

Join us for a little holiday cheer on Friday, December 14th from 4-7 PM
We are tasting Syrah a couple from Washington, California and Australia!

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

Cost: Full Pour \$22 2oz of each
1/2 pour \$13 (1oz of each)

Time: 4-8 PM

The Wines:

2009 Trust Walla Walla Syrah, Walla Walla, WA. \$28

Fresh and inviting, with a broad, smooth-textured mouthful of ripe blackberry and cassis flavors that linger enticingly on the polished finish. Drink now through 2018. 278 cases made **91 Points Wine Spectator**

2008 Terre Rouge Syrah DRT Ranch Estate CA. \$40

The 2008 Syrah DTR Ranch is a dark, brooding wine laced with black cherries, scorched earth, licorice, tar, leather and smoke. It is a bit rough around the edges but quite beautiful at the same time. Firm yet well integrated tannins round out the big finish. Some of the wilder elements of Syrah are on display, but there is no shortage of character in this distinctly cool-climate Syrah. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2018+. **92+ Robert Parker**

2009 Bonny Doon Vineyard "Le Pousseur" CA \$23

Inky ruby. Cherry, anise, cracked pepper and herbs on the aromatic nose. Juicy, spicy and moderately dense, with good focus to its dark berry, bitter chocolate and licorice flavors. Finishes with good length, silky tannins and palate-numbing notes of black pepper and menthol. **88 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2009 Penfolds Bin 28 Kalimna Shiraz Australia \$24

Opaque ruby. Oak-spiced aromas of cherry and cassis, with smoke and licorice accents gaining strength with air. Offers intense dark fruit flavors and shows a gently chewy quality, picking up a dark chocolate nuance in the glass. Dusty tannins add grip to a long, smoky and appealingly sweet finish. This wine drinks nicely now but also has a solid track record for aging; I suspect that this will reach its peak in about ten more years and hold that level for some time. **91 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2009 Two Hands "Gnarly Dudes" Shiraz Barossa Valley \$36

Glass-staining purple. Rich blackberry and blueberry compote, mocha and licorice on the nose, along with a hint of dried violet. Fleeshy and large-scaled but with surprising vivacity to the flavors of dark berries, mocha and floral pastilles. A lush, textbook Australian shiraz that finishes long and juicy, with echoing florality. This is made from the same sources as the Bella's Garden. **91 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2010 Gramercy Walla Walla Syrah Walla Walla, WA \$58

Bright ruby-red. Pure, vibrant nose offers scents of dark berries, minerals, rare steak, violet, black pepper, brown spices, lavender and thyme. Juicy and penetrating, with superb aromatic perfume and clarity to the dark berry, raspberry, smoke, pepper and floral flavors. Harmonious acidity gives the wine a light touch. Finishes with firm but fine-grained tannins and terrific peppery lift. In the classic cooler style of Greg Harrington's wines and very strong for this bottling. **91(+?) points Stephen Tanzer**

Cheers!

Hope to see you here! Can you smell the Wild Mushroom Lasagna baking? It will taste awesome with these wines...give it a try!

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