

# May 6, 2017 American Society for Quality Columbia Basin Section 614



### NOTE LOCATION AND TIMES!

Saturday May 6, 2017

#### **LOCATION:**

Columbia Crest Winery 178810 State Route 221 Paterson, Washington 509-875-4227

The winery is approximately 40 miles from Richland, and 76 miles from Yakima. Check Mapquest or Google Maps for directions. Note: Address may show as "Prosser."

10:00 a.m. - Check in

10:15 a.m. - Tour Begins

Tour will last about 45 minutes Wine tasting follows the tour.

Join us for a **complimentary light lunch** following the tour & tasting. When RSVPing, please indicate if you'll be staying for lunch.

NOTE: Closed-toe shoes are required for the tour.
Participants must be at least 5 years old.

There is no charge for this site visit, but space is limited so get your reservation in soon.

#### **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:**

For planning purposes, reservations must be received by May 1. Send an email to <u>panda 2@charter.net</u> with your name, phone number and company affiliation, and if you'll be staying for lunch.

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### "QUALITY SYSTEMS JOURNEY"





# Site Visit – Tour & Tasting Columbia Crest Winery

178810 State Route 221 - Paterson, Washington

Are you a Cabernet aficionado? Or do you prefer a dry Riesling? Everyone has their own preferences when it comes to wine. Some only like red wines, some like whites, and others gravitate to the sweeter wines. Would you like to learn more about *how* wines are made? Want to find out what is actually done in the laboratory - and the importance of testing, quality assurance, and other requirements?

Columbia Crest Winery first opened its doors in the heart of the acclaimed Horse Heaven Hills in 1983. Washington State and the Columbia Valley represent the perfect grape-growing climate, from the weather to the soil to the vineyard sites. These growing conditions, along with outstanding viticulture and winemaking practices, allow Columbia Crest to create high-quality wines that are true to their varietal character and represent the unique terroir of the region.

Columbia Crest's 2,500 acres of estate vineyards are some of the best in Washington. With only six to eight inches of annual rainfall, water to the Columbia Crest vineyards is supplied by drip irrigation, allowing control over the timing and quantity of water delivered to the vines and yielding grapes with well-balanced characteristics.

Columbia Crest is dedicated to celebrating the rich heritage of Washington winemaking through an unwavering commitment to producing outstanding, approachable wines. In 2009, Wine Spectator magazine named the Columbia Crest 2005 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon the No. 1 Wine in the World on its Top 100 list, the first time a wine from Washington State received this ranking. Their Reserve wines represent the pinnacle of winemaking at Columbia Crest, while the H3 wines were created to celebrate the winery's rich heritage in the Horse Heaven Hills American Viticultural Area (AVA) as well as its innovative spirit relative to winemaking and viticulture practices. Grand Estates wines represent the varietal expression of the region.

Invite your friends and family, and join us May 6 for a special "VIP" tour at the winery. We will hear about Columbia Crest's philosophies on winemaking, quality and more. We will see the laboratory area up close and learn about many of the requirements that must be met in the wine industry. And, oh yeah, we'll also get to sample several of their great wines.