



ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL SPOKANE ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY DINNER



Home for the Holidays

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 * 6:30 PM SPOKANE CLUB GEORGIAN BALLROOM

’TIS THE SEASON TO ENJOY SOME HOLIDAY REVELRY TOGETHER WITH PREMIER WINES FROM...

Chateau Ste Michelle®

Please join us to share in a celebration of the holidays and recognize the 47 years of educational fun we’ve had together cultivating appreciation for, and advance knowledge of viticulture, enology and wine, at our 2023 Holiday Dinner on Monday, December 11, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Georgian Grand Ballroom at the historic Spokane Club, downtown Spokane.

For you we are planning our biggest and best dinner event ever! More food, more wine, and more entertaining wine education than any holiday dinner before! We’ll start with a sparkling wine reception and selection of passed hors d’oeuvres, then sit down for a fabulous four course holiday dinner presented by Chef Eric Marple, Chef De Cuisine at Spokane Club (and graduate of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts). **The dinner is worth the “splurge” as it celebrates everything you deserve to finish off another great year of the Spokane Enological Society.** The evenings wines are from Chateau Ste. Michelle, Washington’s oldest winery, and our guest hosts, John Allen and Matt Dolan of Vino! A Wine Shop, will help us celebrate the magic of food and wine and great friends together!

A FANTASTIC NIGHT OUT!

DINNER COST AND REGISTRATION! - Registration for the SES 47th Annual Holiday Dinner is open to SES members and their guests (a “qualified SES member” must have joined the SES on or before Nov. 11, 2023). The dinner menu and wine list is provided on **page 3**. The price for this multi-course eight wine holiday dinner is \$105 MEMBERS, \$125 GUESTS. Seating is limited so we urge you to register early. Registration closes on or before **Monday, Dec. 4th at Noon PT.**

You may complete registration online using this link, <https://spokaneenologicalsociety.org/event-5493888> or use the attached registration form and mail it, along with your payment, to the SES, P.O. Box 31404, Spokane, WA 99223.

When you register, you will include your name and your guest name(s) and any special dietary needs on the registration form. Seating preferences can also be made on the registration form. We will make every effort to seat groups of 8 or less together at one table – but otherwise guests may be seated at an adjacent table. **NOTE: this is the only time you will be allowed to make a special dietary request and seating requests prior to the dinner.**

HOLIDAY GIFT WINE RAFFLE - Each SES registered member in attendance will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of twenty (anonymously wrapped) bottles of wine (collected throughout the tasting year). Drawing will take place at the end of the dinner. Must be present (*but not necessarily sober*) to win.

SES/SPOKANE CLUB HOTEL ROOM RATE - The Spokane Club is offering SES guests a special holiday party rate of \$129.00 + tax/night for a DELUXE KING room (same price as last year)! To make hotel reservations please call 509-838-8511 and mention the SES HOLIDAY DINNER rate.

PARKING/CARPOOLING - There are parking spaces around the Spokane Club available on a first-come first-serve basis – there are two parking lots near the Spokane Club: the Spokane Club Madison Avenue parking lot located between Sprague and Riverside (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral Church), and the Diamond Parking lot located at 532 W. Sprague Ave., between Sprague and Riverside (behind Columbia Bank). We strongly suggest carpooling with friends and dinner guests to relieve the stress of limited parking in that area, or better yet, arrange in advance with a car service for a safe ride to and from the venue.

ATTIRE - Holiday dinner attire.

LOOKING BACK AT 2023

In January we experienced *A Trip To Paso Robles, Wines Worth Drinking*; and in February we studied *The Sideways Effect of Pinot Noir*; March was marvelous with *Winescapes: From Vine to Table*; and April brought us *Wines from Walla Walla: Classics vs Newcomers*. In May we tasted *Wine Spectator's Top 10 Value Wines of 2022*; and in June we prepared our own wine spritzers and discovered best Summer wines for *Grillin' and Chillin'*. September was to remember with *A Taste of Antinori Global Estate Wines*; and in October we “traveled” to *Uruguay with Wines from Bodega Garzon Winery*; and in November we cozied up to *The Art and Science of Wine Blends*.

We also enjoyed some fun “special” events like the April *Anniversary Dinner* at the Spokane Club (*thank you Eva*) and “extra” wine educational opportunities including two tours of the *WSU Wine Center for Viticulture & Enology*, and the first Wine 101 session and wine basics and terminology. And Deby Hanson (along with her team) coordinated some really fun “extra special events” including an overnight road trip to *Basalt Cellars* in April, a VERY hot August night tasting at *Shannon Faye Winery*; and most recently, the *Fall Wine Walk* in downtown Spokane (which is something we all want to do again)! And there’s plenty more to come in 2024.

WHY WE'RE THANKFUL

As an organization we benefit from, and are thankful for, the knowledge and experience (*and antics*) of: Dr. Jeffery Snow, **Education Director**, with his ever popular and insightful **SNOW ON WINE** articles; and in contrast (*a little brain R&R*), for Terry Gross’ **YOU HEARD IT HERE** articles about wine in music; and for the diverse (and copious) tastings of our new Wine Program trio; and for the perfectly paired appetizers from our masterful **Food Committee** volunteers (led by Mary Gross)...and for the “straight line” that **Membership Director**, Debbie Austin keeps us on (*the “POPE” of all things administrative*). And for the “glue that holds us together,” our courageous Board President, Kris Wedel, and dedicated Board Directors, Committee Chairs and Appointees; all of whom got us from where we started and will take us to where we’re going...keep up the good work in 2024! And finally, to our **members**, for investing your time and money with the SES organization and for your support of our fun and educational wine programs and extra special events we enjoyed throughout the year.

OUR GREATEST STRENGTH

Our organization’s greatest strength is **all of you!** One of Julia Child’s most witty quotes has to be, *“I enjoy cooking with wine, sometimes I even put it in the food...”* but one we particularly love, and we think applies to members of the SES is, *“Find something you’re passionate about and keep tremendously interested in it!”*



THE SES BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISHES YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2024!



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DINNER PRESENTED BY CHEF ERIC MARPLE



Chateau Ste Michelle®

WINES PRESENTED BY



6:30 P.M. STARTER COURSE

Chef's Choice Hand Passed Hors d'oeuvres

Chateau Ste. Michelle Non-Vintage Luxe Brut

Chateau Ste. Michelle Luxe Rose

FIRST COURSE

Lamb Meatloaf, Whipped Chevre, Mint Pesto

Chateau Ste. Michelle Horse Heaven Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc

Erica 2022 Riesling

SECOND COURSE

Wild Mushroom Orzo, Prosciutto, Grand Cru Alpine Cheese

Chateau Ste. Michelle 2015 Cold Creek Vineyard Merlot

Chateau Ste. Michelle 2020 Cold Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

ENTRE COURSE

Hibachi Grilled Beef Filet, Butter Braised Yukon Gold Potatoes with Chives,

Parmesan Crisp, Bacon Jam, Demi-Glace

Chateau Ste. Michelle 2018 Artist Series Red Wine

Chateau Ste. Michelle 2016 IMPETUS Red Wine

DESSERT COURSE

Chocolate Velvet Mousse with Christmas Butter Cookies

Coffee Service



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DINNER REGISTRATION & SEATING PREFERENCE

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MEMBER REGISTRATION @ \$105 EACH

A "qualified SES member" must have joined the SES on or before Nov. 11, 2023.

#	Member Name	Special Dietary Request <i>THIS IS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO REQUESTs</i>
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GUEST REGISTRATION @ \$125 EACH

#	Guest Name	Special Dietary Request <i>THIS IS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO REQUESTs</i>
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TOTAL REGISTRATIONS

TOTAL MEMBERS:		x \$105 each =	\$
TOTAL GUESTS:		x \$125 each =	\$
TOTAL ATTENDEES:		TOTAL PAYMENT =	\$

Seating: We will make every effort to seat groups of 8 or less together at one table – if you have more than 8 people in your group, they will be seated at an adjacent table. If you are not with a group but have a preference to be seated with another registered guest(s), please indicate their names below and we will make every effort to seat you together with your friends.

#	SEATING PREFERENCES
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ABOUT THE SPOKANE ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY (SES)



2023/2024 SES BOARD OF DIRECTORS/APPOINTMENTS (as of 8/10/23)

#	NAME	TERM	DIRECTOR TITLES/APPOINTMENTS (VOTING MEMBERS)
1	Achey, Marlys	2024	Board Director
2	Austin, Deb	2026	Board Director Appointment: Membership Director
3	Cortright, Carly	2024	Board Director EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Treasurer
4	DeNio, David	2024	Board Director
5	DeNio, Dionne	2024	Board Director Appointment: Chair, Membership Recognition
6	Dolan, Matt	2026	Board Director
7	Goodwin, Kyle	2026	Board Director Appointment: Internal Auditor
8	Gross, Mary	2025	Board Director (Interim replacing Julie Happy) Appointment: Director, Food Committee
9	Gross, Terry	2025	Board Director (Interim replacing Dave Madison thru 2025) Appointment: A/V, Social Media, Entertainment (in training for Webmaster backup)
10	Hanson, Deby	2025	Board Director (Interim replacing Rebecca Spathe) Appointment: Chair, Extra Special Events
11	Hanson, Marty	2025	Board Director Appointment: Program Committee Co-Chair
12	Hersey, Claudia	2024	Board Director Appointment: WineMinder Editor and Glasses, Linens & Promo Items
13	Hoffman, Ellen	2024	Board Director
14	Howell, Kevin	2026	Board Director
15	Leasure, Skip	2026	Board Director
16	Leininger, Lyn	2023	Board Director EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Vice President
17	Plewman, Marcia	2024	Board Director EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Secretary
18	Wedel, Kris	2024	Board Director EXECUTIVE OFFICER: President

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBER ONLY (NON VOTING)

	NAME	APPOINTMENTS (NON-VOTING)
1	Henspeter, Mona	Co Chair, Program Committee
2	Henspeter, Robin	Co Chair, Program Committee
3	Hersey, Paul	Co Chair, Extra Special Events
4	Rimpila, CR	Webmaster
5	Roberts, Eva	Special Events Director
6	Snow, Jeffery	Education Director

BOARD MEETINGS

The SES board meets virtually or in person at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of every month (except July and August) to conduct the society's business which includes scheduling and planning events and upcoming programs, review financial reports, hear and act upon committee reports, and perform other duties as needed.

REGULAR EVENTS

There are 10 planned events per year, 8 tastings and 2 special dinner events. We take July and August off. Tastings are held on the third Monday of the month at SHRINERS EVENT CENTER, located at 7217 W. Westbow Blvd., Spokane, WA 99224.

Special dinners are held in December (Holiday Dinner) and April (Anniversary Dinner) of each year at the Spokane Club. Extra special events, such as exclusive tastings at wineries or tasting rooms, are also planned periodically throughout the year.

The Spokane Enological Society (SES) was incorporated in 1986 as a non-profit (501(c)7 organization governed by an elected 18-member board of directors. The principal purpose for which the SES is organized is to foster interest in, cultivate appreciation for, and advance knowledge of viticulture, enology and wine. Events and Tastings are social, educational and fun! Being a not-for-profit organization allows us to obtain a special event license from the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Control Board. This allows us to buy wine at reduced special prices directly from Washington distributors or wineries and share that special pricing with our members and their guests.

SES MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Annual subscription to the SES e-newsletter, The WineMinder, which includes fun little articles and information about our upcoming tastings and extra special events and how to register (sent by email or mailed, and archived online);
- On-line access to SES archives including past newsletters, educational articles, recipes from our tastings, access to SES Board Meeting Minutes and more;
- Reduced member rate on SES tasting events where we spend time with local winemakers, wine industry experts and high level wine educators;
- Reduced member rate on SES special dinners and extra special events held at local tasting rooms and wineries.
- Reduced member rate to attend the two annual SES Dinners, the Anniversary Dinner in April and the Holiday Dinner in December, both held at the historic Spokane Club;
- Discounted pricing on wine purchases from presenting retailers;
- Foods prepared by our Food Committee to pair perfectly with the wines featured in our monthly tastings;
- SES Members have voting privileges, may serve on the Board, and may invite guests on a space-available basis to our events;
- Our tastings and dinner events offer great networking opportunities!
- Be part of a fun social organization of like-minded people who appreciate wine and want to learn more by tasting (and have fun while doing it)!

How to Apply/Renew SES Membership

Renewing members pay \$30.00 per person. For the 2023/2024 renewals, a person must have joined between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 (our current period). The new year renewal period is July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024.

New members pay \$40.00 per person. The new member fee includes a one-time \$10.00 set-up charge which includes an SES name badge, logo wine glass and carry bag. NOTE: new member dues are not pro-rated by the number of months remaining in the membership year (July 1 – June 30).

Click on this link to the SES membership website at www.spokaneenologicalsociety.org – complete the information requested; and pay online. Or, complete the attached form (last page of the WineMinder) and return it, along with your payment, to SES, P.O. Box 31404, Spokane WA 99223. If you have any questions, you may contact our Membership Director at 509-723-5871 (leave a detailed message for a return call) or send an email to: spokane.eno@gmail.com.



EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024
NEW MEMBER or RENEWING MEMBER
Application and Release of Liability Form



ABOUT THE SES - The Spokane Enological Society (SES) is a non-profit (501(c)7 organization governed by an elected 18-member board of directors. The purpose of the society is to provide its members opportunities to gain further knowledge and appreciation of wine. Functions are educational and social, centered on learning through tasting, with informative and entertaining presentations by winemakers, distributor representatives and local wine retailers.

As of March 1, 2023, you can apply for new membership or renew your current membership on-line via the SES website at www.spokaneenologicalsociety.org or by completing this form below and return it along with your payment to SES, P.O. Box 31404, Spokane, WA 99223.

Renewing Members: \$30.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____

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	NEW OR RENEWING APPLICANT 1		NEW OR RENEWING APPLICANT 2
Printed Name:		Printed Name:	
Mailing Address:		Mailing Address:	
Daytime Phone:		Daytime Phone:	
Email Address (for SES only)		Email Address (for SES only):	

Release of Liability Statement

Please read and sign below thereby acknowledging your understanding of the below terms of this statement:

I, the undersigned, have made an application for membership or renewal of membership into the Spokane Enological Society (SES) and agree to accept, uphold and be governed by its Bylaws and Standing rules and this agreement. I certify that I am at least 21 years of age. I hereby release SES organization and its Board from any damages caused by accident or incident for myself and any guest(s) that I may bring to any SES organization sanctioned event(s) or meeting(s). I agree to hold SES organization and its directors harmless and indemnify them from any damage to person or property arising from me or my guest(s) attendance and/or participation in any SES organization sanctioned event(s) or meeting(s). I agree to voluntarily assume any risks associated with and take full responsibility for my actions and those of my guest(s), including the amount of wine that I or they may consume at any SES organization sanctioned event(s) or meeting(s).

I / WE HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT FULLY, UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND HAVE EACH SIGNED IT FREELY.

	NEW OR RENEWING APPLICANT 1		NEW OR RENEWING APPLICANT 2
Name:		Name:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Date Signed:		Date Signed:	

**Mail the check and Membership Application/Renewal and Liability Release form to:
 SPOKANE ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 31404, Spokane, WA 99223**

To learn more about the Spokane Enological Society, visit our website at [Spokane Enological Society - Home Page](#)
 If you have any questions, please call our Membership Director at 509-723-5871 and leave your name, call-back number and message,
 or send an email to Spokane.eno@gmail.com.