A SNEAK PEEK AT THE 2012 VINTAGE



(LEFT TO RIGHT) 1st ROW Woodward Canyon's Rick Small checks his Estate Cabernet Sauvignon; Woodward Canyon's Darcey Fugman-Small with Merlot being sorted for Nelms Road wines; Doug Roskelley of Tero Estates pitches in during crush; 2nd ROW Yakima Valley Community College's Katie Cantron takes turns punching down grapes with Maria Rangel; Alfredo "Freddy" Arredondo with Cabernet Sauvignon from Cave B Winery; Canoe Ridge Vineyard assistant winemaker Matt Oakley crushing Merlot Block 12; 3rd ROW Rob Entrekin of Finn Hill Winery with Stillwater Creek Merlot; Jerry Riener of Guardian sorting Petit Verdot from Stone Tree Vineyard; Jennie at Trillium Creek Wines catching the juice as it comes out of the crusher/destemmer; 4th ROW Winemaking team Clay McKay and Kay Simon pressing down Sauvignon Blanc at Chinook winery in Prosser; Long Shadows' Gilles Nicault with Jordan Dunn-Small processing vineyard samples during harvest; McKinley Springs winemaker Doug Rowell lining up barrels to be filled with Syrah (a bit of a thumb puzzle).

Behind-the-scenes pictorial of the Washington State wine grape harvest and crush season



(LEFT TO RIGHT) 1st ROW Tim Stevens of Stevens Winery punches down Cabernet from Sunstone Ridge vineyard; Forgeron winemaker Marie-Eve Gilla pumping over fermenting wine; NHV winemaker Phil Cline gets Syrah from Naches Heights Vineyard started on first fermentation; 2nd ROW Doug Long with Cabernet Sauvignon harvest from Obelisco Estate Vineyard; Obelisco's Manny Loya checks out ripening Cabernet on Red Mountain; Jessica Munnell of Mercer Estates moving Pinot Gris during harvest; 3rd ROW Casey McClellan at Seven Hills Winery punches down Petit Verdot sourced from McClellan Estate Vineyard; Gigantic bubbles form as natural yeast fermentation occurs in a grape bin at Two Vintners; Two Vintners winemaker Morgan Lee with Cinsault from Olsen Vineyard; 4th ROW Dana Roberts of Westport Winery crushing 13 tons of Gewürztraminer over a 24-hour period; Treveri's Juergen Grieb in front of stainless tank of Roussanne that will be made into sparkling wine; Cedar River Cellars winemaker Micah Nasarow with Merlot grapes from Burgess Vineyards.

TASTING ROOM snapshot