

**Hello! Please join us at Santiam Wine Company for our taste of Argentina!**

- **Date: Friday, September 11th**
- **Time: 4-7pm... Beat the traffic start time!**
- **Cost: \$20. Nice price!**
- **The Wines:**

**2007 Luca Chardonnay Uco Valley \$28.50**

Yum! The Charonnay most Chard. drinkers crave! The Chardonnay has arguably been one of the 3-4 best produced in Argentina for a number of years and the 2007 Chardonnay is no exception. It was 100% barrel-fermented, went through full malolactic fermentation, and was aged for 12 months in 50% new French oak on its lees. Light gold-colored, it has an outstanding bouquet of spiced apple and poached pear, with tropical fruits in the background. Medium to full-bodied, mineral and oak notes emerge on the palate accompanied by lively acidity, layered flavors, and excellent balance. Drink this classy Chardonnay over the next 3-4 years. **92 Points Robert Parker** Luca is the personal project of Laura Catena, M.D., daughter of Nicolas Catena, the founder of Catena-Zapata.

**2008 Renacer Punta Final Malbec \$11.**

A forward, juicy style, with blackberry and licorice notes that stay lively on the medium-weight finish. Drink now. **88 Points Wine Spectator Super Value!!**

**2008 Vina Cabos Felino Malbec \$19.**

This powerful, firmly structured malbec is black/fuchsia in color and perfumed with wild raspberry and bittersweet cocoa. The palate unfolds in velvety layers of plum, currant and anise. Notes of white pepper and minerals accompany fine-grained tannins on a long, memorable finish. Alcohol 14.8%

**2008 Vina Cabos Felino Cabernet Sauvignon \$19.**

The purple-colored 2007 Felino Cabernet Sauvignon offers up spicy black currants and blackberry. Smooth-textured and layered, it has excellent balance and a lengthy, pure finish. It's hard to think of a better value in Cabernet Sauvignon. **91 Points Robert Parker** Vina Cobos is Paul Hobbs' winery in Mendoza. He is better known (at least for the moment) to USA connoisseur/collectors for his namesake winery in Napa Valley which has received many accolades (including 100-point scores from Robert Parker) for its Cabernets, Pinot Noirs, and Chardonnays. What is less well known is that Hobbs is a pioneer in fine wine production in Argentina, having started there in 1988 with Nicolas Catena.

**2006 Colome Malbec Estate Salta, Argentina: \$27.**

Very inviting, with crushed plum and boysenberry aromas that lead to a lush-textured palate of warm figs and currant paste backed by mouthwatering hints of mesquite, mineral and Turkish coffee. The long finish really holds your interest. Drink now through 2011. **92 Points Wine Spectator #38 of the top 100 in 2008 Wine Spectator Top 100!**

**2007 Catena-Zapata Malbec Mendoza Argentina: \$26.**

The purple-colored 2007 Catena Malbec spent 12 months in 35% new French and American oak. The nose reveals balsam wood, vanilla, mocha, cassis, and black cherry. Plush on the palate, this medium-bodied Malbec has layered, spicy flavors, with a touch of tobacco and leather making an appearance. Balanced and lengthy, it will evolve for 2-3 years and offer prime drinking from 2011 to 2019. **91+ Points Robert Parker**

Hope to see you here!

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