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Tis the season to be jolly, let's be jolly together...Friday night at Santiam Wine & Bistro

When: Friday, December 20th

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full Pour \$24 Half Pour \$14

This will be a great tasting and you can relax and finish up your Christmas shopping we have a ton of wine coming in tomorrow.

Big names: Phelps, Silver Oak, Caymus, Caravan to name a few!

Great stocking stuffers, Including: small bottles of Port, Oregon Harvest dried cherries or dark chocolate dried cherries

Endless Oregon Pinot... including some great 2012 vintages. Small bottles of Prosecco & Cava, Chimay Belgian Beer Gift pack. Wine Purses in a box that are fun to give!

We start serving Lunch at 11 AM and serve our wonderful cuisine until 8 P.M.

The Wines:

2010 Scarborough "The Royale" \$27.50

Bright and brambly, with hints of volatile acidity, the 2010 The Royale checks in as a blend of roughly equal parts Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Travis' take on a right bank Bordeaux, it delivers plenty of mulberry, blackberry, underbrush, mint and toast aromas and flavors as well as a full-bodied, voluptuously textured palate profile. A total crowd pleaser, with a pure, seamless feel, it will drink nicely over the coming 5-6 years. Drink now-2019. **90 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Waters Interlude Walla Walla \$30

Fresh and vibrant, offering distinctive floral, white pepper and tamarind overtones to the dark berry flavors, mingling effectively on the well-balanced finish. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2018. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

2011 Januik Cabernet Franc Walla Walla \$35

2010 Review:

Good bright, dark red. Inviting aromas of cherry, licorice and minerals complicated by an element of tobacco leaf; very cabernet franc. Dense and sweet but also suave and fine-grained, with lovely spicy lift to the red fruit flavors. Finishes with broad, smooth tannins and a light touch. Ripe, energetic wine with sneaky depth of flavor. **92 points Stephen Tanzer**

2008 Tero Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon \$42

deep, inky purple color in the glass, and it even left some deep indigo on the cork as well. The nose is very rich, with some sweet fruit, plum, blackberry and cassis, overlaid with some leather and black pepper. The taste is very nice and a classic Walla Walla style Cabernet, rich black fruit up front, blackberries, black cherry and plum that transition gracefully to some notes of dark chocolate and earth. The finish is quite nice, as the firm tannins and rounded mouthfeel make for a long, lush and exceptionally dry finish that last until you take your next sip.

2010 Woodward Canyon Artist Series \$49

More refined and elegant, the 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Artist Series #19 is 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, and the balance Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot and was aged 20 months in 50% new French oak. Very classic on the nose, with plenty of black currant, tobacco leaf, chocolate, cedar and herbs, it is medium to full-bodied, seamless and perfectly balanced, with a light fresh texture that conceals underlying ripe tannin. Enjoy it over the coming 12-15 years. Drink now-2028. **94 Points Robert Parker**

Owned and run by long time Walla Walla Vintner Rick Small, with the wines made by Kevin Mott, this estate produces classic, elegant wines that have lots of oak, yet the fruit to handle it. In addition to the 2010s reviewed here, I was able to taste through a full lineup of 2012s, all of which showed well and in line with the reviews here. Due to the timing of my visit, I wasn't able to get a look at the 2011s, and I'll report on those this time next year.

2010 L'Ecole Perigee Walla Walla \$48

One of the estate's single vineyard releases that focuses on the Seven Hills Vineyard that's located in the southwestern part of the Walla Walla Valley, the 2010 Perigee Estate Seven Hills Vineyard is comprised of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Malbec and 5% Petit Verdot. Spending 22 months in 50% new French oak, it's a knockout effort that has full-bodied richness and depth as well as beautifully complex aromas and flavors of black cherries, raspberry, spice box, underbrush and toast. Concentrated, layered and with plenty of ripe tannin, it needs 2-3 years of bottle age and will drink beautifully through 2025. Drink 2016-2025. **93 Points Robert Parker**

One of the oldest producers in the Walla Walla Valley, with over three decades of history, L'Ecole 41 has been run by Megan and Marty Clubb since 1989. A relatively large producer, they have distribution throughout the US and produce a solid lineup of both value priced wines and top tier efforts.

Saturday our hours are 9-6 P.M. with wine tasting 12-3 with Arcane Cellars! Join us.

Reserve A stop here on New Years Eve!! Domestic Bubbles featuring Schramsberg of Napa Valley & Lobster Bisque.

Cheers!

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