

## **SATURDAY, March 21st Wine Tasting from noon-4 and it is FREE!**

If you would like to meet the owners...Plan to be here between 1:30-3:00pm

### **Illahe Vineyard- Owner Lowell Ford**

"Illahe is a Chinook Jargon word meaning earth, land, or soil. We feel this fits both our location in Oregon and our desire to craft wine that expresses the variety of soils on the estate, which include golden sedimentary clay, orange volcanic soils, and light taupe loams. Illahe Vineyards was established in 1999 by Lowell Ford, grower of Oregon grapes since 1983. The vineyard is home to 22 acres of established pinot noir, with 10 more acres in their second year. The vineyard also holds red varietals tempranillo and lagrein and white varietals riesling, pinot gris, gruner veltliner, and siegerrebe. Earlier this year, the vineyard was awarded LIVE certification for sustainability.

Our owner, Lowell Ford, manages the vineyard. He has grown grapes since the pioneer days of the Oregon industry, and worked to create the Northwest Viticulture Center at Chemeketa. His Son Brad Ford & Michael Lundeen make the wine." Website information

### **Vitae Springs Vineyard -Earl Van Volkinburg**

Our vineyard is tucked away in a beautiful setting in the fertile Willamette Valley. We are firm believers that producing high quality wine starts with careful attention to detail in the vineyard. Our family is deeply committed to farming our land and vines by hand, using sustainable agricultural practices.

We focus on producing limited amounts of intriguing Riesling and elegant Pinot Noir. Our wines are meant to be paired with good food, friends and family... Whether you are gathered together around the dinner table at home or out on the town, it is our hope that you enjoy Vitae Springs with the warmth of lively conversation and plenty of laughter.

### **2007 Vitae Springs Vineyard Riesling \$20.**

Crafted in the traditional old world style, our Riesling has intense aromas of lemon blossoms, citrus blossoms and Gardenia flowers, leading to freshly baked lemon meringue pie. The palate has flavours of light honey that emerge to a long and lasting finish of good acidity, freshly plucked figs and apricots.

### **2006 Vitae Springs Pinot Noir \$25.**

### **2008 Illahe Pinot Gris \$13.00**

Just released! Excellent Pinot Gris!

### **2007 Illahe Pinot Noir \$19.50**

The '07 is ready and beginning to show its fruit, spice, and the noticeable terroir of the Illahe vineyard. If you enjoyed the '06, you will notice the same characteristics, but in a subtle and classic way characteristic of the gentle 2007 vintage. Enjoy it now or feel free to cellar this well-priced gem.

### **2007 Illahe GRUNER VELTLINER \$15**

Illahe only produced 20 cases of this cult classic in 2007, but thanks to the foresight of our owner, Lowell, the vineyard will soon be producing enough to meet demand. Hugh Johnson felt that this wine should be drunk before being bottled, but we enjoy age on our gruner after some time in the bottle. A tasting this year of a 1994 from our vineyards was

rich, full of flavor, and still alive. Drinking it now, though, will reward the nose with apple and candy and give some idea of the texture that will come with age.

See you there!

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