



## **Message From the Bottle**

### **February 2013**

#### **Red Wine & Chocolate**

#### **Three Sweet Days of Indulgence**

#### **February 16-18, 2013**

#### **Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail**

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

The annual Red Wine & Chocolate wine tasting event will take place Saturday, February 16 through Monday, February 18, President's Day Weekend, at the 16 wineries on the Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail.

Rattlesnake Hills winemakers will pair decadent and delectable confections with their premium red wine, setting the stage for a romantic weekend on the beautiful Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail. What could be more fun than a trip to the Yakima Valley over Presidents' Day weekend to enjoy wine, chocolate, and a little romance?

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.

BYOG - Buy a logo glass or bring your favorite wine glass from home for your visit to the

wineries on the Trail. Help us to be green, reuse your wine glass along the trail.

Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail Passport holders receive special treatment along the trail.

Below is a sampling of some of the indulgent offerings you will find during the weekend:

### **Agate Field Vineyard**

With a Rattlesnake Passport or a tasting fee you will be treated to a tasting of our wines, including our new release of 2007 Agate Field Cabernet Franc. We will be offering a 10% discount on all wines purchased over \$30.00, excluding reserves, plus some additional case pricing discounts. Purchases of 6 bottles or more will receive a free Agate Field wine glass. We will be serving Dark Chocolate Covered Cherries and Agate Field Dark Chocolate Brownies and for purchase we will have salsa dogs.

### **Bonair Winery**

Bonair Winery will be featuring its wonderful red wines with handmade chocolates from LeBlanc Chocolates and Confections. Anna LeBlanc will dazzle you with her wares. In celebration of this special time, we will be featuring our Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and of course our ever popular Bung Dog Red and Bonnie Bonair.

### **Horizon's Edge Winery**

Bring your family and friends to enjoy all our delicious wines. We have wines for all different tastes. Also come help support the Padgett kids, ages 12 and 9, who will be selling their traditional homemade goodies. Furthermore, we have a fantastic deal this event! Early Bird Gets The Glass! Come early, if you are one of the first 20 customers Saturday and Sunday to purchase wine, you will receive a complimentary Horizon's Edge Logo wineglass along with an additional chocolate treat.

### **Hyatt Vineyards**

Join us for Red Wine and Chocolate weekend. We will be featuring decadent dark chocolate and goat cheese truffles paired with a variety of our red wines. Enjoy the beautiful views of the Mt. Adams and Mt Rainer and our vineyards. If you are lucky you can catch a glimpse of our hawks that love to perch on the windmill and flag pole. Passport ticketholders receive a free tasting.

### **Knight Hill Winery**

KHW will be offering a "savory" chocolate experience...mole, a wonderful sauce of spices and chocolate served with corn "scoops". This will be on Saturday and Sunday. Tasting fee is waived with a Passport. We honor other local organizations benefits for this event. We will be previewing our 2011 Petit Sirah, one of the components of Rook's Red which won a gold medal in the San Francisco Chronicle competition.

### **Maison de Padgett Winery**

We will have our annual chocolate fountain with a variety of snacks for dipping for all to enjoy. Not only will you experience delicious chocolate and great wine, but good conversation as well. This is the start of our 10th year so we are excited to see what the year 2013 brings. Fresh chocolate fountains will be paired with our 2007 Carline Stone Cabernet Sauvignon!

### **Masset Winery**

Red Wine and Chocolate is a great time to visit Masset Winery! How many wineries have a classically trained Chef/Chocolatier that is also the winemaker? We do. Decadent handmade Belgian chocolate truffles will be paired with rich red wines, including 2 new releases! We will offer special pricing for the weekend on several house favorites too. No tasting fee!

### **Paradisos del Sol Vineyards and Winery**

Paradisos offers a micro-mini Lilliputian winemaker's dinner for you and your sweetie,

eight tiny bites of food-three include chocolate, two savory, one sweet: Teeny Tiny Tacos with a Chocolate Molé sauce, a Bean in a Chocolate Adobo Sauce, and Truffles Paradisos-to go with our eight of our wines. Tasting fee \$5 waived with \$20 purchase. Passport holders receive 10% off your purchase of 2 or more bottles; 30% off bottles and 50% off case purchase on selected wines. We have three different wines that are under \$100 a case. Sip, Sip, Bite, Sip and Come Taste Paradise! For more information please contact us at 509.829.9000 or info@paradisosdelsol.com or www.paradisosdelsol.com. We are also on Facebook at facebook.com/paradisosdelsol.

### **Piety Flats Winery**

We will be offering "Truffles de France" exquisite Truffles rolled in coco powder paired with our Port Styled wine and our New Releases of Reds will also be available. We will be releasing our new Non-Vintage Mercantile Red Blend. This red blend is truly in the Boudreaux style using Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot grapes. No tasting fee for the first 5 selections for RHWT passport holders and we honor other local organizations benefits for this event.

### **Portteus Winery**

Portteus will be open 10 to 5pm during the event weekend; we have 2 wines on sale (deeply discounted) out of 20 wines available to choose from to sample. Stop by to see what delectable chocolate treat we will have to pair with our red wines this weekend.

### **Severino Cellars**

Join Severino Cellars as we welcome 2013 with Red, Wine and Chocolate. Our family favorite recipe of Dark Chocolate Fudge will be sampled as we sip on our Severino Red (always a crowd favorite), our 2008 Merlot and our 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon. Are you in need of some Severino Red? We will have it on special for this weekend 4/\$50. Our sipping schedule will be from 10am-6pm all three days! For questions please call us at 509-829-3800.

### **Silver Lake Winery at Roza Hills**

Grab your favorite wine glass and come enjoy award winning wines with your favorite treats dipped in Dark and Milk Chocolate. RHWT Passports will receive a free wine tasting and can upgrade for \$5.00 to include our special wine and chocolate pairings. \$10 General public for wine and chocolate.

### **Steppe Cellars**

Red Wine and Chocolate is always an event that lets us explore the flavors and aromas of our wines as they play off the components of chocolate. This year we will explore how those chocolate flavors can enhance some of our savory foods. Stop by February 16 and 17th and see how chocolate can enhance the foods we typically serve as our main course, and how our wines can further enhance those flavors. We will have our aromatic standards available for our guests to experiment with, as well as some information and savory chocolate recipes. We are open 11 am - 5 pm Saturday, February 16 and Sunday, February 18 and Monday, February 18 by appointment.

### **Tanjuli Winery**

Tanjuli Winery offers Rattlesnake Hills Passport Holders Free Reserve Wine tasting with purchase of a regular wine tasting and \$10 off purchase of a reserve wine. Regular tasting fee is waived if a bottle of wine is purchased from our regular selection. We will be serving Imported Chocolate dipped oatmeal vanilla cream cookies to go with our 2008 Malbec, 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2007 Petite Verdot and our 2001 Pinot Noir.

### **Two Mountain Winery**

For Red Wine & Chocolate 2013, Two Mountain Winery is going chocolate noir. On February 16 & 17, we're matching our noir sensibilities to our new label: black, white, and wine red. Join us for dark chocolate, a light atmosphere, and a library of reds that will soon be classic! We will be featuring: Our Newly Released 2009 vintage & Chocolate paired reserve tastings

(and because "Some Like It Hot"... ) how about Mom's Cayenne Drizzled Chocolate Brownie!  
For more information, contact us here: 509.829.3900 or [info@twomountainwinery.com](mailto:info@twomountainwinery.com).

### **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>

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

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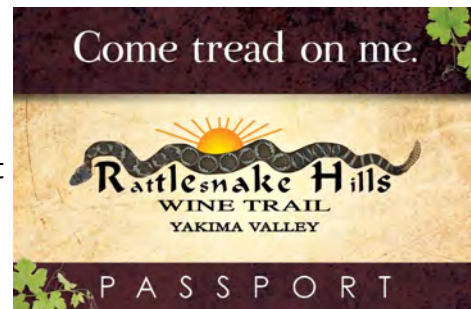
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### **Purchase Your Passport Online!**

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 our member 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>

Passports are also available at all 15 member wineries and the Yakima Visitor Information Center located right off of I-82.

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

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