

Please join us for our Friday night wine tasting. Featuring wines from the Red Mountain AVA located in Washington State. Great Wines!

When: Friday, July 24th starting at 4-7 PM

Rain or Shine! We keep it cool in here...

Total Cost: \$25. (Remember you share)

Red Mountain American Viticultural Area is widely regarded as among Washington State's premier growing environments. Located between Richland, WA and Benton City, WA, Red Mountain is Washington's smallest AVA at only 4040 acres--yet produces the state's most highly-prized and distinctive red wines.

The secret lies in the terrior. With a unique combination of southwest-facing slope, climate, weather and soil conditions, Red Mountain AVA supports precision viticulture. Warm daytime temperatures are moderated by cooling breezes from the Yakima river; sharply cooler nighttime temperatures preserve acid levels in the grapes.

Result: deep, distinctive red wines with strength, richness and exceptional balance. In high demand with vintners, grapes from Red Mountain routinely fetch prices well above market rate

Here are the wines:

2007 DeLille Estate Bordeaux Blanc \$38.

"(68% sauvignon blanc and 32% semillon) Bright, full yellow with a green tinge. Pure aromas of pineapple, pear, chlorophyll and high-toned spicy oak. Bright, pure and penetrating in the mouth, with terrific density and nuance to the flavors of lime zest, minerals and coconut. For all its depth, this conveys a rare light touch. This belongs on the same table as a top-tier white Bordeaux; I was reminded of Domaine de Chevalier! One of the most exciting white wines I've tasted to date from Washington."

93 Points Stephen Tanzer

2006 Mark Ryan Viognier "Ciel du Cheval Vineyard" Red Mountain \$29.50

"The 2006 Viognier "Ciel du Cheval Vineyard" was whole cluster pressed and barrel fermented in used oak It offers a spicier nose than its sibling and a bit more focus from higher acidity. Intense on the palate, it delivers plenty of tasty peach and apricot flavors leading to a long, pure finish". 90

Points Robert Parker

2005 Hedges Family Estate Three Vineyard Red Blend \$25.

The Three Vineyards is a classic Red Mountain wine showing deep, dense color, firm yet supple tannins, and well defined acidity. The Three Vineyards is a blend of fruit from our three estate vineyards: Hedges Estate Vineyard, Bel'Villa Vineyard, and Red Mountain Vineyard. Always a majority blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, this wine is suitable for drinking upon release but will also reward those with the patience to age it.

2005 Soos Creek Wine Cellars Ciel du Cheval Vineyard Red Wine Red Mountain \$34.

"A blend of 67% cabernet sauvignon, 17% cabernet franc and 16% merlot) Bright red-ruby. Retentive aromas of raspberry, flowers and nutty oak. At once sappy and slightly liqueur-like, with a distinct thickness to the very ripe dried fruit and nutty oak flavors. Offers more dimension, breadth and textural generosity than the Champoux bottling and finishes with finer-grained tannins and more palate-saturating density of material. A mineral element contributes grip. Built to age."

91(+?) points

2006 Efeste Ceiliegh Red Mountain Syrah \$30.

"Smooth, round and generous, this positively glows with gorgeous plum, blackberry and floral spice aromas and flavors, echoing on the long, expressive finish. This just doesn't quit. Drink now through 2014" 93 Points Wine Spectator

2006 Mark Ryan Long Haul "Ciel du Cheval Vineyard" Red Mountain Bordeaux Blend \$47.

"The 2005 Long Haul "Ciel du Cheval Vineyard" is Mark Ryan's impression of Saint-Emilion. It is a blend of 51% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc, and 9% Petit Verdot aged in 65% new French oak. Purple-colored, it puts out a stylish perfume of pain grille, clove, menthol, pencil lead, cassis and black currant. This leads to a plush wine with layers of dark fruit flavors, medium levels of tannin, and outstanding length. This wine demands 5-7 years in the cellar and should drink well through 2030."

91+ Points Robert Parker

Regards,

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