I know you must be saving up your visit to Santiam Wine Co & Bar for this tasting! Menu Specials: Homemade Minestrone, Crab & Corn Chowder and... Wild Mushroom Lasagna !!!

- What: Spanish Wines
- Where: Santiam Wine Co & Bar 1555 12th St SE Ste 130 97302 (for GPS)
- When: Friday, September 14
- Time: 4-7
- Cost: \$20 Full pour (2oz of each)
- 1/2 pour \$12 (1oz of each)

The Wines:

2006 Izadi Tempranillo Reserva Rioja \$19

Bodegas Izadi's 2006 Reserva was sourced from 60+-year-old Tempranillo vines aged 14 months in American oak. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it offers up a lovely perfume of violets, spice box, incense, mineral, and blackberry. Elegant as well as structured on the palate, it has the balance to evolve for another 2-3 years and will deliver prime drinking from 2013 to 2021. **90 parker**

2008 Beronia Tempranillo Elaboracion Especial Rioja \$22.

Color: wine is a novel of uniqueness due to its special design, with a cherry color of medium-high, clean and bright. Nose: fruity and has licorice, smoky nuances blended mocha. Taste: soft palate, but complex, typical of a wine to enjoy something different, with toffee sensations. (Matias Calleja, Bodegas Beronia)

2008 Alejandro Fernandez Tinto Pesquera Ribera Del Duero \$35

The dark ruby-colored 2008 Tinto Pesquera exhibits an inviting nose of cedar, spice box, mineral, violets, and blackberry. This is followed by a ripe, racy, nicely proportioned style of Tempranillo with excellent concentration and length. Give it 2-3 years to fully blossom and drink it from 2013 to 2023 **91 Points Robert Parker**

2007 Cellers Ripoll Sans Closa Batllet Grattalops Priorat, Spain \$32

The 2007 Ripoll Sans Closa Batllet is a blend of 65% Carinena, 22% Garnacha, and the balance Merlot and Syrah. These grapes formerly went to Alvaro Palacios but, as is becoming increasingly the fashion, family estates are now bottling their own wines. Most of the vines are over 90 years of age and the wine spent 15 months in 75% new French and American oak. Purple black in color, it gives up a brooding bouquet of mineral, plum, lavender, and exotic spices. Made in a racy style, on the palate it reveals plenty of succulent black fruit, some elegance, and very good volume. This lengthy effort is an excellent value that will provide much pleasure over the next 10-12 years. **92 Points Robert Parker**

2008 Bodegas Cepa 21 Rebera d Duero \$28

The 2008 Cepa 21, also 100% Tinta Fino, spent 14 months in 500-liter French and American oak. This nicely perfumed offering displays Asian spices, lavender, incense, espresso, and blackberry aromas leading to a dense, opulent, moderately structured Ribera that possesses 2-3 years of aging potential. It is an outstanding value that will deliver pleasure for another 10-12 years. **92 Points Wine Advocate**

2005 Valenciso Reserva, Rioja \$40

The 2005 Valenciso Reserva has a perfumed, floral bouquet with wild strawberry, raspberry, Moroccan leather and crushed violets all with fine delineation and vivacity. The palate is medium-bodied with svelte, saturated tannins, crisp acidity and a lovely, pepper and cocoa-tinged finish that is very harmonious. This is a superb, feminine Reserva to enjoy over the next decade, possibly longer. Drink now-2025. **92 Points Wine Advocate**

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