



## The Spokane Ecological Society

# *WineMinder*

### **Special Edition! EXTRA! EXTRA!**

SES has been invited to a mid-week event hosted by Craftsman Cellars on March 7<sup>th</sup>!

Our February winery tour was a huge success and well attended so we are going to head out again in March for wine tasting and fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to experience tasty wines and get to enjoy this experience with other SES members!

Price \$8 for tasting ( 4 wines) Time: 5-7 pm

A Little History for you on Craftsman Cellars...

The Craftsman name is inspired by our winemaker, Greg Shelman. Greg became intrigued with wine after taking a tour of the Napa wine country in 1966. Years after earning a Pharmacy degree from Washington State University, Greg pursued a passion for crafting wood into Stickley-inspired fine furniture here in Spokane. However, winemaking continued to intrigue him. In 2003 he returned to Washington State University for a second degree and became the first graduate in WSU's burgeoning Viticulture and Enology program. Winemaking allowed Greg to leverage his strong science background into an endeavor where his craftsman-like attention to detail could flourish. He interned at Hogue Winery in Prosser and then was the assistant winemaker at Arbor Crest Wine Cellars for several years. In 2013, he started Craftsman Cellars.

Margo Shelman of Craftsman Cellars is setting up this event for us and sent us this descripton:

Craftsman will be pouring the following wines:

2014 Pinot Noir

2014 Syrah

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

2013 Mattawa Red (possibly the 2014 since we only have a couple of cases left of the 2013 Mat Red).

They will also treat us with a platter of cheese, crackers, and charcuterie. Greg can tell his history of making fine furniture and then his move to wine making.

Please register on our website: we need a headcount for our hosts; tasting fee will be collected at the door. If you are web limited, call at 509-723-5871 and leave a message.

Craftsman Cellars is located at Kendall Yards at 1194 W. Summit Parkway. It's a great starter to an evening out with dinner at one of the many fine restaurants in Kendall Yards.



Our regular March *WineMinder* will be posted March 1 with details of our upcoming March 19<sup>th</sup> tasting and exciting news regarding the Board of Directors.