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Grenache based blends wine tasting at Santiam Wine and Bistro

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Friday will be a great day to taste Grenache...not too hot! I found an interesting wine from Orin Swift (The Prisoner) they make the D 66 and only a few cases. I guess we're lucky to get it. Anyway, I hope to see you here!

When Friday, June 21st

Time: 4-8

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

Pricing: \$20 Full Pour (2 oz. of each) or \$12 for a half pour of each (1oz pour of each)

Special Fun~~ We have six FREE tickets to Curtis Salgado at the River Rock Concert series on July 10th from 7 until dusk. We are giving them out between 4 and 8 on Friday AND Four Tickets on Saturday between 11 and 2...feeling lucky?

The Wines:

**2011 El Chaparral Old Vine Garnacha, Spain \$15**

From the Bodegas Nekeas vineyards planted between 1890 and 1930, the El Chaparral Old Vines is always my favorite wine from this producer. Made from 100% Grenache, or Garnacha, as the winery calls it, the 2010 El Chaparral Old Vines, produced from yields of 1.25 tons per acre, possesses the classic notes of licorice, black raspberries and black cherry liqueur in a full-bodied, sexy, pure and ripe style. This is another amazing value from this winery, which any consumer attempting to maximize his or her purchase power should know by name. 90 Points Robert Parker

**2010 Spangler Grenache Roseburg Oregon \$36**

A seductive, supple Grenache with aromas of red currant and raspberry, red cherry and ripe strawberry. For a special treat, try lightly chilled on a hot day with your favorite grilled fare

**2009 Kilikanoon Grenache-Shiraz Blend Australia \$20**

Smooth and velvety, this red is generous with its blackberry and tar flavors, hinting at smoke as the finish lingers enticingly. Drink now through 2015. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

**2010 Unti Vineyard Grenache Healdsburg California \$30**

Their 2010 Grenache utilizes many of the same vinification techniques as Rhône produces, including saignée to intensify color and structure, using whole clusters in fermentation and aging in 620-gallon foudres. The 2010 bottling is 85% Grenache and 15% Syrah from the winery's creekside vineyard, which was planted back in 1998. A cooler summer characterized the 2010 vintage, resulted in wines with lower alcohol and more aromatic complexity and overall elegance. This is food-friendly, approachable and ready to drink tonight!

**2010 Orin Swift D-66 Rutherford California \$40**

A dark red almost opaque color to the wine coats the glass and drifts down the sides slowly after the

swirl. Aromas of ripe crushed cherries intertwined with seasoned French oak dominate the nose and lead gently into an enormous entry. Ripe strawberries and bruised watermelon front the structured mid palate which bursts with bright acidity and subtle briar fruits. The finish is long, concentrated and lasting.

Blend Grenache, Syrah, and Carignan. Maturation 30% new French Oak for 18 months Bottle aged 5 months prior to release Alc/Vol 15.2%

**2010 Alto Alto Moncayo Campo de Borja Spain \$50 (Big brother to the famous Veraton)**

The coals are hot. The big steak sizzles as you put it on the grill. What are you going to drink with that? A big brawny red from Spain, Alto Moncayo's Campo de Borja Garnacha. The color is a gorgeous deep ruby, the aromas raspberries and sweet, sweet fruit. It's a mouthful all right, intense and ripe, but also bright and juicy. And it just cuddles up to that steak. A perfect match.

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