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Riesling Rendezvous Grand Tasting July 27th

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Riesling Rendezvous Grand Tasting July 27th to feature 73 Wineries from around the World

Select Seattle-area Restaurants to host Riesling Rendezvous Dine Around July 28th

Meet winemakers and taste rieslings from three continents at the **Riesling Rendezvous Grand Tasting Sunday, July 27**. Hosted by **Chateau Ste. Michelle**, the leading North American Riesling producer and **Dr. Loosen**, the famed German Riesling estate, the Grand Tasting will be held on the grounds of Chateau Ste. Michelle in Woodinville from **5-8 p.m.**

Winemakers from Germany, Alsace, Austria, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Michigan, Washington, Oregon, California and New York will be on hand to celebrate the versatility and enjoyment of Riesling. In addition to showcasing their finest Rieslings, many winemakers will bring a "surprise wine" from their winery to share. Appetizer pairings will be offered by Chateau Ste. Michelle Executive Chef Janet Hedstrom and Lisa Dupar Catering.

To purchase tickets for the Riesling Rendezvous Grand Tasting, go to ste-michelle.com/riesling . Tickets are \$50. (Attendance is limited to ages 21 and older.)

In addition, several Seattle, Kirkland and Woodinville area restaurants

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"[H]e educated the sons of chieftains in the liberal arts and gave higher marks to the talents of the Britons than to the studied skill of the Gauls, with the result that those who recently rejected the Latin language desired eloquence. Then too our manner of dress became stylish and there was widespread use of the toga; and gradually they gave in to the attractions of vices, porticoes and baths and the elegance of banquets. And this was called civilization among those who did not know better, *although it was part of slavery.*"

Tacitus

will join in the Riesling celebration for the **Riesling Rendezvous Restaurant Dine Around** on the evening of **Monday, July 28th**.

Participating restaurants will feature special Riesling winemaker dinners and pair Riesling with Northwest cuisine to showcase Riesling's great versatility with food. For restaurant locations and reservation information, visit ste-michelle.com/riesling.

"People are discovering Riesling like never before," says Ted Baseler, president of Chateau Ste. Michelle. "In fact, Riesling has been the fastest growing white wine varietal by U.S. sales for the last three years (according to AC Nielsen data). It is a flavorful, refreshing wine that pairs extremely well with many different types of food. The Riesling Rendezvous Grand Tasting and Dine Around events give wine lovers an unprecedented opportunity to taste the finest Rieslings from around the world. We are fortunate to have these renowned winemakers travel to Seattle to create this rare opportunity for Northwest consumers and trade."

The Grand Tasting & Dine Around are part of Riesling Rendezvous, a three-day industry event July 27-29 designed to bring together leading Riesling experts and producers to explore the versatility of Riesling worldwide. July 28th is dedicated to blind tastings guided by distinguished producers to explore Riesling styles, from powerful dry wines of Austria, Alsace and Australia to the elegant German variations and flavorful, spicy interpretations from North America. July 29th features break out sessions on compelling Riesling issues, including: Ageability of Riesling, Riesling at the Table, Decoding Riesling for the U.S. Market, Producers Only Roundtable, Discovering New World Riesling Terroir and Digging into Old World Riesling Terroir. The July 28 & 29 trade seminars are sold out.

Chateau Ste. Michelle has been a champion of Riesling for more than 40 years and was among the first to plant Riesling in the state of Washington. Ste. Michelle was catapulted into the national spotlight when its 1972 Johannisberg Riesling won the now-famous blind tasting of nineteen White Rieslings sponsored by the *Los Angeles Times*. Today, Chateau Ste. Michelle offers up to eight different Riesling styles designed to showcase the versatility of Riesling and the regional styles within Washington's Columbia Valley, which produces more Riesling than any other American wine region.

Riesling Rendezvous Grand Tasting Participating Producers:

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Riesling Rendezvous is sponsored by Wines of Germany, *Seattle Magazine* and Fiji Water.

About Chateau Ste. Michelle

Founded in 1934, Chateau Ste. Michelle pioneered vinifera grape growing in Washington state and has been producing classic European varietal wines under the Chateau Ste. Michelle label since 1967. The winery combines an ongoing dedication to research with a commitment to classic winemaking traditions. The winery owns 3,500 acres of vineyards in the Columbia Valley of eastern Washington, including Canoe Ridge Estate and Cold Creek. Chateau Ste. Michelle enjoys winemaking partnerships with two of the world's most distinguished

vintners. Col Solare is an alliance with Tuscany's Piero Antinori and Eroica Riesling is a partnership with the Mosel's Ernst Loosen.

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