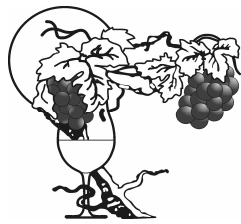


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# Tri-Cities Wine Society



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**Annual Meeting, Seminar and Luncheon**  
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**Cabernet Sauvignon Around The World**

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## That's Amore

**Ken Potter**

*Member, TCWS Board of Directors*

We hope you already have a reservation for this tasting of fine **Italian wines and food**. Besides the food and wine pairings, this will be another educational opportunity as there will be a presentation on Italian wines and Italy's growing regions to complement the taste sensations. A full description of this tasting was published in the December and January EVOEs, which you can access online at:

<http://tricitiewinesociety.org/web/evoe>

**This event is now sold out.** Call Brett Simpson at 628-2017 to check the availability in the event of a cancellation, or to be put on the waiting list.

### February Event Details:

#### That's Amore: Italian Wines

*Event Committee: Ken Potter, Chair  
Ted Davis and Ken Ferrigno*

**Date:** Saturday, February 9, 2008  
**Time:** 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Richland Community Center  
**Price:** Members \$30.00, guests \$35.00  
**Limit:** 36  
**Type:** Educational Seminar  
**Bring:** 2 glasses

**Cancellation Policy:** For a full refund, cancellation must be made by phone to Brett Simpson at 628-2017 on or before **February 6**.

## Annual Meeting, Seminar and Luncheon Vineyard Series II- Boushey Vineyard

**Sue McCargar**

*Secretary, TCWS Board of Directors*

The **Tri-Cities Wine Society's Annual Meeting** will be **Sunday, March 9**, at **Kestrel Winery's** beautiful new banquet facility in Prosser. This will be a short business meeting with committee reports and Board of Directors elections. Then, departing from the typical dinner format, this year's meeting will be followed by a seminar, Vineyard Series II, and a gourmet luncheon. The seminar will feature **Boushey Vineyard**, one of Washington State's elite vineyards.

The Society's first seminar in this series was in February 2007 and featured Walla Walla Valley's Seven Hills Vineyard. In contrast, the Boushey Vineyard is in the Yakima Valley, north of Grandview toward the Rattlesnake Hills. It is four separate vineyard sites, all within a mile and a half of each other. The vineyard was planted in 1980 and sells its grapes to 30 different wineries.

Our guest speaker and vineyard owner, **Dick Boushey**, will enlighten us about the characteristics and terroir of his vineyard and guide us through tasting wines from his grapes. Dick was recently named "Grower of the Year" by Wine and Spirits magazine. He is one of the state's most experienced growers, serving as a leader in Washington's wine industry through his participation in several organizations. He is currently the Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers' president and also serves on the Washington Wine Commission.

But, you need to know more about the seminar and wines. It will consist of one "flight" [see article "What's a flight"

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# February Editorial

Ted Davis, TCWS President



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. We are looking forward to this year's Society activities, and if January's well-attended Petite Sirah event is any indication, we're off to a great start!

## Wine Factoids

Did you know ... two French Bordeaux areas that make 100-percent Merlot (no Cabernet Sauvignon!) are Pomerol and St. Emilion? These are excellent, sought-after wines and show that Merlot is a top world-class wine grape. (Food Science 430 – Cornell University 05)

Did you know ... there are only seven areas in Italy allowed to make Chianti? And, only one is allowed to use the name Chianti "Classico" for wines produced by a specific traditional method and specific grapes in the blend. (Food Science 430 – Cornell University 05)

Note: "That's Amore," the Society's February event, will feature one of these classics!

## Upcoming Events

**February** – Board director **Ken Potter** will be taking us on a viticultural tour of Italy, Feb. 9, Richland Community Center. He has been researching Italy's many grape varieties and has selected some of the country's finest wines for this seminar, including a Chianti Classico, two Tuscany reds, a Soave and Moscato D'Asti. This event is now sold out, so I hope you have your reservation!

**March** – As I wrote in last month's EVOE, the Society's bylaws require an annual meeting in March. This year's meeting will be Sunday, March 9, at Kestrel Winery's new banquet facility. Members will receive updates and reports, including financial, membership and communications. Board of Directors elections will be held. **The annual meeting is open to all Society members.**

Following the meeting and new for this year – our second vineyard series seminar, and an afternoon lunch vs. an evening dinner. **Dick Boushey** – a legend in the business – will be our featured speaker. **Note: Reservations are needed to attend the seminar and lunch.** For more details, see the article in this EVOE, pages 1 and 3.

Finally, if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or know someone who you believe might be interested, please contact Society **Vice-President Lois McGuire** at 542-0374 or 531-0035, or e-mail Lois at [lmcguire2b@charter.net](mailto:lmcguire2b@charter.net).

**April** – Travel around the world with us Saturday, April 19, and learn about Cabernet Sauvignons. **Board directors Van Ramsdell and Judy Stewart** are selecting the wines and working event details. See the "teaser" in this EVOE, page 3, for preliminary information. Meanwhile, **mark your calendar for April 19.**

And for "the ultimate wine experience," this year's Taste Washington events will be April 5 and 6 in Seattle, Qwest Field Event Center, or closer to home, June 8 at Spokane's Davenport Hotel. For more information, go to: <http://www.tastewashington.org>.

**Quote of the Month** – "Good wine is a good familiar creature if it be well used." (W. Shakespeare, *Othello*, Act II, scene iii)

Coming  
Up

## May 2008

### Pizza Party at Terra Blanca

## What's On The Society Web Site?

Did you misplace your last EVOE, or delete the file? Are you wondering what events are planned for this year? Do you need a form to renew your membership? Thinking of contacting a Board member? All this information is on the Society web site at <http://tricitiewinesociety.org/web>, accessible 24/7, and regularly updated.

Make the best of your TCWS membership, and use our web site for the latest about our programs.

## TCWS Event Policy

**Attendance Confirmation**  
No tickets will be issued. In case the event is full when your reservation is received, you will be notified and put on the waiting list.

**Courtesy**  
Event attendees are reminded that 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**  
With our banquet permit, events are open only to members and their guests. Guests must be sponsored by a TCWS member.

**Liquor Consumption**  
Only wine served by the Society may be consumed during our events.

**Minimum Age 21 At All Events**  
The WA Liquor Control Board regulations tied to our banquet permit prohibit any minors from attending our events. Only persons minimum 21 years of age are allowed at monthly program events or at the Tri-Cities Wine Festival.



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## Annual Meeting

on page 3] of **two white-wine blends and two flights of red wines – three Merlots and three Syrahs**. Each flight will be paired with a delectable luncheon entrée. The wines are from different winemakers, but all are from Boushey Vineyard grapes. According to Wine Press Northwest, “A wine with a Boushey Vineyard’s designation is a guarantee that the winemaker started out with some of the state’s finest grapes.” The wines are from some of Washington State’s best wineries, so you can be assured the result is great wines.

Want to know more ... OK, but you’ll have to wait until the next EVOE to get more specific details about the wines and food! However, we will reveal that the wines come from these premier wineries: **Kestrel, McCrea, Forgeron, Fidelitas, Betz, and Bunnell** – a new winery in Prosser.

All Society members are welcome to attend the “meeting.” Members will receive a complimentary wine to taste. But, **the seminar is limited to 56 and reservations are needed**, so sign up early. For further information on making reservations, see the box below and the coupon, page 5. Note: Please indicate on the coupon whether you will be attending the meeting and seminar or only the meeting.



**Boushey Vineyard**  
Photo Courtesy of Sue McCargar

## What Is A "Flight"?



Whereas wines are regularly tasted in isolation, a wine's quality assessment is more objective when performed alongside several other wines, in what are known as tasting "flights." Wines may be deliberately selected for their vintage ("horizontal" tasting) or proceed from a single winery ("vertical" tasting), to better compare vineyard and vintages, respectively. Alternatively, to promote an unbiased analysis, bottles and even glasses may be disguised in a "blind" tasting, to rule out any prejudicial awareness of either vintage or winery.

"Tasting flight" is a term used by wine tasters to describe a selection of wines, usually between three and eight glasses, but sometimes as many as 50, presented for the purpose of sampling and comparison. An extended tasting will typically consist of several flights, each with a theme. For example, several wines from the same region and vintage would comprise a flight, or several wines from the same variety but different regions, or different winemakers.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wine\\_tasting](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wine_tasting)

### March Event Details:

#### Annual Meeting and Vineyard Series II

Event Chairs: Gudrun Parker, Chuck and Sue McCargar

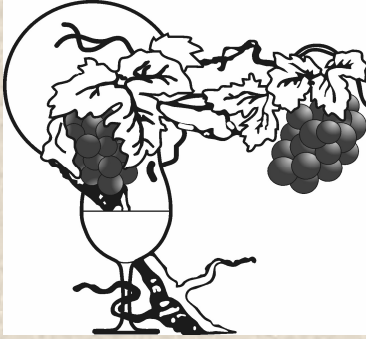
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday, March 9, 2008
<b>Time:</b>	1:00-3:30 p.m. Meeting will start promptly at 1:00 p.m. Followed immediately by the seminar
<b>Location:</b>	Kestrel Winery in Prosser
<b>Price:</b>	<b>Seminar with luncheon</b> Members \$40.00, guests \$50.00 <b>Meeting only:</b> no charge
<b>Limit:</b>	None for the meeting; 56 for the seminar
<b>Type:</b>	Annual meeting followed by sit-down seminar
<b>Bring:</b>	A desire to learn about a top Washington vineyard
<b>Cut-Off Date:</b>	Monday, March 3
<b>Cancellation Policy:</b>	For a full refund, cancellation must be made <b>by phone to Judy Stewart at 627-6579</b> on or before <b>Wednesday, March 5.</b>

## Around the World With Cabernet Sauvignon Van Ramsdell Member, TCWS Board of Directors

*Cabernet Sauvignon is clearly the “king” of wines! Did you know Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are grown on six continents? Can you name all six? Do you remember that “other” continent?*

*If you want to learn more, mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 19** – that’s the day the Tri-Cities Wine Society is going to taste Cabernet Sauvignon wines from around the world. There will be one wine from at least five of the six continents, and it is likely we will have a wine from all six. Board member Judy Stewart and I will be your hosts. We also hope to have a tour guide with global experience as the event’s guest speaker. So, plan to join us, learn more about this popular red wine, and of course, taste the differences regions and styles can make!*

*Look for more details in the **March EVOE**. And oh yes, the seventh continent is Antarctica, but the growing season there is too short and the soil isn’t right for the “king” of wines!*



## Tri-Cities Wine Society 2008 Projected Events

January – Petite Sirah Tasting

February – That's Amore—Italian Wines

March – Annual Meeting - Vineyard Series II -  
Boushey Vineyard

April – Single Varietal From Around The World

May – Pizza Party at Terra Blanca

June – South Coast Region of California

July – German Wines Tasting

August - NW Wine Press Consumer Judging

September – Annual Picnic

October – Leonetti Vertical Tasting

November – 30th Tri-Cities Wine Festival

December – Ice Wine and Holiday Pairings

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For more information about our programs,  
visit our web site at  
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or Tri-Cities Wine Festival web site at  
[www.TCWineFest.com](http://www.TCWineFest.com)



Mark Your Calendars!

Friday, November 7

Saturday, November 8

Red Lion Hotel, Pasco

### History

The **Tri-Cities Wine Festival** began in 1978 as a fund-raiser for the Tri-City Visitors & Convention Bureau. It was held in July during Water Follies weekend at the Hanford House hotel in Richland. Modeled after the Seattle Wine and Food Fair, the casual tasting featured 40 to 60 wines. **Coke Roth**, a Tri-City attorney and well-respected international wine judge, recalls that a grand total of 13 wineries entered the first Festival, with the only advertising being a sandwich board in front of the hotel and tickets at 12 bucks a pop.

It was such a success, that the Festival went on to become an annual event. Eventually, with the interest in the event and the number of entering wineries getting larger, the Festival outgrew its Hanford House venue and moved to the spacious Pasco Red Lion hotel. The mall at the old Columbia Center was then tried out for a few years. Unfortunately, along with this change, attendance dropped dramatically, and the Convention Bureau discontinued its patronage of the event.

The board of the Tri-Cities Wine Society, which took over running the event in about 1990, saw this as a real loss to the industry and the community, but did not have enough money to promote the Festival properly to ensure its survival. **Robert Young and Bill Preston** came to the Festival's rescue by loaning it the seed money it needed, and the present incarnation of the Festival was born. The loan was paid back within a couple of years, and the Festival has been self-sustaining ever since. The venue was also moved back to the Red Lion hotel where the Festival continues to be enjoyed to this day.

For many years, the Festival was directed by **Jerry Main** who helped it establish a solid reputation as an excellent competition with objective judging. Helping him, was his wife **Jerri** who conducted the judging along with a cadre of devoted volunteers. At the Festival's 25th anniversary in 2003, the Mains decided to step down from their leadership roles to devote more time to their well-deserved retirement. The board of the Tri-Cities Wine Society then elected **Blaine Hulse**, a trained judging facilitator, as their new Festival Chair. Blaine and his wife **Loretto** had served on the steering committee for several years prior to this, chaired the Gourmet Dinner and been involved in many aspects of the Public Tasting. One of Blaine's goals for the Festival's future is to make it more accessible to both the wineries and the public. In keeping with this, the Festival has established its web site at [www.TCWineFest.com](http://www.TCWineFest.com).

(Sources: Tri-Cities Wine Society archives and Tri-Cities Wine Festival web site)

# Membership Application/Renewal and Event Sign Up

- Single: \$ 20.00**                       **Couple: \$ 30.00**  
 **New**     **Renewal**  
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**Members            \$ 30.00**  
**Guests             \$ 35.00**  
 Number of members attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of guests attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limit: 36  
 Cut-off date: Wednesday, February 6

**This event is sold out.  
 Call Brett Simpson at  
 628-2017 to check availability  
 or to be put on the waiting list.**

- Would like to help at the event**

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March Annual Meeting, Seminar and Luncheon—Sunday, March 9, 2008  
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**Seminar & Luncheon:**

**Members            \$40**  
**Guests             \$50**  
 Number of members attending \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of guests attending \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limit : 56  
**Meeting ONLY** (no charge)  
 Number of members attending \_\_\_\_\_  
 No limit

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- Would like to help at the event**

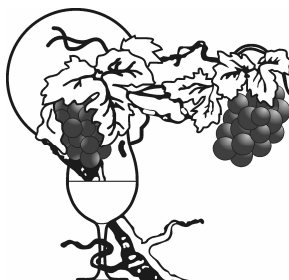
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**P.O. Box 1142**  
**Richland WA, 99352**

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 EVOE newsletter for awhile, contact Brett  
 Simpson at [membership\\_tcws@mac.com](mailto:membership_tcws@mac.com).

**Event Attendance Confirmation**

*No tickets will be issued. In case the  
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 readstep2\\_allversions.html](http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2_allversions.html)

# 2008 February Wine Events Around The Pacific Northwest

**St. Joseph's Art & Wine**, Feb. 2, Kennewick, Wash. Art & Wine uses the Roaring '20s as the theme of this annual event which features some of the Tri-Cities' finest wines, microbrews and art, as well as samplings of food from local restaurants. There is a silent auction of art, wine, creative works by the students of St. Joseph's School as well as other home and garden items. The evening concludes with a live auction of special items. Location: Dillon Hall. Hours: 6-10 p.m. Cost: \$45 beginning January; \$50 at the door. Call 509-586-3820, E-mail: [webmaster@stjoesartandwine.com](mailto:webmaster@stjoesartandwine.com) or go to [www.stjoesartandwine.com](http://www.stjoesartandwine.com).



**Red Wine and Chocolate**, Feb. 9-10 & Feb. 16-18, North Olympic Peninsula, Wash. Experience the distinctive, premium wines handcrafted by our seven North Olympic artisan wineries, complemented by an assortment of chocolate delights. Location: Olympic Peninsula wineries. Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: Optional reserve ticket \$15. Call 800.785.5495, e-mail

[wine@olympicpeninsulawineries.org](mailto:wine@olympicpeninsulawineries.org) or go to <http://www.olympicpeninsulawineries.org>.

**Secret Crush - Yakima Valley Red Wine & Chocolate Tasting**, Feb. 4, Portland, Gerding Theater at the Armory. Experience the bold, intense wines that characterize this premier wine region and meet 20 of the Yakima Valley's most talented vintners. The tasting will include hors d'oeuvres and a very special selection of chocolate pairings created by Cacao. Tickets can be purchased for \$35 at <http://www.wineyakimavalley.org> or by calling 1-800-258-7270. The Gerding Theater at the Armory is located in the Pearl District at 128 NW Eleventh Avenue, Portland. Event hours: 6-9 p.m.

**Red Wine and Chocolate**, Feb. 16-17, Yakima Valley participating wineries. Chocolate lovers, this weekend is for you! Each participating winery pairs sumptuous chocolate desserts with its very own remarkable red wines. Sample some of the Yakima Valley's finest red wines and enjoy chocolate confections. Visit the more than 52 wineries in the Yakima Valley Wine country during this Presidents' Day weekend. [Purchase your "Reserve Ticket" online](#) (\$20) and enjoy exclusive benefits available only during this event weekend. "Reserve Ticket" holders will be able to experience a variety of specialty Red Wine and Chocolate pairings, library tastings, and tours not available to the public. Ticket includes a Signature 15-oz Wine Yakima Valley wine glass. Once your tickets are purchased, you will receive an email asking at which winery you would like to begin your tour. Upon confirmation, tickets will be waiting for you at your first stop. Call: 509-5201 or 800-258-7270.

**That's Amore: Italian Wines**, Feb. 9, Richland Community Center. Come take an Italian wine tour with **Tri-Cities Wine Society**. You will sample a flight of Italian wines including Prosecco, Soave, Barbaresco, Chianti, Moscato and an Italian red table wine. Learn about these wines and the regions where they are grown. See page 1 in this EVOE.

**Sold out**

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