

Tax time is behind us now! Time to take the next challenge... Pinot Noir tasting, blind... It will be fun and harmless, we won't grade you, we won't fine you... if you're late or wrong! Although, we will well reward you, if you can choose where in the world this wines are from and in the correct order.

Free wine tasting certificate: value \$20. If you get the correct six wine regions (one certificate per couple) No sharing your answers. (Limit 3 certificates rewarded tonight)

Date: Friday, April 20th

Time: 4-7 PM

Cost: \$22 - Full pour, \$13 - 1/2 pour

The Wines:

2008 Anam Cara Nicholas Estate Oregon \$30

The 2008 Pinot Noir Nicholas Estate was aged in 18% new oak. It displays an alluring nose of cedar, smoke, incense, rose petal, and cherry. This is followed by a medium-bodied, intense, tightly wound wine with enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years, excellent volume, and plenty of length. It will offer prime drinking from 2012 to 2020. 90 Points Robert Parker

2009 Boedecker Athena Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, Oregon \$29

The 2009 Athena is truly a Willamette Valley cuvee, with grapes grown by Stanton, Shea, Hirschy, Holmes, Gap and Cherry Grove Vineyards and comprised of Dijon 777, 667, 115, 114 and Pommard. Old world style pinot, 18 months in French Oak. Elegantly structure and layered with notes of blue and blackberry, with trace of chocolate and campfire.

2009 Domaine Joseph Roty, Cuvee Pressoniers Bourgogne, France \$35.

Medium ruby and the nose opens after the first hour to show moderately intense aromas of Bing cherries, grilled meat, coriander and nutmeg. The palate is medium-weight, with medium acidity, light dry tannins and well-integrated alcohol (listed as 13%). The middle is solid and the finish medium in length, albeit slightly dry. This is a rare Bourgogne that will likely benefit from some cellaring.

2008 Robert Sinskey Carneros, Napa Valley, CA. \$40.

A cushy-zingy Pinot Noir with bright cranberry and raspberry notes, an undercurrent of peat and a touch of exotic baking spices like cinnamon and vanilla. The wine is vibrant and full of life on the palate with a mouthwatering, long finish. Share with friends, family and those you want to know better.

2010 Domaine Andre Neveu Pinot Noir Sancerre, Loire Valley, FR \$28.

Bright, crisp, smoky, delightful. This wine will pair excellent with cheese and meat

2009 Frank Family Carneros Pinot Noir, Napa Valley, CA \$37

The 2009 Pinot Noir is an attractive wine laced with a typical Carneros expression of perfumed red fruit, spices and flowers. This fleshy, stylish Pinot will drink nicely for the next few years. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2016.

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