

Good evening to you all! I am here at the shop putting the final touches on my July newsletter (I hope you read it!) and the tasting information for Friday night! Below are the wines we are pouring tomorrow night check out the SUPER POUR I can't wait! I will have a small quantity of Figgins but the good news...I can order you a few bottles if you would like some for your cellar. FLY Jess and I enjoyed a bottle of 2004 Leonetti Merlot from our cellar last weekend and it was spectacular!

- **Friday, June 29th**
- **Time: 4-7**
- **Place: Santiam Wine Co & Bar**
- **Cost: Full pour five wine \$18.**
- **1/2 pour \$11**
- **Super pour optional: \$9 Complete Full pour \$27.**

THE WINES:

2008 Zerba Syrah Oregon/WA \$30

Gold Medal Winner Zerba Cellars is a family-owned, estate winery located in the heart of the Walla Walla Valley. We own three estate vineyards in three of the appellation's most exciting viticultural zones. Our estate vineyards are certified sustainable by LIVE(Low Input Viticulture and Enology), IOBC (International Organization for Biological Control), and Salmon Safe. We are also members of VINEA - the Walla Walla Winegrowers Sustainable Trust. For a few years, Zerba was the only Walla Walla Valley winery in Oregon, and the winery was caught in a bit of a vortex because it didn't exactly fit in with the Washington wine industry (because it was in Oregon) or the Oregon wine industry (which focuses on its wine regions along the Interstate 5 corridor). To solve that and market directly to consumers during the recession, Zerba opened tasting rooms in the Puget Sound (Woodinville) and Willamette Valley (Dundee). Both tasting rooms, which opened last year, have been highly successful, particularly in reaching Zerba's growing wine club members, who now number more than 700. Just as importantly, the additional locations provide Zerba access to the two large population centers in Seattle and Portland. The Woodinville location is just up the street from Chateau Ste. Michelle, while the Dundee tasting room is right on Highway 99W, a stretch of road through Oregon's Yamhill County that is at a perpetual standstill. "We weren't sure how the Pinot guys were going to feel about us coming in there," Zerba said. "But they are great about sending people our way. "One of the few wines Zerba doesn't make is Pinot Noir, and he has no inclination to start. "We could put up a sign that says, 'Everything but Pinot,'" he said with a chuckle.

2008 Roxy Ann Claret Rogue Valley, Oregon \$25

"Combines rich, plush, concentrated layers of ripe currant, black cherry and plum flavors that are supple and harmonious. A stylish estate wine that's plush and complex; it offers up ripe, dense fruit flavors and silky tannins that exhibit elegance and finesse... along with hints of spice, nutmeg and black licorice on a long, smooth and balanced finish."

2010 Orin Swift Abstract California \$32 (Makers of the Prisoner)

2009 review. "Offers wonderful complexity, with peppery wild berry, raspberry, spice, hot brick and sage flavors. Full-bodied, ending with a supple mix of subtle flavors. Grenache, Petite Sirah and Syrah. Drink now through 2018". 92 Points Wine Spectator

2010 Andrew Will Cabernet Franc Washington \$28

"Fresh, vital and Vibrant. Offering an exuberant mouthful of blackberry, blackberry, black cherry and chai tea and flora flavors that come together seamlessly against refined tannins and linger well". Drink now through 2016 757 cases made 92 Points Wine Spectator

2009 Baer Winery Ursa \$42.50

2008 review: This has great presence, offering a dense cloud of blackberry, cherry and spice flavors that hover, almost weightless, over a sleek frame of fine tannins, with just enough acidity to keep it fresh. The finish sails on beautifully. Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Best from 2012 through 2020. **95 Points Wine Spectator Ranked number 6 in the Top 100 Wines of 2011 Sold out the same day this is a new vintage and a better year all and all. If you decide to purchase a case the price is \$495. Why not? I would love to have a case of this wine in my cellar!**

SUPER POUR: EXTRA, OPTIONAL & LIMITED! \$9 per 2 oz pour:

2008 FIGGINS WALLA WALLA Valley, WA. \$97

Produced by the famous Leonetti Cellar Folks... this is an inaugural release!

The 2008 Figgins Estate Red Wine is the inaugural release of a wine made by Chris Figgins, son of Leonetti Cellar founder, Gary Figgins. The fruit was sourced from the Figgins Estate Vineyard which is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, and Merlot. The wine was aged in 70% new French oak for 22 months before bottling without fining or filtration. A total of 831 cases were produced. Sandalwood, exotic spices, sage, cherry blossom, cassis, and blackberry aromas inform the nose of a dense, rich, elegant, beautifully proportioned wine that has enough ripe, fine-grained tannin to blossom for another 4-5 years. It offers a drinking window extending from 2015 to 2023, perhaps longer. **94 Robert Parker.** (a blend of cabernet sauvignon, petit verdot and merlot, from vines planted by Chris Figgins in 2004 and 2005 on silt and loam soil at an altitude of 1,500 to 1,750 feet, a half mile east of Leonetti's Mill Creek Upland Vineyard): Saturated ruby-red. Deep aromas of blackberry, licorice, coffee and bitter chocolate. Dense, thick and sweet, but with harmonious acidity giving shape and lift to the pungent pomegranate, spice and tobacco flavors. Wonderfully seamless, vibrant wine with terrific underlying structure and a very long, sappy finish featuring sweet, broad tannins. This eagerly awaited inaugural release from Chris Figgins' new venture offers outstanding quality, particularly for a wine from such young vines. **93 Points Stephen Tanzer.** Broad and generous, offering a supple mouthful of mineral-accented blackberry, cherry and mint flavors, mingling effectively on the polished finish. Offers depth and refinement. Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Merlot. Drink now through 2018. **93 Points Wine Spectator**

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