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CHINOOK
YAKIMA VALLEY WINES



April has blown out of the Yakima Valley leaving us with hope for another good vintage for winegrapes. We hope it won't be too hot, as water storage in the Cascade Mountain range is marginal, at best. We know the '01 crop has good potential, because we made it through the critical winter stages without frost damage. That's the farming game: just as risky as playing the Wall Street one – and Mother Nature makes the final decisions! *Our annual routine* is a comfortable affirmation of continuing life & seasons. Cleaning out the garden, acknowledging the end of ski season and combing out the dog's winter coat . . . bottling the Cabernet Franc Rose to have it ready for summer: a few of our Spring chores.

Now for the NEW WINES . . . if you've been a fan of Chinook Wines for very long, you know we're 'bullish' about Cabernet Franc. For three years, we've been producing a dry Rose from Cabernet Franc which is a nice addition to our wine lineup. June 2nd will mark the release of two Cabernet Franc wines and they're both tasting really good!

2000 Yakima Valley Cabernet Franc Rose
1998 Yakima Valley Cabernet Franc

Our Spring, 2001 Calendar at Chinook looks like this:

Saturday, May 5th: CHINOOK'S TASTING ROOM OPENS

for the 2001 tasting season. We will be open Saturdays & Sundays from 12:00 noon until 5 p.m. through October. Please note that if you have a large group, your experience will be best if you call ahead to make arrangements with us. At times during the grape harvest season, last minute changes to our grape schedule force us to close the tasting room. Please call ahead during the week prior to your trip if visiting us is very important! We always appreciate your interest in our wines & winemaking. Through the month of May, we're featuring special prices on red wines (see reverse side of page).

Thursday, May 31, 2001 is a date to put on your calendar for a real culinary treat: Tom, Matt and Eric at the Dahlia Lounge restaurant are dreaming up a delicious dinner to accompany our two new Cabernet Franc releases and other Chinook favorites.

Cost: \$75.00 per person, plus tax & gratuity

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Address: 2001 Fourth Avenue, Seattle WA

For a reservation: call Maureen at Tom Douglas restaurants; 206-441-4122

Saturday & Sunday June 2nd & 3rd mark the release of two new Cabernet Franc wines: the 2000 vintage Yakima Valley Cabernet Franc Rose and 1998 Yakima Valley Cabernet Franc. Come discover (or re-discover) this wonderful grape variety! Open 12:00 noon until 5 p.m.

Monday, June 11, 2001 we're honored with another invitation to Tulio Ristorante in Seattle to participate in a winemaker dinner. Chef Walter Pisano has already started to devise the menu, which is sure to be stupendous! Dinner will include the two new Francs.

Cost: \$85.00 per person, inclusive

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Address: 1100 5th Avenue, Seattle WA

For a reservation: contact Gillian Baumann; Tel 206-623-1066 or gbaumann@tulio.com

2001 Spring Warmup Specials from CHINOOK

Now that winter is behind us, we look forward to seeing your familiar faces in Yakima Valley Wine Country searching out new vintages and beautiful scenery. To help you ease your way out of cold-weather mode, we're offering some incentives to drink good red wine at a good price! Our 1997 Cabernet Franc is drinking beautifully now, and we're eager to release the '98 . . . so the last few cases of '97 are available at a very good price. Also, we're bringing out a first for us: the '96 Cabernet Sauvignon (you remember, the year nobody could get enough grapes) is so unusual in style for us, we decided to call it "Yakima Valley Red Wine" since the grape sources won't be the same again! You can taste and purchase three reds at great prices (at the winery) when our tasting room re-opens May 5th.

1997 Yakima Valley Cabernet Franc

1996 Yakima Valley Red Wine

1997 Yakima Valley Merlot

Call us for more information: Kay Simon & Clay Mackey. Tel. 509-786-2725
