

Check out this weather! Crazy... Hail, Rain, More Rain, Sunny, Windy, Cold, Snow, Warm, More Rain! You just never know what your going to get from day to day here in Oregon! I guest we help keep the State of Arizona on the map! Anyway, if you're around town... plan on tasting wines with us here at Santiam Wine Co on Commercial Street! We have six more wine tasting here and then we'll be in the new place on 12th! OMG! It is really happing and I am so excited! I hope you'll love it too! Follow our adventures on Facebook. Did you know Santiam is open until 7 O'clock Tuesday-Friday?

WINE TASTING:

- **Date: Friday, April 8th**
- **Time: 4-p.m.**
- **What: NorthWest Tops Pick's from Santiam Wine Company**
- **Cost: \$22. for all six wines**
- **1/2 pour \$12 all the wines just 1/2 the amount...**

The Wines:

2009 Luminous Hills "Lux" Yamhill Pinot Noir: \$34

"LUX is one of several special selections from our vineyard. A pleasing and penetrating combination of Pommard on sedimentary providing dark fruit and spice characteristics with more high-toned contributions from 777 on Jory volcanic. "LUX is also a unit of IL luminance and luminous remittance. It is used in photometry as a measure of the apparent intensity of light hitting or passing through a surface. "In Latin, LUX means light and truth." The Winemaker- Enjoy now-3. **Excellent!**

2008 Gifford Hirlinger Stateline Red, Walla Walla, WA: \$15

A blend of 6 varietals including Merlot, Cabernet Sauv. Malbec, Tinta Cao, Tempranillo and Petit Verdot. This wine is food friendly, versatile, with enough structure and depth to pair with a fine steak.

2007 Five Star Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla: \$36

Lithe, expressive and delicious for its ripe currant, floral, cream and cocoa aromas and flavors, wrapping sinuously around the fine tannins as the finish persists expressively. Drink now through 2017. **92 Points Wine Spectator**

2007 Beresan The Buzz Yellow Jacket Vineyard Red, C.V.: \$19

THERE SHOULD be plenty of buzz about The Buzz. It's a single-vineyard blend of Cabernet sauvignon, Cab franc, Merlot, Malbec and Syrah from a choice location in The Rocks section of Walla Walla. Dense and dark, loaded with black fruits, coffee grounds and ground pepper. .This showcases the amazing fruit depth that Walla Walla provides. Juicy berry and cherry fruit in a full-bodied, mouth-filling and yet softly tannic style. **91 Points Wine Enthusiast**

2006 Nicholas Cole Cellars GraEagle, Walla Walla Valley: \$20

Dark and complex, this wine boasts intense cassis, chocolate, black cherry and plum, layered with sweet oak and cigar box. Prevalent, chewy tannins, medium acidity and balanced alcohol.

2009 Seven of Hearts Grenache & Syrah, Columbia Valley: \$24

Sourced from 15-year-old vines along the Washington side of the Columbia Gorge outside of and near Goldendale, this wine is modeled after some of my favorite red Rhône wines, such as Chateauneuf du Pape that is dominated by Grenache, but with enough Syrah to give it some meaty backbone and depth.

Cheers,

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