

Grenache Blends is the theme!

Place: Santiam Wine Company

Time: 4-7PM

Cost: \$23. for all six wines (6-2oz pours)

NEW! 1/2 pour available only: \$14. (6-1 oz pours)

Rustic Bread from Cascade Baking Company and cheese included!

Grenache is a red grape used widely in producing [red wine](#) throughout Spain and France, as well as in other parts of the world. It is somewhat sweet, and its primary use in wine is as a blending grape, rather than being used on its own. In Spain, Grenache is known as *Garnacha*, where it is the single-most planted grape in the country. There are two varieties, known as *Garnacha Tinta* and *Garnacha Blanca*, with the red variety Tinta being by far the more popular.

2008 Clos Figueras Priorat 'Serras del Priorat , Spain \$28.

The It is purple-colored with a brooding nose of mineral, pencil lead, espresso, black cherry, and blackberry. Full-bodied, plush, and succulent, this forward Priorat is meant for drinking over the next 6 years. It is a great value that will likely be available for less than \$30. **91 Points Robert Parker**

2007 Les Racines Les Pallieres Gigondas, France \$34

Saturated ruby. Youthfully vibrant dark berry aromas are complemented by suave garrigue and floral nuances. Sappy blackberry and kirsch flavors are firmed by fine-grained tannins and lifted by zesty minerals. Floral and Asian spice notes carry through a long, juicy finish. This is really promising. **91-94 points Stephen Tanzer**

2007 Four Vines Peasant Paso Robles California \$35.

Big and expressive, laced with cedar-dill oak and intense berry, earth, mineral and black licorice notes. Full-bodied, complex and concentrated, ending with a long, persistent finish. Mourvèdre, Syrah, Grenache, Counoise and Tannat. Drink now through 2013. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

2008 Arizona Stronghold "Nachise" Cuchise County, Arizona \$23.

52% Syrah 27% Grenache 15% Petite Sirah 6% Mourverdre. The bulk of the grapes that went into this wine came from the middle aged and „Norte% blocks of Arizona Stronghold Vineyard. The middle aged block is planted to an unknown syrah clone that was acquired by Al Buhl of Dos Cabazas in the early 1990,s. At picking, this fruit had very rustic flavors with good acidity and a lot of earth, spice, dark fruit and leafy characters. The syrah from the Norte block is a clone from Australia known as Shiraz-1. It showed more tannin on the palate with brighter, fresher fruit characters as well a lavender and pepper. Norte was also the primary source for the grenache and petite sirah that went into this wine which lent red fruit and a deep color, respectively.

The finished wine bears resemblance to a medium to full bodied Rhone blend. Spices and herbs typify this wine ranging from lavender to toasted sage to white pepper round out an earthy nose packed with blueberries, blackberries and aromas from the desert landscape, including tree bark, dried juniper berries, pine cones and dusty earth. Plush dark fruit gives way quickly to an exceptional, old world, drying tannin midpalate with dark dusty mocha notes that lead to a lingering black raspberry finish.

2007 Bunnell Apic Stonetree Vineyard Wahluke Slope Washington \$32.

Ripe and generous, this is nicely shaded with woody, earthy character around a core of solid blackberry, plum and dark chocolate flavors, elegantly balanced on the juicy finish. Syrah, Cinsault, Mourvèdre and Grenache. Best from 2011 through 2017 **91 Points Wine Spectator**

2007 M. Chapoutier Côtes du Roussillon-Villages Domaine de Bila-Haut Latour-de-France Occultum Lapidem \$21.50

A blend of Grenache, Carignan, and Syrah, the 2007 Cotes du Roussillon Villages Latour de France Occultum Lapidem smells of violets, toasted walnuts, cassis, licorice, rosemary, roasted meats, and sea breeze. The influence of Syrah ^ which, tends to be featured in slightly larger percentages in Bila-Haut

wines than in most of Roussillon ^ is very much in evidence. Fascinating suggestions of brine and iodine, resinous southern French herbs and exotic spices, inform the deeply fruited as well as richly carnal palate, where a caressing polish and tender, ultra-refined tannins make themselves subtly felt. The finish here is bright and refreshing even as it is profoundly rich. If there are two words I would use, „dense,% and „active.% I imagine this incredible value and remarkable performance for its vintage will be well worth cellaring for 5-7 years. **93 Points Wine Advocate** (Robert Parker) Try this wine with grilled Lamb or Pork Loin with Rosemary and fresh grilled veggies.

Thank you~

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