

It's another beautiful day in Oregon! **If you love Grenache then you'll love this wine tasting!** Australian Grenache can be a complex grape, and excellent with food! I can't wait to taste these wines!!! Bring your friends to the last Friday night tasting in February! March is right around the corner!

- **When: Friday, February 24th**
- **Time: 4-7**
- **What: Great Wines from Australia!**
- **Cost: \$27 FULL POUR ALL SIX 2oz pours**
- **1/2 pour \$15 1 oz pour of each of the following wines:**

**These wines are available by the glass, please ask your server.**

**2008 Leeuwin Estate Prelude Chardonnay Margaret River, Australia \$34.**

Bright yellow. Complex, heady bouquet of dried pear, melon, honey and botanical herbs, with a smoky mineral undertone. Spicy and precise on the palate, showing gently sweet honeydew and orchard fruit flavors with complicating notes of sage, licorice and white pepper. Very complex chardonnay with strong finishing bite and lingering sweetness. **91 points**

**2008 D'Arenberg Laughing Magpie Shiraz/Viognier \$26.**

The 2008 Laughing Magpie Shiraz-Viognier (6%) spent 12 months in 15% new French and American oak. It is deep crimson-colored with an alluring bouquet of cedar, lilacs, Asian spices, black cherry, and blueberry. On the palate it is medium to full-bodied, concentrated, and layered with savory fruit. Nicely balanced, it will evolve for 2-3 years and drink well through 2020.

**2010 Two Hands Gnarly Dudes Barossa Valley \$35.**

Supple, fleshy, silky and generous with its fresh-tasting plum, blueberry and currant fruit, this red picks up welcome hints of roast meat and spice as the finish lingers easily. Shows intensity, integrity and length. Drink now through 2020. **93 Points Robert Parker**

**2006 Kilikanoon Prodigal Grenache \$32.**

The 2005 Grenache "Prodigal" was sourced from vineyards with 48- and 68-year-old Grenache bush vines and aged for 24 months in older oak. Medium ruby-colored, it offers an exotic perfume of mineral, damp earth, kirsch, wild raspberry, and licorice. Velvety-textured, deep, and long, it will drink well over the next 8-10 years. **91 Points Robert Parker**

**2010 Two Hands Bella's Garden Barossa Valley \$72.**

A blend of our finest Shiraz barrels from across the Barossa Valley region. This is a sumptuous wine, defined by its aromatic complexity and finesse. 2010 has not been scored yet! We can be the judge! 2009 Bella's Garden made the Wine Spectator's Top 100 List with a 94 points score! Complex, focused, fresh and distinctive for its mineral-accented cherry and plum flavors, hinting at licorice, bay leaf, black tea and pepper as the finish lingers against refined, mouth caressing tannins. This has depth and lingers well. Drink now through 2019. 3,000 cases imported. *-HS*

**2005 Clarendon Hills Hickinbotham Grenache \$72.**

Dark purple. Seductive red and dark berry liqueur aromas are complicated by exotic incense, floral oil and spices; has the pungency of a head shop. Lush and creamy, with deep raspberry and mulberry flavors that reach every square inch of the palate. With its molten tannins, there are no rough edges to distract from the sweet berry fruit. I'm sure that this will age but I'd have no trouble drinking it now, and loving it. **93 Points Stephen Tanzer**

The 2005 Grenache Hickinbotham Vineyard adds a mineral note along with wood smoke, black raspberry and licorice flavors, as well as additional structure. Smooth-textured and sleek, it will evolve for 5-7 years and provide pleasure through 2025. **93 Points Robert Parker**

**Come on down! It's soup time!!!**

**Cheers!**

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