



CWES Program Outline

- The **Columbia-Willamette Enological Society (CWES)** is a nonprofit organization located in Vancouver, Washington that has been providing educational wine and food pairing experiences, featuring regional and international wines to our members and guests since the 1986.
- We partner with Say Ciao catering to prepare the food bites to pair with the wines presented by a highlighted winery, or related wine industry organization.
- **CWES monthly programs** are held on the *2nd Wednesday of the month* from September – June at the Fairway Village Golf and Country Club. The address is 15509 SE Fernwood Drive, Vancouver, WA.
- The evening starts with the *welcome wine* at 7:10 pm, the wine/food pairing program ends at 9 PM (we ask our presenter(s) to arrive between 6:00-6:30 pm for time to set up).
- During the welcome wine period the speaker is introduced to the CWES board president, who will provide introductions to members and guests.
- Generally, about 60-80 members and guests attend per event...all very interested and knowledgeable in wine and food. It is a good place to introduce or reacquaint yourself to Vancouver/Portland area wine lovers.
- The speaker is introduced and is asked to give a brief presentation of the history/story of the wines, the philosophy/techniques etc. The wine maker will introduce each wine at the beginning of each wine pour (sometimes 2 wines per food bite). Our caterer Peter Gallin of Say Ciao!, will describe each of the food bites he has prepared that will be served with each wine.
- As members enjoy the wine and food pairing, the wine maker/speaker visits different tables and responds to questions until the next set of wines and food bite are introduced until all 4 pairings are done.
- CWES buys 5-7 bottles, at the standard industry discount, of each of the 6 different pairing wines. We prefer to have at least 2 white or rose for the program. The welcome wine is often donated by the winery, if not we have wine in our inventory we can use.
- **CHEF'S TASTING: CWES** asks the presenting organization to provide one complimentary bottle each of the wines chosen for the program to *use in the chef's tasting around two weeks before the program*. The caterer and CWES board members sample and select food bites that would pair best with each program wines. The speaker is invited to attend the chef's tasting which is usually held at Say Ciao!
- We encourage our presenters to bring sufficient wine-club and order forms plus any handouts you'd like distributed to the tables (plan on 10 tables).