

# RIESLING RENDEZVOUS®

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Hosted by Chateau Ste. Michelle & Dr. Loosen Estate



Winemakers from seven countries converged at Chateau Ste. Michelle winery and Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle, Washington July 17-19, 2016 for the fifth Riesling Rendezvous. Hosted by Chateau Ste. Michelle of Washington and Dr. Loosen of Germany, Riesling Rendezvous featured wineries from Australia, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, New Zealand, California, Idaho, Michigan, New York, Oregon, and Washington.

Riesling Rendezvous is the largest event dedicated to Riesling in the United States. Riesling Rendezvous first emerged from Chateau Ste. Michelle and Dr. Loosen's commitment to promote the extraordinary nature of Riesling. It is designed to bring together leading experts and producers to explore the versatility of Rieslings from around the world, discuss issues and opportunities surrounding the advancement of Riesling, and forge alliances among producers and Riesling enthusiasts.

More than 700 Riesling enthusiasts attended the Grand Tasting at Chateau Ste. Michelle on July 17th to taste the finest Rieslings from around the globe and experience the diversity of this varietal from each region. Guests also sampled an array of Riesling-friendly food from popular Seattle food trucks Barking Frog, Jemil Caters and Snout & Co., along with appetizers prepared by Chateau Ste. Michelle's Executive Chef Janet Hedstrom and culinary staff.

Trade tastings on July 18th & 19th were held at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle and featured in-depth blind tastings and seminars led by distinguished speakers and producers on topics such as: The State of Riesling: Climatic Trends, Current Growing Conditions and Future Projections; Discovering the Diversity of Australian Riesling; The Essential Elements of Dry Riesling; Tips from the Pros on Selling Riesling; and Rocks & Riesling: Alsace's Diverse Terroir.

### THE RECAP:

- (1) 700+ consumers, trade, media and producers** attended the sold out Riesling Rendezvous Grand Tasting July 17th at Chateau Ste. Michelle.
- (2) 300 producers, trade, wine writers and several consumers** participated in the trade tastings July 18th & 19th at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center.
- (3) 80+ wineries** from seven countries and six states were featured at the Riesling Rendezvous Grand Tasting.
- (4) A total of 250 wines** were showcased over the three-day event.

## PARTICIPATING PRODUCERS:

### AUSTRALIA

Frankland Estate  
Grant Burge Wines  
Jim Barry Wines  
Mac Forbes Wines  
Pikes  
Rieslingfreak

### AUSTRIA

Boutique Winery Clemens Strobl  
Emmerich Knoll  
F.X. Pichler  
Malat

### CANADA

Cave Spring Cellars  
Hidden Bench Vineyards & Winery  
Kitsch Wines  
Little Farm Winery  
Synchromesh Wines  
Tantalus Vineyards  
von Mandl Family Estates

### FRANCE

Albert Mann  
Domaine Loew  
Famille Hugel  
Meyer-Fonné  
Paul Blanck  
Schlumberger

### GERMANY

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Ansgar Clüsserath  
Balthasar Ress  
BattenfeldSpanier  
Christmann  
Dönnhoff  
Dr. Bürklin-Wolf  
Dr. Loosen  
Egon Müller-Scharzhof  
Fritz Haag  
Leitz  
Maximin Grünhaus  
Oekonomierat Rebholz  
Robert Weil  
Wittmann

### NEW ZEALAND

Framingham Wines Ltd.

### UNITED STATES:

#### { CALIFORNIA }

Balo Vineyards  
Maidenstoen Wines  
Stirm Wine Co.

#### { IDAHO }

Cinder Winery

#### { MICHIGAN }

Black Star Farms  
Mari Vineyards/Scriptorium Wines

#### { NEW YORK }

Anthony Road Wine Company  
Boundary Breaks  
Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery  
Fox Run Vineyards  
Ravines Wine Cellars  
Red Newt Cellars, Inc.  
Sheldrake Point Winery  
Wagner Vineyards

#### { OREGON }

Brooks  
Elk Cove Vineyards  
Tunkalilla Vineyard

#### { WASHINGTON }

Charles Smith Wines  
Chateau Ste. Michelle  
Pacific Rim  
Snoqualmie Vineyards  
The Woodhouse Wine Estates  
Tsillan Cellars  
Tulip Valley Winery

## MEDIA ATTENDEES:

*1WineDude* – Joe Roberts

*California Grapevine* – Eric Awes

*D Magazine/Dallas Uncorked* – Hayley Hamilton Cogill, CS/CSW

*Great Northwest Wine* – Eric Degerman

*Finansavisen / Vinofil* – Svein Lindin

*Food & Wine* – Ray Isle

*(Food and wine writer)* – Ursula Heinzelmann

*(Freelance wine writer)* – Chris Nishiwaki

*(Freelance wine and food writer)* – Deborah Grossman

*(Freelance food and wine journalist)* – Thei Zervaki

*(Freelance wine writer/journalist/presenter)* – Mike Bennie

*Herding Grapes, LLC* – Michael A. Schaefer, CWE

*Jancisrobinson.com* – Young Shi

*(Master Sommelier)* – Andrea Robinson, MS

*Northwest Stir* – Mina Williams

*Northwest Wine Anthem* – Julia Esser

*OENOSITE.COM* – John Haeger

*ROCK STARS OF WINE AMERICA* – Stuart Pigott

*schiller-wine* – Christian Schiller

*Sip Northwest* – Erin James

*SOMM Journal, Vineyard & Winery Management* – Deborah Parker Wong

*Sueddeutsche Zeitung* – Patrick Hemminger

*Table Talk Northwest* – Jamie Peha

*The Seattle Times* – Andy Perdue

*The Wine Advocate* – Stephan Reinhardt

*The Wine Economist* – Mike Veseth

*Vine Trainings* – Zach Geballe

*Vinous Media* – David Schildknecht

*Vintage Experiences* – Dan Berger

*Vinum Magazine* – Thomas Vaterlaus

*Wine & Spirits Magazine* – Joshua Greene

*Wine Align* – Treve Ring

*(Wine Journalist/ Certified Sommelier/ Wine Educator)* – Ellen Landis CS/ CSW

*Wine On The Road* – Ben Weinberg

*Wine Review Online & Sommelier magazine* – Michael Franz

*Wines & Vines* – Laurie Daniel

*Wines & Vines* – Peter Mitham

*www.wineanorak.com* – Jamie Goode

## REGIONAL SPONSORS:

Idaho Wine Commission: Cinder Winery, Colter's Creek Winery, Pend d'Oreille Winery, Sawtooth Winery, Ste. Chapelle Winery,

Oregon Riesling Producers: Alexana, Argyle, Brandborg, Brooks, Chehalem, Elk Cove Vineyards

Wine Australia: Eden Road, Glaetzer Dixon Family Winemakers, Grosset, Kilikanoon, Pewsey Vale, Pressing Matters, St Hallett

Alsace Wines: Allimant-Laugner, Bott-Geyl, Dirler-Cadé, Emile Beyer, Frederic Mallo, Léon Beyer, Pierre Sparr, Willm



Join us for the next Riesling Rendezvous in  
July, 2019 in Seattle!

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