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Sal Leone of Leone Italian Cellars will be on hand Thursday May 16 from 5-7 p.m. Leone Italian Cellars combines old world charm with new world flair creating small-batched wines from Italian varietals. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **Tasting nights at Blanc & Rouge**  Chat about wine with the experts every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. We invite winery representatives and winemakers in to present the very latest. Upcoming:  **May 10** – The Wines of Summer from the Rhone **May 17** – Crete’s Fine Wines & CHEESE POP-UP **May 24** – The Judgement of Paris 1976 **May 31** – Luscious Lebanon **June 4**– Washington’s Forgeron Cellars | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Wine Bar Wonders**  Blanc & Rouge’s Wine Bar has a new menu featuring American and International selections by-the-glass and by the bottle. Three new Flights of Fancy have been added offering up three 2-oz pours for you to compare and contrast.  We have also opened our bottle racks for by-the-glass service. Select a bottle, buy two glasses ($15 each) and enjoy that bottle you have been eyeing for weeks. Full details available on the Wine Bar menu. Some restrictions apply. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **Hands-on wine classes**  **Wednesday, May 15** – Piedmonte Perfection with Vietti’s Gianfranco.  Producing some of the most elegant and notable wines in the world Piedmont Italy elevates quality into a stratosphere all of its own. Come hear the stories of one of the boys from Barolo. Sample his selections and discover the perfection of Piedmont. 6-8 p.m. 5 wines and small bites provided.  **Wednesday, June 19** – Pairing Food & Wine for Summer Meals.  Come learn the fine art of pairing summer foods with wines from around the world. Explore the delicate dance of pairing grilled items, fish favorites and playful produce. 6-8 p.m. 5 wines and small bites provided.  **Wednesday, July 17** – Crafty Cocktails.  **Details:**  Classes include appetizers and five wine samples. Attendance is limited to 20 people for each event. Tickets for the sessions are $25 per person for Wine Club members, $40 per person for non-members. Pre-purchased, non-refundable tickets are required to attend these events.  For details or to make reservations stop by Blanc & Rouge, 801 First Street, Snohomish, or call 360.568.0850. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **Thursday Wine Thief Tastings**  Discover “everyday drinkers” every Thursday during Blanc & Rouge’s Wine Thief tasting. Stop in from 5 – 7 p.m. for a sip or a glass and pick up a bottle for a mid-week meal. You might even find a new cheese on the cheese shelf to snack on as you prepare your dinner. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **More Wine Education Events**  In addition to our monthly Hands-on Wine Classes, Blanc & Rouge has added new opportunities to learn more about wine. Reservations are required.  ***Greek Wine Dinner outing to Omega Ouzeri****,* Sunday, May 19. Enjoy authentic Greek food perfectly paired with Greek wines at the Capital Hill eatery. $75pp food/beverages/tip & tax. 24 guest limit. Parking available on the street, in the building’s parking garage & in a lot across the street.  ***Quilceeda Creek Tasting****,* Monday, May 20. $50pp. Limited to 20 guests. **SOLD OUT**  ***Hightower Cellars Winemaker Dinner,***Thursday, June 27. Dine with Kelly & Tim Hightower and hear the stories of Yakima’s Red Mountain and learn about the inspiration this couple found there. $125pp. Limited to 24 guests.  For details or to make reservations, stop by Blanc & Rouge, 801 First Street, Snohomish, or call 360.568.0850.  Reservations for all Blanc & Rouge events are confirmed upon payment. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **Wine club**  The next Wine Club Release is this Friday, May 3 at Blanc & Rouge. Come meet the Northwest distributor for Spain’s Lopez de Herdia and hear the stories of this fabled winery. 5-7 p.m.  Not in the club? Wine Club Membership is open, join any time. This is a good way to expand your wine palate, try some special selections not widely offered and snag some great deals. You also get a discount on our monthly wine classes and discounts on case orders.  It doesn’t cost a dime to join Blanc & Rouge’s Wine Club. Members receive 6 bottles of curated global wines per quarter at either the $15, $25, $35 or $50 average bottle price.  To join simply stop by the shop, fill out the online form ([www.blancandrougewine.com](http://www.blancandrougewine.com/)) or give us a call 360.568.0850. Once we receive your request we will contact you for your payment information. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **Pop Up Shops**  Whimsy Chocolates of Battle Ground, WA will have its premier Pop Up Shop during the Wine Club Release party Friday May 3 5 - 7 p.m. Be sure to sample their hand-crafted confections.  The “Roving Cheese Shop” has found a home at Blanc & Rouge. The next pop-up shop will be Friday, May 17 5 – 7 p.m. during Blanc & Rouge’s Friday Tasting.  Those of you who just cannot wait between pop ups, Roving Cheesemonger Alison Leber is supplying an assortment of artisan and seasonal cheeses for us to have on-hand at Blanc & Rouge. We even have a cheese-centric tiny refrigerator to keep our selections just right. | | | |