

**What is Grenache?** The grape is Grenache and it produces smooth, balanced wines with ripe cherry and plum flavors. It pairs well with hearty risotto and pasta with meat sauces. The Grenache grape is widely planted in warm, sunny wine regions throughout the world.

**Here are a few exciting Wines made from Grenache. These wines are included at the Santiam Wine Company tasting on Friday, March 6th from 5-7 PM Only \$22.** for all six wines! Including Bread, Cheese and Olive Oil for dipping. Bring everyone you know!

**2006 Boedecker Cellars Grenache Umpqua Valley, Oregon \$23**

Medium body and made by Organic grapes a dark fruity wine with loads of blackberries, cherries and other dark spicy fruit. Very fun to see the warm weather varietals coming from Southern Oregon!

**2007 Bodegas Borsao Tres Picos Old Vine Grenache Campo De Borgia, Spain \$17.50**

Inky ruby. Highly complex bouquet of cherry, dark berry liqueur, iron, tobacco and dried flowers; reminded me a wine from Graves. Tangy cherry and cassis flavors are on the primal side initially but soften and gain sweetness with air. Fine tannins add grip to the long, spicy finish, which repeats the iron note. This is very promising. **90+ Points Stephen Tanzer**

**2005 Maryhill Proprietor's Reserve Grenache Washington \$23**

A medium bodied, food friendly wine that begins with incredible spicy notes of coriander, dried cranberry and a whiff of black cherry. Mouth watering flavors such as light plum, nutmeg and spicy currant mingle with the soft approachable tannins. The finish is clean with lingering vanilla bean and smoky bacon.

**2006 d'Arenberg Grenache "The Derelict Vineyard" McLaren Vale Australia \$24.00**

Dark red. Fresh red berries, musky underbrush, flowers and licorice on the complex nose. At once concentrated and lively, with fresh red fruit flavors and slow-mounting Indian spices. Finishes with impressive tang and length-not to mention excellent balance. **91 points Stephen Tanzer**

**2006 Alto Moncayo Veraton Grenache Campo De Borgia Spain \$26.50**

Saturated ruby. Very spicy on the nose, which displays blackberry, blueberry, white pepper and cinnamon qualities. Sappy dark berry flavors combine intensity with depth, picking up candied licorice with air. Turns sweeter on the finish, which leaves an exotic floral note behind. This went through multiple changes in the glass and is utterly delicious now. **91 Points Stephen Tanzer**

**2006 Burge Family Garnacha/Grenache Australia \$40.**

The 2006 Garnacha is composed of 93% Grenache with the balance equal parts Shiraz and Mourvedre. Sourced from an 80+-year-old vineyard, it was aged for 12 months in seasoned French barriques. Dark ruby-colored, it offers up a sexy perfume of wild black cherry, violets, cassis, and spice box. Smooth-textured and elegant, it has superior depth, harmony, and length. It is a beautiful, stylish expression of Grenache. **93 Points Robert Parker**

Burge Family Winemakers is impeccably operated by the veteran vigneron Rick Burge. All of the fruit is estate grown with some of the vineyards over 80 years of age. Burge's Semillon is usually a benchmark for the varietal and has excellent aging potential in the manner of a top Pessac-Leognan Blanc.

Hope to see you soon!

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