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In Good Taste

The Wines Flow (Walt Thode)

The autumn activities of the Treasure Valley Wine Society have run the gamut of the types of activities we include on the schedule. In September, we held a session on wine etiquette—those things that the waiter in a restaurant does, or should do, when you order a bottle of wine. This was accompanied, of course, by some wine that was used to illustrate the various points made, as well as food bites, for all present. In October, we returned for the third year in a row, to Epi's Basque Restaurant in Meridian for another of the feasts that Chris Antosegui and her staff are famous for—including the huge paella made by her brother Dan. And in November, we focused on tasting wines from the Bordeaux Region of France. Wine education, wine dinners, and a comparative tasting—the

staples of the TVWS mission.

In the coming season, we'll mix some of our standard activities with some that include new wrinkles. In December, we'll have our fifth annual sparkling wine tasting. (Don't call it Champagne unless it's from that region of France, if you believe the recent ad campaign.) In January, we'll have our usual once-a-year business meeting, which has two main objectives—the re-upping of membership dues for everyone, and the election of officers for the coming year. We'll be tasting some of the award-winning Idaho wines from our stores during these activities. In February, we'll focus on Italian wines, along with a tour of Italy by PowerPoint slides. We hope you make it to all of these events. †

Dues Increase

Member dues will increase in the coming year to \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. The increase is due to an increase in insurance premiums, as well as an increase in miscellaneous fees, such as storage fees, incurred by the Treasure Valley Wine Society. As in the past, members will continue to receive discounted admission to TVWS events. †

Upcoming Events:

All TVWS meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted.

- Dec. 12: TVWS annual champagne tasting, 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse at Orchard Place in Nampa (see p. 4); note: second Tuesday
- Jan. 16: TVWS meeting, our annual business meeting, in conjunction with free tasting of Idaho wines for renewing members; details to follow
- Feb. 20: TVWS meeting, Italian wines with a slide show tour of Italy; details to follow
- Mar. 20: TVWS meeting, Washington wines; details to follow

(If you know of events to include, send them to wftnode@rmci.net for inclusion in the next issue.)

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Board meetings are usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Attendance by members is encouraged. Call for the location.



Some attendees at the 2002 sparkling wine tasting, at A New Vintage

Idaho Wineries

Bitner Vineyards

16645 Plum Rd.
Caldwell, ID 83607
(208) 454-0086
By appointment only

Blue Rock Vineyard & Wines

4060 North 1200 East
Buhl, ID 83316
(208) 543-6938
By appointment only

Camas Prairie Winery

110 S. Main St.
Moscow, ID 83843
(208) 882-0214
Tues-Sat 12 noon-6:30

Carmela Vineyards

795 W. Madison St.
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623
(208) 366-2313
Daily (summer) 9-9

Clearwater Canyon Cellars

Lewiston, ID
Coming soon

Coeur d'Alene Cellars

3890 N. Schrieber Way
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
(208) 664-2336
By appointment only

Cold Springs Winery

Cold Springs Rd. (P.O. 105)
Hammett, ID 83627
By appointment only

Floating Feather Winery

3350 Ballantyne Ln.
Eagle, ID 83616
Coming soon

Frenchman's Gulch Winery

115 Northwood Way
Ketchum, ID 83340
(208) 726-0118
Thur-Fri 3-6

Galena Summit Winery

336 Lewis St., #6
Ketchum, ID 83340
(800) 228-8626
By appointment only

Hegy's South Hills Winery

3099 E. 3400 N.
Twin Falls, ID 83301
(208) 734-6369
By appointment only

Hells Canyon Winery

18835 Symms Rd.
Caldwell, ID 83605
(208) 454-3300
Sat-Sun 12-5 or by appt.

Holesinsky Vines

Buhl, ID
Coming soon

Indian Creek Winery

1000 N. McDermott Rd.
Kuna, ID 83634
(208) 922-4791
Fri-Sun 12-5 or by appt.

Koenig Distillery & Winery

20928 Grape Ln.
Caldwell, ID 83605
(208) 455-8386
Sat-Sun 12-5

Top Ten Wine Gifts *(Stacy Slinkard, Your Guide to Wines)*

Get great wine gift ideas for the wine enthusiast in your life. Do you know someone that already owns everything needed to enjoy the world of wine? Could you use a few tried and true gift suggestions for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays or the holidays? From wine accessories to wine club memberships, take a peek at the latest wine-related gifts of the season.

1) Books about Wine

There are two must have books out this season for the Wine Lover on your gift list:

a. What to Drink with What You Eat is a comprehensive reference guide for finding your food's "true love." With a winsome spirit and a well stacked "advisory board" composed of the nation's top chefs and sommeliers, this book offers the best consolidated food and drink pairing guide on the market!

b. Red, White and Drunk All Over An enthusiastic read that delves deeply into the world of wine, from the dirt of the vineyard to the glamour of the Pommery house. From grapevine to wine glass this book is both educational and highly entertaining.

2) Personalized Wine Labels and Etchings

Winelabel.com offers an innovative way to personalize wine gifts for friends, family, employees or colleagues. You choose the wine, the message and whether you would like labels for a wine you already have or whether you would like to coordinate the label or etching with one of Winelabel.com's premium wines.

3) Wine Enthusiast Accessories

From cellars to decanters, and personalized coasters to holiday-themed wine-wear, this site offers a multitude of options for gift giving and gift getting! There is even a "gift services and solutions" section to assist your holiday shopping experience! If you just can't figure out where to start, this site is your best bet.

4) Wine Country Gift Baskets

Wine Country Gift Baskets presents a delicious assortment of wines, cheeses and chocolates. These attractive baskets come in an array of prices and feature prominent California wineries, from Rex Goliath to Mondavi, Sterling Vineyards and Chateau St. Jean just to name a

few. This is an easy and elegant way to buy for the Wine Lover in your life! Price range: \$30-200

5) Wine Clubs

Wine Clubs are a unique way to explore a variety of exceptional wines with the convenience of door-to-door shipping. There are wine clubs geared for a variety of wine enthusiasts: Red Wine Clubs, White Wine Clubs, International Wine Clubs, Dessert Wines of the month and the list goes on. Price range: \$30-180

6) Napa Valley Wine Train

The Napa Valley Wine Train offers a unique way to experience California's historic wine country. Starting in Napa and traveling north to the quaint town of St Helena, there are several rail, tour and dining packages to choose from.

7) Wine Country Bed and Breakfast Get-Away

What could be more fun than planning a special holiday away in the heart of America's Wine Country? This site features a variety of lodging options with prices starting at \$100 a night.

8) Napa Style

Chef Michael Chiarello brings a unique site with wine country themed decor, cookware, gifts, and accessories for hosting an elegant wine tasting or an informal barbecue. Price range: \$8-200+

9) Wine Spectator Gift Subscription

A must-have monthly reference for the wine enthusiast of any level! The Wine Spectator sets the industry's standard on many fronts—informative, cutting-edge information that will round out your wine knowledge in a variety of arenas. This is another gift that keeps on giving - every month! Price: \$50 for a one-year subscription.

10) Wine.com Gift Certificates

An easy answer for the hard-to-buy for wine enthusiast on your gift list! Wine.com offers an exceptional catalog of both domestic and international wines, glassware, gourmet foods, wine books and the list goes on. Price: it's your call!

Of Red Wines and Fatty Foods *(NY Times Editorial, Nov. 3, 2006)*

Will there come a day when we can eat lots of high-calorie, fatty foods and offset the health damage by taking a natural substance found in red wine? That is the titillating implication of a study reported this week by researchers at the Harvard Medical School and the National Institute on Aging.

The study found that resveratrol, a substance that has already been shown to increase the life spans of yeast, worms, fruit flies and fish, can also work its magic in middle-age mice. Mice that grew obese on a high-fat, high-calorie diet lived longer, healthier lives if fed high daily doses of resveratrol along with their chow. The resveratrol did not stop them from putting on weight, but it kept their livers at normal size, reduced the risk of diabetes, improved their coordination, and significantly extended their lifetimes. The fat mice lived as long as mice that stayed thin on a standard diet.

The researchers believe they are on to something that may lead to longer and healthier lives in humans as well, and extend the lives of normal individuals, not just the obese. We wish them well in their continuing quest, though many a magic potion that looked good in animals has failed when tested in humans.

For now, those who have dreamed of being able to eat whatever they want without fear of the consequences will surely feel emboldened. But before embarking on a junk food spree, be aware that one would need to drink hundreds of glasses of wine a day to reach the levels of resveratrol given to the mice, or take huge amounts of dietary supplements that contain the substance. Biotech companies are seeking to develop pills that might be more effective, but no one knows if taking resveratrol for years or even decades would be safe. T

Grape Crop Draws Raves in Oregon *(Associated Press)*

Oregon wine growers say this year's grape harvest is in and it's one of the best, with the makings of good wine and plenty of it.

The exact figures won't be out until the state does a statistical analysis in November. But early indications suggest the total wine-grape harvest could be 15 to 20 percent above normal. That is a boon for the Oregon wine industry after two tough years.

"Crop sets were normal, and that dry-weather spell did it," said George Hilberry, co-owner of the Chehalem Mountain Vineyard. "Everything ripened beautifully."

At the 150-acre Temperance Hill Vineyard in the Eola Hills, manager Dai Crisp said high quality and quantity don't normally go hand in hand. "This is a rarity," he said.

Just south of Eugene, at the 270-acre King Estate of Lorane, director of winemaking Bill Kremer estimated the yield at 10 percent above average. And because it all came in at once, he said, the winery was caught short of space.

"We had to do some juggling," Kremer said. "But across the gamut of fruit, the quality is there. This is a banner year. It's a good thing for Oregon." T

TVWS Provisional Calendar for 2007

- January 16:** Idaho Wines/Annual Business Meeting (site to be determined)
- February 20:** Italian Wines and Slide Tour of Wineries (site to be determined)
- March 20:** Washington Wines (site to be determined)
- April:** Special Event...Stay Turned (TBA)
- May 15:** New Zealand Wines (site to be determined)
- June:** TVWS event details and site to be determined
- July 17:** Annual TVWS Picnic (site to be determined)
- August 25:** Fourth Annual Idaho Wine Festival (DoubleTree-Riverside, Boise)
- September 18:** TVWS event details and site to be determined
- October 16:** Special Event...Stay Tuned (TBA)
- November 20:** TVWS event details and site to be determined
- December 18:** TVWS event details and site to be determined

Idaho Wineries (continued)

Micelli Vineyards
8114 Owyhee View Ln.
Givens Hot Springs, ID 83641
(208) 896-5803
By appointment only

Parma Ridge Vineyards
24509 Rudd Rd.
Parma, ID 83660
(208) 722-6885
By appointment only

Pend d'Oreille Winery
220 Cedar St.
Sandpoint, ID 83864
(877) 452-9011 toll free
Tasting room & gift shop open daily all year; tours by appointment

Sawtooth Winery
13750 Surrey Ln.
Nampa, ID 83686
(208) 467-1200
Fri-Sun 12-5; call for tours

Silver Trail Vineyards
343 Avenue E
Kuna, ID 83634
(208) 922-2111
Mon-Thurs 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-7,
Sun 11-5

Snake River Winery
Arena Valley @ Dixie Rds.
Wilder, ID
(208) 722-5858
By appointment only

Ste. Chapelle Winery
19348 Lowell Rd.
Caldwell, ID 83605
(208) 459-7222
Mon-Sat 10-4 Sun 12-4
Tours on the hour

Terra Nativa Vineyards
100 Bene Posto
Boise, ID 83712
No visitor facilities

TimberRock Winery
2338 S. Big Rock Rd.
Post Falls, ID 83854
(208) 777-9669
By appointment only

Vickers Vineyards
15446 Sunny Slope Rd.
Caldwell, ID 83607
No visitor facilities

Weston Winery
16316 Orchard St.
Caldwell, ID 83605
(208) 459-2631
By appointment only

Williamson Winery
14252 Sunnyslope Rd.
Caldwell, ID 83605
(208) 459-1612
Fri-Sun 12-5

Winery at Eagle Knoll
3705 Hwy 16
Eagle, ID 83616
(208) 286-9463
Daily 11-6

More are coming. Watch this space.

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WINES WEB SITE:
IDAHOWINE.ORG

Wine Shops in Southwest Idaho

A New Vintage

1400 N. Eagle Rd., Meridian
855-9230

Bacquet's

350 N. Milwaukee St., Boise
376-9463

Boise Co-op

888 W. Fort St., Boise
472-4519

Di Vine

400 S. Main St., Hailey
788-4422

Eighth Street Wine Co.

405 S. 8th St., Boise
426-9463

Erickson's Fine Wines

150 E. Riverside St., Eagle
938-3698

The Grape Escape

800 W. Idaho St., Boise
368-0200

La Cantina

3395 N. Cole Rd., Boise
377-0224

Piazza di Vino

212 N. 9th St., Boise
336-9577

Music of the Vine

Caldwell
454-1228

The Porterhouse

600 Rivershore Ln., Eagle
938-1441

Sun Valley Wine Co.

360 Leadville Ave. N, Ketchum
726-2442

Want to Serve on the Board?

The Treasure Valley Wine Society Board of Directors is soliciting volunteers who are interested in serving a term on the Board. All that is required is a commitment of a couple hours an evening (the first Tuesday) once a month to conduct business; a willingness to perform duties and be involved scheduling, coordinating, or hosting monthly events; and energy to bring your vision of the Treasure Valley Wine Society to fruition.

If you are interested, contact any Board member directly or send an email to tvws@hotmail.com with your questions or your name for the ballot. Remember, you do not need to serve on the Board to be involved in the Chapter. We encourage any participation and involvement. Here's a list of positions and duties expected.

President: The President has the authority to represent the Chapter in all matters and shall serve as the Chapter delegate to the Regional Board. He/she shall call all Chapter meetings and preside at those meetings.

Vice-President: In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, or next officer in rank, shall preside at all Chapter meetings. He/she shall promote all Chapter events either directly or through employment and discharge of such persons as deemed necessary to perform support functions for the Chapter as approved by the Board.

Secretary: The Secretary shall publish an agenda of all Chapter meetings and record the minutes of all Chapter meetings.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall maintain all Chapter event account receivables and account payables for the Chapter and report current financial records at all Chapter meetings.

The Board has voted to select a new officer from the Board of Directors in the coming year. If approved by the General Membership at the upcoming January Annual Business Meeting, this Communications officer shall maintain the membership list, shall publish notice of all Chapter events, and shall directly or through employment and discharge of such persons as deemed necessary as approved by the Board publish external Chapter communications. Y

A Holiday Sparkling Wine Tasting December 12

Our annual sparkling wine event, coinciding with the holiday season, is imminent. Come to the **Clubhouse at Orchard Place, 450 W Orchard Avenue, Nampa, on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

Sparkling Wine is the traditional fare at the Treasure Valley Wine Society's December Event. What's your favorite bubbly? It can be difficult to choose. We will be presenting you with some helpful information about champagnes and sparkling wines that you may find useful in making selections for holiday events you may be planning. To go along with the festive theme, we will be opening the event with some traditional champagne-based party drinks, the Mimosa and the Bellini. To follow will be sparkling wines ranging from the bruts to the demi-secs, accompanied by cheese, caviar and an assortment of food bites.

Price for the event is **\$25** with TVWS members receiving a \$5 discount.

THIS MONTH OUR LOCATION AND DATE HAVE CHANGED

Please note: this event has been moved up one week from our usual time to accommodate the busy schedules many of us have as the holidays draw closer. Tuesday, December 12, at Orchard Place in Nampa. A map is available from the link at the top of the eVite. Remember to be courteous and park only in the uncovered spaces.

**Bring at least 2
champagne flutes, 3 if you'd
like to compare different
sparklers.**