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Good Evening, please join us at Santiam Wine & Bistro for Spanish Tempranillo

Tempranillo is the grape of Spain's noblest wines: Ribera del Duero and Rioja. In those areas, Tempranillo produces wines of exceptional balance, palate, and aromatics, including aromas and flavors of red berries, herbs, and leather. Riojas and Ribera wines often, though they're not especially acidic or tannic, age effortlessly, with great examples capable of lasting decades or more. Tempranillo is finicky in the vineyard, and the Mediterranean climate is well-suited to the grape. There's Tempranillo in other parts of Spain, and the wine world, but Rioja and Ribera del Duero are no doubt the best places.

I found many exciting vintages for Spain! This is going to be a grand tasting. I hope to see you here!

When: Friday, January 31st

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full Pour \$22 Half Pour \$13

The Wines:

2007 LAN Reserva Rioja Alta \$18

The 2007 Reserva is a blend of 90% Tempranillo and 5% each of Graciano and Mazuelo that is aged in American and French oak for at least 15 months. It has a generous nose of red cherries, over-ripe oranges and Indian ink that is attractive, if not overly complex. The palate is rounded and slightly leathery on the entry. It constitutes a sedate, mellow Reserva that has a classical personality. There is nothing wrong with that and I appreciate the balance and refinement on the off-dry finish. Drink now-2020.

91 Points Robert Parker

2009 Artadi Vinas d Gain Rioja \$25

2010 (100% tempranillo): Vivid ruby. Assertive red fruit and floral scents are brightened by a minerally nuance. Spicy, penetrating and gently sweet, offering bitter cherry and raspberry flavors and a touch of rose. The long finish features gentle tannic grip and very good spicy lift, leaving a cherry pit note behind. **91 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2009 Teofilo Reyes Ribera del Duero \$29

The 2009 Teofilo Reyes is a pure Tempranillo from Manzanillo and Penafiel, from 10- to 14-year-old vines and matured for 16 months in new and used American and French oak. It has a well-defined nose of dark cherries and boysenberry fruit with just a hint of soy. The palate is medium-bodied with a ripe, sweet entry of black cherries and bilberry fruit that leads to a clean, precise, focused finish. Fine. Drink now-2016 **90 Points Robert Parker**

2011 Pingus Psi Ribera del Duero \$40

Glass-staining ruby. Dark berry, bitter chocolate and potpourri on the perfumed nose. Spicy, penetrating black and blue fruit flavors show impressive clarity and lift, with a zesty mineral nuance adding bite. Smooth and seamless on the subtly tannic finish which leaves juicy

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91 Points Stephen Tanzer

2004 Bodegas Vina Ardanza Reserva Tempranillo, Rioja \$36

80% tempranillo and 20% garnacha): Vivid ruby-red. Suave, spicy red fruit preserve and potpourri scents are complicated by notes of vanilla, licorice and mocha. Sappy, focused and energetic, offering sweet raspberry and cherry-cola flavors that are given lift by juicy acidity. Impressively pure and penetrating on the finish, which leaves floral pastille and smoky mineral notes behind. **92 Points Stephen Tanzer**

another review: The 2004 Vina Ardanza is a blend of 80% Tempranillo and 20% Garnacha from 30-year-old vines in Fuenmayor and Cenicero. It is aged for 36 months in four-year-old American oak. It has a very enticing bouquet with dark cherry, Christmas cake, dried fig and espresso with fine delineation and bags of exuberance. The palate is medium-bodied with taut tannins, underpinned by a keen citric thread that cuts through the licorice-tinged, dark berry and allspice-tinged fruit with style. It is simply delicious on the bittersweet finish. Drink now-2020+ **93 Points PARKER:**

2001 Bodegas Lopez de Heredia Tondonia \$43

The 2001 Vina Tondonia Reserva is bridled with a lovely nose of decayed red fruit, fireside hearth, a touch of mulberry and small red cherry. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, crisp red fruits (wild strawberry and cranberry) with a sharp, vibrant, tense, tannic finish that has immense precision. There is a slight saline note lingering in the mouth after the wine has (regretfully) departed. Drink now-2030+

95 Points Robert Parker

Our February Newsletter will be finished tomorrow and I will send it out ASAP. Saturday we are tasting six wines from the February Cheap and Cheerful. from 12-4 P.M.

Best Regards,

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