

Happy Easter Weekend! Here is a great way to begin your weekend! At Santiam Wine Company on Friday, April 2nd from 4-7pm

Taste Southern Rhone wines. We have selected 6 excellent wines for you to taste! Bring your family! Cost only \$21.00 for the first 5 wines Add \$5.00 for the super pour (Optional) Total \$26. Here are the wines: remember you can share...

2007 Kermit Lynch Cotes du Rhone \$17 A renowned importer of French wines for more than 30 years, Kermit Lynch now offers several wines under private label. This is a great value blend of Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault and Mourvedre with pleasant flavors of black plum and oak.

2007 Domaine Jean Marie Arnoux Vacqueyras \$17. The 2007 Vacqueyras Jean-Marie Arnoux is superb. Its blend is somewhat different, with the Grenache dominating (70%), but 25% Syrah and 5% Mourvedre, all from 50-year or older vines included. This stunning wine exhibits a dense purple color along with abundant quantities of blackberry fruit, pepper, bouquet garni, spice box, and meaty notes. Full-bodied and opulent, it is a superior Vacqueyras from a great vintage. All these 2007s merit serious attention. Moreover, at the domaine, they are priced as low as 8-9 euros per bottle. 91-93 Points Robert Parker

2007 Domaine de la Charbonniere Vacqueyras \$30. Vivid red. Powerfully scented nose displays fresh raspberry, flowers and minerals. Light in body and refined, with sweet red fruit and candied floral flavors and a silky texture. Fine-grained tannins arrive on the long, sappy finish. This elegant wine is balanced to age but you could drink it now for its sexy fruit and floral qualities. (Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant, Berkeley, CA) 91 Points Stephen Tanzer

2007 Perrin Et Fil Gigondas Le Gille \$33. The 2007 Gigondas Le Gille is performing even better than it was last year. A 2,500-case blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah grown in sandy soils, it exhibits sweet tannins, beautifully rich black raspberry and black cherry fruit intermixed with unmistakable minerality, and full body. It was obviously harvested at full phenolic maturity, and should age nicely for 10-15+ years. 92 Points Robert Parker

2007 Sang des Cailloux Cuvee Lopy Vacqueyras \$54. The prodigious 2007 Vacqueyras Cuvee de Lopy is a blend of 75% Grenache and 25% Syrah from the estate's oldest vines, my notes begin with the words "great stuff!" An inky/ruby/purple color is followed by notes of smoked herbs, meat juices, creme de cassis, and kirsch notes offered in this exceptionally powerful and rich as well as beautifully balanced wine. A cascade of black fruits and herbs rolls over the palate with a silkiness and profoundness that are almost unreal for a Vacqueyras. This is a serious effort in a great vintage. I would not be surprised to see it improve for 2-3 years, and drink beautifully for 12-15. 94 Robert Parker A Kermit Lynch import

Super Pour: \$5. (Optional)

2007 Pierre Usseglio "Tradition" Châteauneuf-du-Pape \$55. "The 4,400-case blend of 80% Grenache and the rest Syrah, Mourvedre, and Cinsault, the 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape boasts a dense plum/purple color as well as a wonderfully sweet nose of fresh black truffles, incense, blue and black fruits, roasted herbs, and earth. The wine is full-bodied and pure with fresh acids, silky tannins, and a voluptuous mouthfeel. Drink this beauty over the next 10-12 years." (10/09) 93 Points Robert Parker

Happy Easter!

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