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Washington Wine Tasting at Santiam Wine and Bistro

Come early and leave late! But, don't miss this tasting...

Hours: 4-8 pm Store Hours 11-8

Date: Friday, May 3rd

Cost: \$25 Full Pour 2 oz of each pour/ Half Pour \$15 for 1 oz of each

Washington Bordeaux Blends! Yes!

New Menu Items include our Garden Pesto Flatbread and our Asian Chicken Salad!

The Wines:

2008 Cor Cellars Horse Heaven Hills McKinley Springs Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon \$26

Fresh and vibrant, this focused, juicy red shows silky-textured blackberry and currant at the core, with minty floral overtones as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2018. 410 cases made
91 Points Wine Spectator

2010 Owen Roe Yakima Red \$40

This signature Yakima Valley Red Wine is a unique blend of the varietals we feel best represent each vintage. Chosen from several vineyards in the Yakima Valley, aromas of deep cherry and raspberry fill the glass. Flavors of slate, dusty rock and ash are nicely encompassed with rich chocolate, potpourri spice and blueberry notes; finishing with gripping tannins and incredible structure. BLEND DETAILS: 52% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot 18% Cabernet Sauvignon

2010 Guardian Cellars Gun Medal Red \$41

Our 2009 Gun Metal is dark, rich, savory and, dare we say, meaty? Get ready for a nose of blackberries, black cherry, coffee, dark, bittersweet chocolate and roasted meat. No wimpy mouth feel here! This vintage of Gun Metal is full of oaky elegance – it's beautifully integrated and full of structured tannins.

+ Blend: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc

+ Vineyard: Conner Lee Vineyard, Columbia Valley

+ Barrels: Taransaud, Le Grand, Saury

+ Percentage of new French Oak: 80%

+ Alcohol: 14.2%

+ Release Date: May 2011

+ Production: 450 cases

**2010 Abeja Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
\$45**

This is the varietal that we believe will increasingly be recognized as the icon varietal of Washington State and comprises the majority of our production. This Cabernet is stylish, elegant, and impeccably balanced. We accomplish this by meticulous viticultural management, utilization of a rare sorting system, gentle handling of the fruit and the wine, customized practices for every lot no matter how small, and carefully selected French oak.

2009 Spring Valley "Fredrick" \$42

The Frederick bottling is 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 31% Merlot, with other Bordeaux grapes filling in the rest

Abundantly fruity and yet showing a real sense of reserve with a fine sense of depth that suggests there is far more to come, this rich and well-defined working is long on concentration and impeccably balanced for the ripe wine that it is. Its lengthy, carefully oaked flavors of cassis and black cherries have the substance to buffer a scant bit of finishing heat, and there is just enough tannin to argue that five more years of age will make a very good thing that much better yet.

Excellent-Bueno!

2010 Woodward Canyon Cellar Artist Series \$49

The 2010 vintage was a slightly cooler one, producing a wine in some ways more like left bank "Bordeaux." Still we saw beautifully mature fruit from lower yields through shoot thinning, leaf stripping and over all better viticultural practices. All fruit was harvested by early October.

Grapes were harvested by hand, sorted and de-stemmed. This Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented in small stainless steel tanks and was punched down or pumped over twice a day. Aging in French Chateaux barrels has produced a well proportioned, complex and generous red wine. Of our own doing, we have chosen to back off the use of new oak as these vineyards have gotten older allowing them to express typicity and a more distinct sense of place.

(Richard if you are reading this email I have your wine I just misplaced your phone number! Sorry!!)

Saturday, May 4th 12-4 May Cheap & Cheerful Wines... Free Tasting!

Cheers!

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