



Public Tasting Northwest Wines

Saturday, November 7, 2009
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Three Rivers Convention Center
Kennewick, Wash

Price: \$60 per person

The Public Tasting offers three hours in which to sample a broad spectrum of wines, both alone and with food, in the Great Hall of the Three Rivers Convention Center.

Select for tasting from the over 300 Northwest wines entered into the competition with the winners announced during the evening, culminating with the coveted “Best of Show” award. Admission to the Public Tasting includes your wine glass, appetizers, access to artisan vendors, the silent auction and music! New aspects of the Festival this year include:

- Location – and the broader opportunities of the facility
- Wineries - Invitation to Alaska and Montana wineries to participate along with Washington, Oregon and Idaho
- Food - Participation from a select group of area restaurants, country clubs and caterers
- Artisans - Artisan vendors for the shoppers
- Silent Auction - Opportunity to preview silent auction items starting at 5:30 p.m.
- Music - Area musicians performing throughout the public tasting

This is wonderful opportunity to taste a wide variety of wines in a wide variety of categories for wide variety of purposes! Throughout the evening, complimentary cheese, bread, fruit and chocolate will be served, along with delectable samples from area chefs – all conveniently located with the wines so both food and wine are never more than a few steps away.

Need a place to just sit and take a break for a few minutes? You'll find an area with seating to give you that break. And while resting your feet, you can enjoy background music provided by area musicians!

If this will be your first time at our Festival, welcome. If you are coming back again this year, welcome back. If you haven't attended for a while, please consider coming back to experience the changes – many of which are the result of your suggestions!

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is returning and expected to be bigger and better with more donations from wineries, businesses, organizations, artists and individuals. The Silent Auction offers you a chance to browse and bid while you taste your wine. The auction often features premium wines, some in engraved or in double magnums or larger bottles, and wines not readily available to the public. There will be many wine-related, and not-so-wine-related, gift items available to bid on including gourmet gift baskets, specialty wine glasses, catered meals and special wine tastings, among many others.

This is an opportunity for those attending the evening's events to go home with a special item or experience while helping support the Tri-Cities Wine Society's educational fund.

Doors to the Silent Auction area will open early, at 5:30, for the opportunity to preview auction items. Additionally, participants in the Friday seminar and dinner may have the opportunity to preview items at that time. Checks (ID required), cash, VISA, and MasterCard are accepted for payment. Come prepared to bid on one or more of the many exciting items to be offered.

Food

Complimentary breads, fruits, and cheeses will be available at locations in the Public Tasting area throughout the evening.

Local restaurants will be participants with samples prepared by their chefs.

Seating areas with tables will be set aside for enjoying your food and wine, some co-located with performing musicians for your enjoyment.

Accommodations

The Hilton Garden Inn is providing a special rate for the Wine Festival. Others may also, but you will have to check with them when you make your reservations. Information for the Hilton Garden Inn is as follows:

Hilton Garden Inn: 509-735-4600

Rate: \$109.00 per night plus applicable taxes

Ask for the "Tri-Cities Wine Festival Rate"

Additional accommodations information can be accessed through the web site for the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau at URL <http://www.visittri-cities.com/>.