

**Happy Labor Day Weekend! The weather is perfect for this tasting with the chilly evenings & BBQ's this weekend. I was going to pour all Zinfandel blends...It was not easy to find them! So, we'll settle for a few blends and the rest pure stuff. Zinfandel lovers will not be upset!**

- **Where: Santiam Wine Company 1555 12th Street SE 97302 Salem, Oregon Ste. 130**
- **Time: 4-7 PM**
- **Date: 08/31/12**
- **Cost: \$15 Full Pour 1/2 pour \$10 All Six Wines**
- **What to bring? All your friends!!!**

#### **THE WINES:**

##### **2010 Rock Wall Obsidian Red Hills Lake County, CA. \$20**

This wine is a blend of 50% Zinfandel and 50% Petite Sirah from Nil Venge's Black Rock Ranch in the Red Hills of Lake County. The vines are head-pruned and grown in the volcanic soil from the Red Hills. This vineyard is so packed full of obsidian that it actually glows under the moonlight. The finished wine is rich with sasparrilla, red licorice, graphite minerality, dark chocolate, cherry vanilla, venison, cola, and has a soft, velvety blueberry finish. 15.1% alcohol. *Rock Wall Wine Company represents a new chapter in the East Bay urban winemaking scene. Founded and operated by a group of industry veterans, including Kent Rosenblum and his daughter, winemaker Shauna Rosenblum. Rock Wall wines are founded on the philosophy of the right grape in the right place and are the result of many long-term relationships with acclaimed vineyards. Grapes are sourced from all over California, creating a diverse winemaking environment, complete with various grape varieties, styles, and regional flavor profiles. Rock Wall is located in a 40-000 sq. ft. airplane hangar on the former Alameda Naval Airbase and our winery and tasting room boasts spectacular views of the San Francisco skyline. A family affair, Rock Wall is about having fun, while making the best wines from the best regions and sharing the experience with others.*

##### **2010 Runquist 1448 Zinfandel Sierra Nevada Mountains \$17**

Sometimes there's too much good fruit to go around. After production needs are met for their single vineyard wines, Runquist assembles the best lots together to make the 1448 "house" cuvée, named after the winery's elevation in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The exact blend varies from vintage to vintage (depending on the whims of Mother Nature) but is typically based on Petite Sirah (about half) with smaller portions of Barbera, Petit Verdot, Zinfandel, Syrah, Carignane, and other estate grown varietals. The objective is a rich, fruit-driven, food-friendly wine meant to be enjoyed with good food and company. The 2010 exhibits intense ripe black and red fruit flavors, layers of creamy vanilla and spicy oak, and a smooth chocolaty finish. Enjoy with hearty, seasoned, stick-to-your-ribs fare: a cheeseburger piled high, barbecued ribs with smokey sauce, or lamb kebabs.

##### **2009 Dashe Cellars Dry Creek Zinfandel \$26**

"Quite deep, rich, and mouth filling, with complex flavors of blackberry and cassis fruit, followed by chocolate, licorice, and peppery spice. Substantial tannins will soften with age. Intense, complex finish. 1% Petite Sirah". A fine vintage from Mike and Anne Dashe, this 2009 is bright and refreshing Zin. There's lush red fruit between the layers of spice, the structure youthfully tight and firm. Everything about it feels balanced and complete. Enjoy this as a young wine, decanted for lamb." 92 Points Spirits

##### **2010 Renwood Premire Old Vine Amador County, CA. \$18**

This wine has a nose of exotic spices and dried fruits. This classis old vine character also exhibits notes of lavender. On the palate full in body and very ripe the dark fruit on the first taste melds into mildly spicy fruit with a hint of roasted coffee towards the end. Overall this dusty and bold wine offers ample flavor.

**2010 Earthquake Zinfandel \$26**

Over the top and shattering to the veins, all varietals under the Earthquake label are Michael David's reserve level wines. These wines possess major concentration and daring flavor with only a limited production offered each year. The original is the Earthquake Zin that comes from an old Lodi vineyard planted around the time of San Francisco's great Earthquake in 1906. While mulling over a label name in the vineyard, Michael Phillips thought it only seemed fitting to relate this intense wine with the historical quake. With over 15% alcohol and bold tannins, these dark and voluminous will definitely leave your senses quivering. "Ripe and zesty, with baked berry pie aromas and appealing flavors of huckleberry, fresh sage and licorice." -

**2009 Klinker Brick ""Old Ghost" Lodi Zinfandel \$40**

The 2009 Old Ghost is an elegant ghost, indeed. With aromas of mocha, brambleberry and exotic spice, this full-bodied wine displays layers of dark fruit on the palate, finishing with a rich, velvet texture. Appellation: Lodi (Mokelumne River), Varietal: Old Vine Zinfandel, Cooperage: American Oak 16 months, Harvest Date: October 28, 2009, Brix: 27.8, Residual Sugar: .25, Alcohol 15.9%

Saturday, September 1st our shop hours are 10-6 PM and we will be tasting the September Cheap & Cheerful Six-Pack from 12-4

Cheers!

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