

This has been a fun tasting to research! I have tasted many Cab Franc's in the last few weeks. I decided the French were much too different to include. So, this is a domestic Cabernet Franc Tasting! Come and enjoy!

- **Date: Friday, April 13th YIKES!!!**
- **Where: Santiam Wine Company**
- **Time: 4-7 PM**
- **Cost: \$23 Full Pour Half Pour \$13 - YIKES!**

Here are my picks!

2010 Corvidae "The Keeper" Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley \$19. Great Buy!!!

The Keeper is a Keeper. We know that sounds corny but give it a try and you'll know what we mean. Lovely fresh tobacco and green olive fragrance provide a graceful backdrop for the exuberant berry fruit with just a hint of violets. If you love deep rich wine with plenty of character you'll be keeping this one around, seriously. Pair this wine with green peppercorn roasted pork tenderloin, hearty lasagna, or braised chicken with wild mushroom ragout.

2009 Arbor Crest Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley \$21.. I was impressed!

Our Cabernet Franc from the Columbia Valley is a delicious example of the traditional Bordeaux varietal. This wine integrates a spicy herbalness with bright red fruit and jammy characters that unfold and linger on the palate. The elegance of this full-bodied wine weaves layer after layer of spicy oak, red currant, cedar and black raspberry flavors. **92 Points Robert Parker**

2002 Jarvis Estate Grown Napa Valley Cabernet Franc \$30 A well aged wine....

Brilliant ruby red hue. Black currant, peppercorn, maple and vanilla aromas. Medium-full with very good concentration, this is an exquisite offering with ripe fruit that coats the palate and a lengthy, beautifully structured finish with lively acidity, refined tannins and stylish oak. Quite impressive, this is another grand success with this varietal from this first-rate estate.

2007 Cougar Crest Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley \$37 Lush!

.Lithe and silky, this is remarkably subtle in the way it balances rich, bright currant, guava and rose petal flavors against a powerful structure, but with a refinement and seductiveness that's hard to find. Drink now through 2017. **93 Points Wine**

2008 La Jota Cabernet Franc Howell Mountain Napa Valley \$58.

This Cabernet Franc wine comes from an exceptional little vineyard planted in 1976 next to our century-old stone winery on Howell Mountain. Grafted onto resistant St. George rootstock, it escaped the ravages of phylloxera to become one of the oldest Cabernet Franc vineyards in Napa County. The old vines self-regulate so we don't need to thin crop, pull leaves or in any other way adjust the grape-to-canopy ratio. Year after year, the grapes are intensely flavored and beautifully balanced. Not many wineries produce Cabernet Franc and this wine definitely captures the essence of La Jota terroir.

Review: Particularly impressive is the sexy, seductive 2008 Cabernet Franc. Its dark garnet/plum color is followed by sweet aromas of bay leaf, raspberries and blueberries, a medium-bodied, fleshy mouthfeel and striking minerality as well as balance. This soft, lush 2008 should drink nicely for 10-15 years. **91 Points Robert Parker**

2009 Owen Roe Slide Mountain Cabernet Franc \$64.

From a three quarter acre block of grapes in a small vineyard located within the Yakima Indian Nation. Known for its weighty, dark flavors and accents of fresh tobacco, olive and graphite.

One of the finest Owen Roe wines! The Slide Mountain Vineyard is located at the farthest west-end of the Yakima Valley at elevations of over 1500 feet. The wine is ripe and very silky with notes of aromatic cedar and spice. Flavors of berry, green olive and hints of tobacco meld to form a wonderfully complex and complete wine. Limited release.

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