

Good Evening - Don't miss the California Red Blend (Cabernet Based) Wine tasting on Friday, April 30th 4-7pm only \$23 to taste all six wines! Remember you can share.

Here are the wines:

2007 Hook & Ladder "The Tillerman" Sonoma County \$18.

The Tillerman is a unique blend of Cabernet, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Sangiovese from a single vineyard -- The Los Amigos Ranch. The Tillerman is a dark ruby in color, possessing aromas of ripe currants and cherries with a hint of cedar and rose petals. Bright flavors of raspberry, cherry-tobacco and nice oak combined with a strong bouquet allow this blend to show well through rich meals, yet not overpower lighter dishes.

2007 Newton Claret Napa Valley \$21.

"This is a very fine wine, Merlot-based with a splash of Syrah, and it proves you don't have to spend a lot to get a great Napa red. It shows rich, complex flavors of black and red currants, licorice, cola and sandalwood, in an elegantly silky structure that's light and refined." 93 Points Wine Enthusiast

2005 Bernardus Marinus Monterey County Carmel California \$22.

The classic Bordeaux blends rely on either Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon for the bulk of the wine with additions of Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec helping to add complexity, color, body and structure to the finished wine.

Firm and hard in the tannins and very dry, this Bordeaux blend shows the hallmarks of a wine that will benefit from time in the cellar. It has a dense core of black currants and cedar, and is very balanced. Should blossom after 2010. 91 Wine Enthusiast

2007 Chappellet Mountain Cuvee Napa Valley \$25.

"Chappellet winery always seems to over-deliver on quality for the price, thanks in large part to the estate's 100 acres of vines on Pritchard Hill, high above Napa Valley. The 2007 is a blend of 51 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 46 percent Merlot, with a dash of Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The wine is rich and seamlessly mouthfilling yet complex and beautifully structured. It's ready to drink in the short term - it brought out the best in the beef - but will do fine in the cellar for a few years. I rated it 92 points, non-blind. It sells for \$29, a bargain by most Napa standards. Winemaker Notes - This is the wine to choose when you're looking for vivid, mouth-filling fruit flavors. Our Mountain Cuvee is a winemaker's blend that beautifully expresses the distinctive qualities of the traditional Bordeaux varietals, and is crafted for early consumption. Each component making up the cuvee contributes nuances that mingle with and complement each other. The result is a complex array of aromas and flavors that deliver pure pleasure in a glass". 92 Points Wine Spectator

2004 White Rock Napa Valley \$31.50

This is an astonishing Bordeaux-style wine from the Napa Valley. Supple and lush with loads of ripe fruit and undertones of leather and tobacco, it's half-French, half-California in style. White Rock Vineyards was established as early as 1870 and brought back in the late '70s by the Vandendriessche family. Made from a classic blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon with Merlot, Cabernet Franc and a touch of Petit Verdot, the 2004 Claret is a splendid wine for the price. LA Times

2005 Palazzo Napa Valley Red \$58.

This blend of 70% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Franc, and 8% Cabernet Sauvignon may be the finest wine to emerge from this producer, who makes only 1,100 cases of an unfinned/unfiltered, French-styled red. The sexy, Pomerol-styled 2005 exhibits aromas of chocolate, espresso roast, sweet cherries, and black currants. The fragrant bouquet is followed by a silky-textured, medium to full-bodied wine with lush, mocha-infused flavors that cascade over the palate. Drink this beauty now and over the next 93 Points Robert Park

Saturday, May 1st from 12-4 pm stop by to taste of six wines from the May Cheap & Cheerful Six pack's FREE TASTING!

Stock-up on your everyday drinking wine! Warmer weather is on the way!

Cheers!

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