

Here is one great wine tasting! I can't wait to taste these wines side-by-side and blind! I hope you can join us! Come on down! I am ready for some fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Bring your friends!

Cost is \$30. Full pour.

Cost: \$18. 1/2 pour YES, you can have 1/2 pours now! Sweet!

Time: 4-7 pm

Place: Santiam Wine Company

Bread, Cheese and dipping Oil included!

The Wines:

2008 Domaine Michel Sarrazin et Fils Givry 'Les Champs Lalot' Vieilles Vignes \$34

Punchy, vibrant perfumes of ripe raspberries and cherries show on the nose. The mouth is juicy, bright and long, with red and black cherry flavors. These older vines grow on chalky, clay-based soils right next to leading premier cru vineyards to the north of Givry proper. Expressive and fresh yet wonderfully concentrated, with a delightful spicy finish. A structured wine that has the stuffing to cellar, too.

2008 Frederic Magnien Cotes de Nuits-Villages 'Criox-Viollette' Rouge \$40.

Creamy, voluptuous and down-right delicious~this is a captivating Burgundy that doubly charms with its great value and insider status. You need to collect this wine, because it always delivers! Impeccable balance, persistent flavor and plenty of spice~cloves, nutmeg and allspice play a lively tune through its lengthy finish. Few village-level Burgundies deliver so much quality, and still for such a reasonable price.

2008 Penner Ash Dussin Vineyard Willamette Valley \$58

Vivid ruby. A drop-dead sexy bouquet of intense red and dark berry preserves, incense and potpourri, along with a suggestion of spicecake. Lush, palate-coating black raspberry and cherry compote flavors are braced by tangy acidity and framed by velvety tannins. Vibrant and penetrating pinot, with excellent finishing clarity and spicy persistence. These vines are quite young, having been planted in 2003, according to Lynn Penner-Ash. **93 points Stephen Tanzer**

2008 Lemelson Vineyards "Thea's Selection" Willamette Valley \$30

Wine Maker notes: Thea's Selection is the measuring stick of our success as growers and winemakers. A blend from blocks in each of our vineyards, Thea's expresses the vintage, our intentions and our efforts perhaps more than any other. The nose shows red fruit, anise, dried rose, underbrush, iron, gentle spice and smoky notes. The palate is more restrained than the nose suggests. While time in bottle will fatten the mid-palate, today it is vibrant and lithe with raspberry, minerals and citrus zest on the long finish. This should prove to be a beautiful wine when consumed with food. The 2008 Thea's has the character and structure to age for at least 5-7 years

2008 Brewer Clifton Santa Rita Hills California \$40

A great introduction to their style is their largest production Pinot, the 2008 Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills. Beautiful floral, raspberry, and blueberry notes with hints of spice box and underbrush are present in this full-bodied, supple-textured, perfumed wine, which also possesses terrific purity and depth. I even liked it as much or better than some of the single vineyard wines. It can be drunk now (which is an anomaly for many of the Brewer-Clifton Pinots) but should evolve for 8-10 years. It is a stunning blend from many different vineyards in their portfolio. **92 Points Robert Parker**

2005 Au Bon Climat "Isabelle Morgan" California \$52.

Saturated red. Strongly aromatic nose offers a sexy bouquet of red and dark berry preserves, bitter cherry and dried flowers. A subtle vanillin oak note comes up with air but adds complexity rather than causes distraction. Fleshy and sweet, with impressively concentrated raspberry and blackberry flavors underscored by suave minerality and a candied licorice quality. Soft tannins build on the finish, adding grip and focus. Lots of flavor without excess weight or fat here.

92 Points Stephen Tanzer

Cheers,

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