

RIESLING RENDEZVOUSSM

2008 HIGHLIGHTS



Chateau Ste. Michelle & Dr. Loosen estate's second Riesling Rendezvous held July 2008 brought together leading winemakers, journalists, trade and enthusiasts from around the globe to celebrate the noble Riesling grape at Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery in Woodinville, Washington. The event featured a grand consumer tasting, trade tastings and workshops all designed to showcase the versatility of Riesling from around the world.

THE RECAP:

- (1) **650 consumers** and trade tasted Rieslings from around the world at the Grand Tasting
- (2) **225 producers and members** of the trade participated in tastings and workshops led by distinguished experts
- (3) **73 producers** were represented from seven countries and six U.S. states
- (4) **36 leading journalists** from across the United States and Europe attended
- (5) **341 Rieslings** were featured during the three-day event

PARTICIPATING PRODUCERS:

AUSTRIA

Hirsch
Jurtschitsch Sonnhof
Loimer
Nikolaihof

AUSTRALIA

C.A. Henschke & Co.
Frankland Estate
Grosset
Jacob's Creek
Leasingham
Mt. Horrocks
Petaluma Australia
Pewsey Vale Vineyards
Richmond Grove

TASMANIA

Frogmore Creek Vineyard

CANADA

Quail's Gate Estate Winery
Tantalus Vineyards
Mission Hill Winery
Cave Spring Cellars

FRANCE

F.E. Trimbach
Lucien Albrecht

GERMANY

Dönnhoff
Dr. Loosen
Egon Müller-Scharzhof
Fürst Löwenstein
Gunderloch
J.L. Wolf
Josef Leitz
Juliuspital
Robert Weil
Schlossgut Diel
St. Urbans-Hof

NEW ZEALAND

Felton Road
Pegasus Bay Winery
Pyramid Valley Vineyards
Waipara Hills Estate

UNITED STATES:

{CALIFORNIA}

Clos du Bois
Fess Parker Winery
Francis Ford Coppola's
Rosso & Bianco Winery
Navarro Vineyards
Pey Marin Vineyards
Scott Harvey & Jana Wines
Trefethen
Ventana Vineyards

{MICHIGAN}

Chateau Grand Traverse
Shady Lane Cellars

{NEW YORK}

Anthony Road Wine Co.
Dr. Konstantin Frank
Fox Run Vineyards
Sheldrake Point Vineyard

{NEW JERSEY}

Unionville Vineyards

{OREGON}

Amity Vineyards
Bridgeview Vineyards
Brooks Wines
Chehalem
Daedalus
Elk Cove
Erath
Montinore Estate
Trisaetum
Willamette Valley Vineyards

{WASHINGTON}

14 Hands
Chateau Ste. Michelle
Columbia Winery
Columbia Crest
Covey Run
Efeste
Hogue Cellars
Nefarious Cellars
Olsen Estates
Pacific Rim
Poet's Leap
Snoqualmie
Tsillan Cellars
Tulip Valley Vineyard and Orchard

MEDIA ATTENDEES:

Stuart Pigott, author and noted Riesling authority

Tom Stevenson, British author

Stephen Brook, *Decanter*

Bob Campbell, MW, *Cuisine New Zealand*

Tim Atkin, MW, *The Observer* (UK)

Anthony Gismondi, *Wine Access*

Paul Lukacs, *Saveur*, *The Washington Times*, *Wine Review Online*

Marguerite Thomas, *Wine News*

Patrick Comiskey, *Wine & Spirits*

Sara Schneider, *Sunset Magazine*

Lisa Shara Hall, *Wine Business Monthly*

Peter Liem, *Wine & Spirits*

Lynne Bennett, *San Francisco Chronicle*

Charles Olken, *Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine*

Jordan MacKay, 7 & 7, *Chow Magazine*

Paul Franson, *Wines & Vines*, *Napa Valley Register*

Christina Kelly, Northwest freelance writer

Cole Danehower, *Northwest Palate*

Meredith May, *Patterson's The Tasting Panel Magazine*

Richard Leahy, *Vineyard & Winery Management*

Ronald de Groot, *Perswijn* (HOLLAND)

John Schreiner, author

Braiden Rex-Johnson, Northwest author

Eric Degerman, *Wine Press Northwest*

Soren Frank, freelance writer (DENMARK)

Laurie Daniel, *San Jose Mercury News*

Mary Ewing-Mulligan, MW, *International Wine Cellar*

Ed McCarthy, Wine Cats, LLC,

Elin McCoy, *Bloomberg News*

Kenny Machaczek, *Der Feinschmecker/Wein-Gourmet*

Paul Gregutt, *Seattle Times*

Katherine Cole, *Oregonian*

WHAT THE CRITICS WERE SAYING...

"...In July, a three-day symposium called the Riesling Rendezvous drew an international who's who of vintners and enthusiasts to Woodinville, Wash. The event was sponsored jointly by Ernst Loosen, a well-regarded German Riesling specialist, and **Chateau Ste. Michelle**, the varietal's largest American producer. In addition to a series of impressive tastings, it featured a good deal of discussion (including a panel that I moderated) focused on how to keep the revival going..."

Paul Lukacs | *The Washington Times*

"...this was one wonderful conference, showing some of the best that this variety has to offer, from some of the world's best producers of the grape. I sure hope they do this every year..."

Lisa Shara Hall | *Jancisrobinson.com*

"It was truly a life-changing experience as 200 producers, media members and distributors gathered at the venerable chateau, spending two-and one half days tasting through hundreds of Rieslings from Germany, Austria, Australia, Michigan, the Finger Lakes and even Tasmania!"

Braiden Rex-Johnson | *Northwest Wining and Dining with Braiden Rex-Johnson*

"I'm back on the riesling train now because I've just been to the Riesling Rendezvous in Washington. This event gathers riesling producers from all over the world...Although I tasted delicious rieslings from all over the world, including some lovely ones from New York and Michigan, I was impressed by the quality of the entries from Oregon and Washington..."

Katherine Cole | *The Oregonian*



Join us for the next
Riesling Rendezvous July 11-13, 2010
at Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery in
Woodinville, Washington

For details, visit www.rieslingrendezvous.com

