Randy Schreiner (contact info, above).
- For the latest society information and EVOEs, visit: www.tricitiewinesociety.com. ♦





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