

Greetings to all my wine enthusiasts! Is this what they call "the calm before the storm"? Santiam Wine Co is stocked to the ceiling (really...?) with wines for you to make your holiday meals and parties exciting! It is not too late for special orders!

BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU will be available! I know today is the real day. But, They are being delivered to Salem tomorrow. If you would like some for Thanksgiving be sure to stop by soon. I'll open one on Saturday, Nov.19th

- **Friday, November 18th from 4-7 PM**
- **Cost \$26. Full pour**
- **1/2 pour \$15**
- **Time: 4-7pm**
- **We have an exciting line-up of wines for you to try!**

The Wines:

2010 Chappellet Chardonnay Napa Valley \$33.

Chappellet's Napa Valley Chardonnay is produced from fruit grown in the coolest regions of Napa Valley. Overlooking the San Pablo Bay, Kelly Ranch receives the benefits of the Bay's marine influences, creating optimal growing conditions for Chardonnay. Excellent acidity and minerality bring a little bit of Burgundy to the Napa Valley!

2010 Rombauer Chardonnay \$37.50

Golden yellow color with a pale hue. Seductive aromas of peach, melon, and citrus are balanced with honeysuckle and vanilla. On the palate, flavors of pears, peaches and melons are backed with lively acidity. A nice touch of vanilla-scented oak provides an added flavor dimension. The creamy palate has a lingering finish of melon and citrus fruit with a satisfying buttery complexity. Our favorite pairing for this wine includes scallops in a cream sauce, pasta carbonara, chicken risotto and Cornish game hen.

2007 Ehlers Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Petite Verdot \$43.

This Cabernet Sauvignon blend was created to express the broad diversity of our 23 individual vineyard blocks on our Estate vineyard. Aromas of cocoa, dark chocolate, high-tone red fruit, lavender, and French plums lead to a full-bodied entry, silky mid-palate, ending with complex and long finish. This wine shows great structure and balance and is a classic Cabernet from a classic Napa Valley terroir.

2007 Neal Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$46.

This Cab shows dark fruit flavors, very well balanced acids and tannins, and beautifully colored wines. This vintage is packed with intense fruit aromas of cherry, blackberry, cassis and sweet oak. Plus, there is sweetness to the intense fruit and oak flavors and a mouth watering, velvety structure from the tannins. The resulting character makes this a great vintage for enjoying now as well as aging.

2009 Darioush Caravan Cabernet Sauvignon \$45.50

This wine is brimming with sweet black fruits, anise and chocolate truffle, this classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is polished and pleasing. Incredibly smooth on the palate, this Cabernet has notes of cherry cola, supported by French roast coffee and chocolate. Soft, well-balanced tannins extend the long and lingering finish. Appellation: Napa Valley

Super Pour: Add \$5. (optional)

2008 Kathryn Hall Napa Cabernet Sauvignon \$47.

For all of you who follow the Wine Spectator Top 100: They just announced the Top 10 and 2008 Hall "Kathryn's Vineyard" was announced wine #2 out of 100 wines. I almost got my hands on some and then my Distributer froze the brand! I was able to get the regular Hall Napa Valley Cabernet. And, it got great scores from Tanzer! Add this to tomorrow nights tasting! It will be spectacular!!!! Hope you can make it.

Bright ruby-red. Currant, bitter chocolate and seductive oak on the nose, complicated by loamy soil tones. Sweet, pliant and fine-grained, with cassis, espresso and mocha flavors that come across as higher-pitched than those of the basic Napa Valley bottling. At once sweet and nicely delineated; this really fills the mouth. This very firmly built cabernet finishes with superb mouth-dusting tannins and excellent length. **92(+?) points Stephen Tanzer - Ching! Ching!**

Saturday, November 19th 6-9 Price \$22.

LIVE MUSIC, DINNER & WINE TASTING! PLEASE WELCOME:

MATTHEW PRICE Local performer & Songwriter. Along with the Dragon Fire Chef-Clifton Booher will be here preparing his special Chicken Curry & Rice! Includes wine tasting of four Washington wineries: Hence Cellars Cultivar, Trust cellars t.a.t.t., Kennedy Shau Red Table, Saviah The Jack

Reservations helpful! 503-589-0775

Holiday Schedule:

Monday 11-6

Tuesday 11-7

Wednesday 9-7 With Oregon Pinot Tasting 4-7 OPEN EARLY FOR YOU SHOPPING DAY! 9AM

Thursday, Happy Thanksgiving! Closed

Friday, November 25th 4-7 Walla Walla Wine Tasting

Saturday, November 26th 12-4 Leftovers! National Support Small Business Day!

Remember we can ship your holiday wine packages everyday! We should do it now before the freezing weather sets in!

Cheers!

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