

FEATURED GUESTS

The Museum of the Rockies thanks our 2009 Featured Guests



Shayn Bjornholm, MS

Washington Wine Commission Education Director

One of the wine industry's most lauded young professionals, Shayn has received numerous worldwide accolades. In 2005, he passed the Master Sommelier examination on the first try, becoming just the 9th winner of the prestigious Krug Cup in the history of the Court of Master Sommeliers. In the same year, *Sante Magazine* recognized Shayn with a Regional Wine Professional of the Year Award. In 2007, he was featured in the *Fine Living Network's* "I Want Your Job as a Sommelier" as the sommelier of Canlis Restaurant.

Amavi Cellars & Pepper Bridge Winery

Walla Walla, Washington

Jean-François Pellet, Winemaker

Born and raised in Switzerland, Jean-François Pellet is a third-generation wine grower. Well-respected by other winemakers and wine writers alike, Jean-François is considered a trailblazer in Washington. Patrick Comiskey, senior editor for *Wine & Spirits*, writes "Winemaker Jean-François Pellet practically defines Walla Walla." He is also a founding member and current president of the Walla Walla Valley's sustainable agriculture organization, VINEA.



Raptor Ridge Winery

Willamette Valley, Oregon

Annie Shull, Co-Owner

Raptor Ridge is one of Oregon's most dedicated boutique producers of premium and super premium Pinot noir and Pinot gris and gets its namesake from the 27-acre estate it shares with families of raptors—birds of prey such as Red-Tailed Hawks, Kestrels, Sharp-Shinned Hawks and Owls. Owners Scott and Annie Shull regularly taste and segregate every barrel into select cuvees proving that uncompromised quality is the focus, not quantity, at Raptor Ridge Winery.

Coeur d'Alene Cellars

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Brian Logan, Cellar Harvest Master

Coeur d'Alene Cellars vints fine Washington State wines in scenic northern Idaho. From renowned Columbia Valley vineyards, the winery handcrafts award winning Syrahs and Viogniers. *Wine Enthusiast*, Sept. 2005, awarded "90 pts" to their first release, the 2002 Syrah, as well as an Editor's Choice award meaning that at \$25 it was a Best Buy, too. Six consecutive successful years of Viognier vintages makes them one of the most established of any Viognier producers.

