



Message From the Bottle

February 2012

Red Wine & Chocolate

February 18-20, 2012

(Saturday, Sunday, and Monday ~ Presidents' Day weekend)

The annual Red Wine & Chocolate wine tasting event will take place Saturday, February 18 through Monday, February 20, President's Day Weekend, at the 17 wineries on the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail.

Experience the true flavor of savory red wines and ports in the tasting rooms of the wineries when they are paired with sweet chocolate delicacies. You will also find newly released wines and many of your favorites during this three-day event. Below is a sampling of some of the indulgent offerings you will find during the weekend:

Agate Field

Passport holders will be invited to join us in our bottling room where you will be treated to a free tasting of our premium wines paired with our specialty appetizers, chocolate covered cherries and our homemade dark chocolate brownies. We will also be offering up to a 20% discounts on many selected wines and up to 50% discount on selected case specials.

Hours: 11-5.

Bonair Winery

We invite you to visit us on this special weekend. We will be featuring dark chocolate paired with our wonderful Touriga Port- a perfect indulgence for those cold winter nights ahead of us. Rattlesnake Hills Passport Holders and Elite! Club members get a free reserve tasting of our estate grown red wines (Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon). Plus Bonair Winery's own Anna and her Chocolates and Confections will be featured. Yum!
Hours: 10-5.

Eaton Hill Winery

Eaton Hill Winery will serve our old favorite Gourmet Bean Soup to warm your innards, and Raspberry-infused Chocolate from Patricia's Chocolate Emporium (Zillah) to enjoy with the wines. We'll have special from-the-heart discounts.
Hours: 10-5.

Horizon's Edge Winery

Boehm's chocolate will be paired with the famous New Cream Sherry called "Freebie" Reserve ticket holders receive a Tank Sample and 7% off all wine purchases and 15% off a case.
Hours: 11-5.

Knight Hill Winery

Cabernet & Chocolate ...We will be barrel-tasting our 2010 Cabernet along with the appropriate percent of Cocoa. We are open from 11-5 Friday - Monday. With a PASSPORT, 2009 reds: Syrah-Sirrah, Mourvedre, Rook's Red, Roundtable Red are 25% off cases, 20% off 6 bottles and 10% off 1-5 bottles.
Hours: 11-5.

Hyatt Vineyards

Come and enjoy Oreo truffles and the release of our 2009 Roza Petit Verdot and 2009 Malbec.
Hours: 11-5.

Maison de Padgett Winery

Fresh chocolate fountains will be paired with our 2008 New Release Estate "Cash Cow Reserve" ticket holders receive a free poster with any 3 bottle purchase (one poster per person) and 7% off all wine purchases and 15% off a case.
Hours: 11-5.

Masset Winery

Masset Winery will be featuring two types of handmade Belgian Chocolate Truffles to match with our bold, rich red wines. Special pricing on our 2008 Syrah, Basket Press Reserve Red Wine, and amazing case prices on Cabernet Sauvignon.
Hours: 11-5.

Paradisos del Sol

Hooray! The Under 10 Buck Red is back! Paradisos will offer an eight-course meal for Red Wine & Chocolate. Nothing elaborate, just eight tiny bites of food-three include chocolate, two savory, one sweet-to go with our eight different wines. Sip, Sip, Bite, Sip!
We start off with a dab of Mushroom Pâté and our Rosé Paradiso, followed by a sliver of Brie

cheese for the Oyster White, and a bit of Sushi Rice as an accompaniment to our Riesling. Next are our reds-with the new release of our Under 10 Buck Red we are serving Teeny Tiny Tacos with a Chocolate Molé sauce. Paradisos Red is our pizza wine; we would love to have pizza, but it just doesn't seem to work as a small-bite option, who can eat just one bite? So instead, we have Beans in a Chocolate Adobo Sauce. This is followed by our ever famous Bleu Cheese Dip with the Cabernet Sauvignon. And now we are ready for dessert, two of them! With the Zort, we have Truffles Paradisos (handmade French-style chocolate truffles flavored with Grains of Paradise and raspberries). We suggest you melt this in your mouth rather than bite. Last, but not least, is our Angelica MRS. We have a skosh of pumpkin custard to go with that. We know it is hard to choose which wineries to visit, we hope you come to visit us.

Passport holders receive 10% off your purchase of 2 or more bottles; 30% off bottles and 50% off case purchase on selected wines.

Hours: 11-6.

Piety Flats Winery

We will be offering Chocolate Truffles along with our POSH (Port) made with 100% Tempranillo grapes and our complete selection of Red Wines. If all goes well we will be re-introducing our Black Muscat as our Three Muscat Tears is now sold out.

Hours: 10-5.

Portteus Vineyards

We will feature fudge brownies by Executive Chef Gregory Masset paired with our wonderful red wines.

Hours: 10-5.

Severino Cellars

Back by popular demand-Linda's famous dark chocolate fudge; easily enjoyed with all of our reds. However, our Severino Red is our favorite. Tasting fee waived to all Passport holders.

This weekend you can also enjoy our Severino Red 4 for \$40.

Hours: 10-6.

Silver Lake Winery at Roza Hills

Grab your favorite wine glass and come join us for the annual Red Wine and Chocolate event. Chocolate fountains will be flowing all day suited with all your dipping needs and specials on red wine paired with a small box of delectable chocolates. Indulge yourself in chocolate and red wine for the weekend!

The cost of the event is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for Passport holders.

Hours: 10-5.

Steppe Cellars

We will have chocolate to pair with your wine and wine to pair with your chocolate. We will be serving two different chocolate fondues with different percentages of chocolate in each. A variety of dippers will allow you to further vary the flavors and aromas from each. Discover which wines complement which flavors, or use our notes as you sample. We will have a large assortment of sensory "standards" to help you detect the different aromas and flavors in both the wines and the chocolates which we think makes the pairing discoveries even more

interesting.
Hours: 11-5.

Tanjuli Winery

Tanjuli Winery will be serving an array of fine domestic and foreign chocolates to match our 2007 Malbec, 2006 Petit Verdot and as a special treat from our wine library the 2001 Pinot Noir. Come pull up a bar stool, check out the red wine specials and enjoy the magic of Tanjuli Winery.

Hours: 10:30-5.

Tefft Cellars

We will feature chocolates and truffles from local chocolatier Patricia's Chocolate Emporium in Zillah. We will pair our beautiful estate grown red wines such as Merlot, Cabernet and Ports with these delightful delicacies.

Hours: 10-5.

Two Mountain Winery

We will be releasing a limited quantity of our much sought after 2007 Vinho Vermehlo Port Style wine, paired with our family favorite Chocolate Mousse with raspberry coulis sauce.

Hours: 10-6.

What do you need to know when visiting the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail this weekend:

Remember, a ticket is not required for this Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail event. We do recommend you purchase an event glass and a Passport from one of the wineries on "The Trail." The Passport is only \$10 per person and comes with a long list of benefits and discounts at each winery. Passports and event glasses can also be purchased at the Yakima Visitor Center just off I-82 at exit 33A. Please be aware that some wineries do charge a wine tasting fee.

Passport holders may have their fees waived at some of these wineries. A list of Passport benefits can be found at: <http://www.rattlesnakehills.org/passport.html#PayPal>

For a limited time we invite wine tasters to take advantage of our Sweet Deal, purchase your Passport online between February 1-14, 2012 and receive free shipping! (*Standard shipping only, the offer does not apply to overnight delivery.)

While children are allowed in the tasting rooms, you must be 21 or over to purchase a Passport and/or participate in wine tasting. All Passport sales are non-refundable.

The Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail wineries encourage responsible wine touring and recommend that you have a designated driver in your group. Designated Drivers will not be served wine; they will be offered other beverages to drink and are invited to enjoy the food at each winery.

Can you really pair wine with chocolate?

As long as the annual Red Wine and Chocolate event has been held people have asked if wines can truly be paired with chocolates. We asked our resident expert Greg Masset for some advice on the subject. Greg is the Executive Chef at the Yakima Country Club and owner and winemaker of Masset Winery.

"Wine and chocolate is not a straightforward pairing. It will take a bit of experimenting to find the best wine and chocolate combinations. Your individual preference may be very different from those you are tasting and testing with. For some they prefer the wine to be as sweet as the chocolate, for others the opposite is true.

When pairing wines with chocolate, match lighter, elegantly flavored chocolates with lighter-bodied wines; the stronger the chocolate, the more full-bodied the wine should be. A bittersweet chocolate tends to pair well with an intense Syrah or Cabernet Sauvignon. The darker the chocolate the more tannins it will display. Pairing darker chocolate with a wine that has firm tannins, the chocolate will often overshadow or cancel out the wine's tannins on the palate and allow more fruit to show. A sweeter style chocolate such as a semi-sweet dark or a rich milk chocolate is a better match for a younger drinking merlot, pinot noir or blended red wine. White chocolate is the sweetest and is a decadent pairing with a sweet late harvest or ice wine.

The 2012 Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail brochure will be available for Red Wine and Chocolate weekend. Pick up your copy at highway rest areas, the Yakima Visitor Information Center located off of I-82, local businesses and at Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail wineries.

The updated information will also be available on our website February 6. Visit us at www.rattlesnakehills.org



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Purchase Your Passport Online!

Make sure you have your Rattlesnake Hills Passport anytime you plan to come over for wine tasting. The Passport is your ticket to great benefits and discounts at all of our wineries. The Passport can be used once at each one of the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail wineries. Remember - The Passport doesn't expire!



The \$10 Passport entitles you to benefits and discounts at all 17 wineries. Your Passport includes the booklet, a black canvas sleeve and a Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail map.

To purchase your Passport online visit us at:

<http://www.rattlesnakehills.org/passport.html#PayPal>

Order your passport between February 1-14, 2012 and we'll pay your shipping!

Offers expires midnight on February 14. Standard shipping only.

Passports are still available at all 17 member wineries and the Yakima Visitor Information Center located right off of I-82.

[Click here for all Passport benefits and discounts.](#)

**The 17 Wineries of the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail:
Click on their name for more information:**

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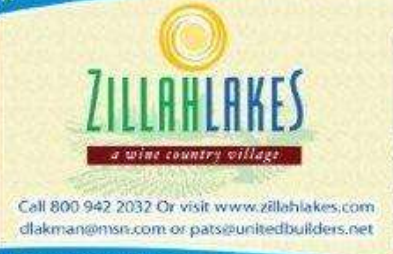

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