

Friday Night Wine Tasting: OREGON PINOT NOIR

Time: 5-7pm

Price: \$22 for the first 5 pours

Add \$5 for the super pour (Optional)

Total: \$27

Included: Olive Oil, fresh bread for dipping, cheese and other fine tidbits.

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2006 Boedecker Cellars Athena Pinot Noir \$30.

Huge fruit up front wrapped around chocolate tones on a dark, juicy frame of sweet vanilla, cola, and candied cherries.

2006 Carlton Hill Estate Reserve Pinot Noir \$34.

Consistent with prior vintages from our vineyard, this wine displays phenomenal balance and structure. While the tannins are more pronounced than those found in the 06 Estate, the fruit and acidity integrate the tannins to create a nearly seamless wine. The fruit flavors, while still developing, reveal more dark black raspberry and cherry than the 06 Estate and yet subtle hints of violet and rose still emerge on the palate and nose. Exotic notes of spice, oak and caramel develop on the finish. The 2006 Estate Reserve is very much in its infancy and requires longer cellaring. It was bottled on March 18th, 2008 and, as a result, the aromatics are just beginning to emerge. So, its mystery will continue to unfold.

2006 WillaKenzie Estate Pierre Leon Pinot Noir \$39

The Pierre Leon is a complex, balanced Pinot Noir that belies the challenges of the 2006 vintage in Oregon. Earthy on the nose with mouthwatering hints of applewood smoked bacon that is a wonderful counterpoint to the ample black fruit that carries over to the palate. Firm structure with ample acidity, the wine finishes with a hint of caramel and white pepper. Food-friendly and fresh enough to enjoy now with bigger fare, it promises to age gracefully as well.

2006 Patton Valley Pinot Noir \$33.50

Supple, seductive and generous with its red plum, red cherry and rhubarb pie flavors, shaded with subtle hints of white pepper, white rose and coriander seed as the finish rolls on unabated. This is delicious, and should improve in the cellar as the tannins subside more. Drink now through 2016. 92 Points Wine Spectator

2006 Eyrie Vineyard Black Cap Pinot Noir \$45.00 by Jason Lett (Son of David Lett)

The 2006 Pinot Noir Black Cap is a blend of all four estate vineyards. It is slightly darker in color, the fruit is shaded slightly more to the dark side of the spectrum, and the wine has greater concentration and density. Cherry and raspberry flavors emerge on the palate along with mineral and earth notes. There is enough structure for 1-2 years of further evolution and given the wine's balance, it may have a relatively long life line by the standards of the vintage." 93 Points Robert Parker

2006 WillaKenzie Estate Terres Basses Pinot Noir \$60.

Terres Basses is quite distinctive in the nose with sweet strawberry, cherry and blackberry augmented by intriguing citrus peel, pomegranate and spice. Dark, ripe fruit tones continue in the mouth, with black cherry, cassis and blackberry flavors coating the palate. The long finish carries hints of licorice and mint. The scale of this wine is

immensely satisfying, yet it retains balance and subtlety. Pair with leg of lamb, chuck roast or vegetable lasagna. It will benefit from one or two years in the cellar and will age well for eight to 10 years from its release date. Open one hour before serving. Picked at 24.5 Brix

Best Regards!

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