

Greetings! - The wines for Friday night's tasting are Syrah or Shiraz - same grape just grown in different areas of the world! Please join us for a taste.

- When: Friday, March 27th
- Time: 5ish-7ish PM
- Where: Santiam Wine Co 1930 Commercial ST SE Salem, Oregon
- Bring: Everyone you know!
- Why: To have a good time and taste excellent wine!
- Included: Willamette Valley Cheese, Cascade Baking Company Bread and only the best Olive Oil for dipping!
- Cost: \$23 Total

**2008 Pure Love Layer Cake Shiraz Australia \$16.
New Release!**

**2007 Owen Roe "Ex Umbris" Columbia Valley \$23.
Just Released... the 2006 was excellent!**

2003 Eden Vale Syrah Rogue Valley \$26.00

2005 Bricco Syrah Columbia Valley \$27.00

2006 Neyers Syrah Old Lakeville, California: \$33.50

The 2006 Syrah Old Lakeville is deep ruby/purple, offering hints of charcoal, blackberry, raspberry, and cherry notes. It has impressive ripeness and density, richness, and more tannin and structure than the Hudson Vineyard. This particular cuvee will benefit from 1-2 years of cellaring and should last for up to a decade.

90+ Points Robert Parker

2006 Marquis Philips Shiraz 9, McLaren Vale Australia: \$39

The 2006 Shiraz 9 was tasted from a barrel sample. It has been barrel-fermented in new French and American oak barriques and hogsheads where it has been aging for 14 months (with another 2 months to go prior to bottling). It delivers an alluring bouquet of pain grille, smoke, mocha, espresso, and blue fruits. This is followed by a full-bodied, personality-filled Shiraz with blueberry, blackberry liqueur, licorice, and a hint of chocolate emerging on the palate. Opulent, sweet, and lengthy, it will evolve for several years but can be enjoyed now and over the next 12-15 years.

R Wines is a new company founded by importer and marketing genius, Dan Philips, along with co-owner, renowned winemaker, Chris Ringland. Winemakers for R Wines are Chris Ringland, Lisa Wetherell, Andrew Hercock, and John Hughes. It encompasses four familiar labels, Marquis Philips, 3 Rings, Roogle, and Bitch, along with 13 others created especially for R Wines. Needless to say, the packaging of these wines is amazingly creative but, more importantly, what is in the bottle consistently over-delivers from low-end to high-end.

Thank you!

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