Good Evening! A bit chilly outside! Attached is the White Cheap & Cheerful Information. Please join us for our first tasting of our new six-pack featuring: Top Picks from the Northwest! (AKA NWTP)

- Where: Santiam Wine Company!
- When: Friday, February 4th
- Time: 4-7 PM
- Cost: \$20 Full pour \$12. 1/2 pour!
- Included: Rustic Bread, Dipping Olive Oils and Spinach Dip & Cheese tasting

#### THE WINES:

# <u>Northwest Top Picks:</u> \$130 all six wines less 10% (these wine can be purchased separately)

# 2009 Bergstrom Old Stones Chardonnay: \$29

Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it has ample ripe, savory, layered fruit, excellent volume and concentration, a smooth texture, and lengthy finish. Although it can be enjoyed now, it will unwind for another 1-2 years and drink well for 5-6 thereafter. (92 Pts., Robert Parker) Stunning Chardonnay! (— DR)

# 2009 Ken Wright Pinot Noir, Oregon: \$26

"To quote Ken, 'In order to ensure that the vineyard designated wines maintain their intensity, specific blocks or clones were set aside. The Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is a blend of these larger clustered blocks. Though not at the same level of complexity as the vineyard designates, this blend is extremely enjoyable, lush and full of pure, pinot fruit.' The blend consists of fruit from Abbott Claim, Canary Hill, Carter, Freedom Hill, Guadalupe, McCrone, Meredith Mitchell, Nysa and Savoya vineyards."

#### 2008 Et Fille Pinot Noir, Newberg, OR: \$24

New York Times, "Toasting a Vintage, with Few Quibbles, Jan. 17, 2010: In a review of 20 Willamette Valley wines from the 2008 vintage, Eric Asimov and his panel named the Et Fille 2008 Pinot Noir Willamette Valley as the 4th top rated wine, calling it "Balanced and harmonious with complex flavors of flowers, minerals and dark fruits."

#### 2007 Mibrant Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Wahluke Slope, WA: \$20

Cabernet blended with some Petit Verdot and Malbec, also spent 14 months in barrel. Medium-purple in color, it displays a bouquet of cedar, tobacco, spice box, violets and black currant. Medium to full-bodied with good volume and intensity, it has plenty of savory black fruits, enough structure to evolve for 1-2 years, and a lengthy fruit-filled finish.

# 2007 Chateau Charles Bordeaux Blend, WA: \$17

Lithe, elegant and nicely focused to show off its bright raspberry and cherry fruit. Lightly veiled in fine tannins, picking up white pepper and cinnamon notes on the lively finish. Drink now through 2015. (90 Pts., Wine Spectator)

# 2007 Goose Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon Washington: \$24

Supple, ripe and inviting, featuring licorice and pepper overtones to the dark berries at the core, finishing with tight structure and an expressive range of flavors. Best from 2011 through 2015. (91 Pts., Wine Spectator)

# Saturday, February 5th 12-4 Six Wines from the February Cheap & Cheerful Six-Pack! FREE! STORE HOURS ON SATURDAY'S 10-6PM

Hope to see you here!

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