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July New and Cab Franc Tasting at Santiam Wine and Bistro

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I have been a busy girl today! Finishing up my July News and notes for our Friday night Cabernet Franc tasting.

Attached you will find our July Newsletter, Notes and Menu...bring on July! I'm ready! The wines are all here!

We have many exceptional wines for you this month. Look for them by the glass or in our Cheap & Cheerful Six-Packs

Don't miss our Cabernet Franc tasting on Friday, June 28th

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

Time: 4-8

Pricing: Full pour \$22.= 2 oz of each. Half pour \$12= 1 oz pour

Bring all your friends! Feel free to forward this email...

#### THE WINES:

## 2010 Tamarack Cabernet Franc Walla Walla. WA \$22

Tamarack Cabernet Franc is made with 100% Cabernet Franc. 50% new French oak with the remaining half older French oak. Select barrels from the best forests of Taransaud Demptos Vicard Radoux and Roberts & Son coopers. Crushed gently and dropped by gravity into 1.5 ton bins cold soaked 72 hours then inoculated with a variety of yeasts hand punched and pressed directly to barrel where the wine finished both primary and secondary fermentations. Glorius vintage with wonderful weather conditions for normal production of low tonnages equaling delicious balanced and succulent fruit. Elegant with spiced cherry blackberry and boysenberry mingling pleasingly and lingering seductively with a hint of oak smooth chocolate and mocha on the structured tannins and fine-grained finish.

# 2010 Victor Hugo Cabernet Franc Paso Robles CA \$30

A small, family-owned and operated winery specializing in small, hand-crafted lots of wine with intense colors and flavors. The winery is dedicated to producing elegant, rich wines exhibiting excellent longevity.

# 2009 Tranche Cabernet Franc Walla Walla, WA \$26 (Second label of Corliss Estate)

"The Estate Cabernet Franc exhibits aromas of blueberry, cedar, vanilla, and baking cocoa. The refined black tea leaf tannins give an opulent texture with flavors of cedar bark, roasted coffee bean, sun dried olive tapenade, creamy chocolate, and blackberry preserves the persist into a rich, lingering finish." The Winery

#### 2010 Raats Cabernet Franc South Africa \$32

Good dark red. Complex, vibrant aromas of blackberry, licorice, pepper, herbs and tobacco, lifted by floral and mineral notes. Concentrated, round and seamless, with surprising sweetness of dark fruit flavor fruit balanced by harmonious acidity. Impressively rich, deep cabernet franc, with serious,

ripe, building tannins that call for mid-term aging. From a very low crop level and bottled without fining or filtration. 92 Points Stephen Tanzer

# 2009 Girard Cabernet Franc Napa Valley, CA \$40

"Our Cabernet Franc has always been grown and produced in a classic Bordeaux style and there is no exception to this vintage. Our 2009 Cabernet Franc showcases notes of roasted herb, ripe raspberry, sweet plum, cinnamon and mocha on the nose. As the wine decants the palate unfolds with a jubilee of cherry preserves, soft clove and mint. The wine finishes with structured tannins and a touch of minerality. An ideal way to enjoy this wine is alongside meats accompanied by garlic-roasted root vegetables." The Winery

"Our 2009 Cabernet Franc was primarily sourced from the Pope Valley region in Napa Valley. Nice warm days and cool nights at the vineyard provide an excellent growing climate for Bordeaux varietals. The grapes were hand-sorted and gently crushed to stainless steel fermentors and pumpovers were done gently to avoid undesirable harsh tannin extraction. Pressed at dryness to 50% new French oak and 50% used French oak barrels." The Winery

### 20010 Cadence Bel Canto Cabernet Franc Red Mountain AVA WA \$55

77% cabernet franc, 15% merlot and 8% petit verdot): Good medium red. Stunning high-pitched perfume of strawberry, cherry, rose petal and pepper. Then dense, round, thick and seamless, with highly concentrated flavors of red berries, flowers and spices. Manages to be wonderfully silky and taut at the same time, thick yet weightless from start to very long finish. This wonderfully perfumed wine displays even sweeter tannins than the Ciel du Cheval bottling. It may not be quite as velvety as the outstanding 2009 version but it offers great aromatic character and energy and is a superb reflection of its cooler year. I look forward to revisiting this beauty in six or seven years. **94 Points Stephen Tanzer** 

Cheers!

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