

Here you are, another great Oregon Pinot Noir Wine Tasting at Santiam Wine Company! Below is a list of the jewels we have for you to taste tomorrow night! 4-7 PM

Cost: \$23.

Half Pour: \$14.

The Wines:

2008 Stevenson Barrie Shea Vineyard \$28

How can this be? A beautifully balanced Pinot Noir from Shea Vineyard. One of Oregon's finest vineyards priced under \$30. This wine is dark and deep with mocha notes and rich berry flavors. I highly recommend adding this wine to your cellar! The 2008 vintage was just released and when I tasted this wine on Thursday, I decided I had to make room in this tasting for you to try it. Many of you may know Michael Stevenson the winemaker for Panther Creek. He is the magic behind this label.

2008 Scott Paul La Paulee \$30

Vivid red. Sexy, spice-accented aromas of red berries, flowers and dried herbs. Racy and precise on entry, then fleshier in the mid-palate, offering sweet raspberry and cherry flavors sharpened by tangy acidity. Finishes brisk and with long, with the red fruit notes repeating. 91 Points Stephen Tanzer

2008 Siltstone Guadalupe \$30 (This wine didn't show up at the last tasting)

The 2008 Pinot Noir Guadalupe Vineyard is medium ruby red with a fragrant bouquet of smoke, exotic spices, incense, cherry blossom, strawberry, and raspberry that jumps from the glass. Elegant on the palate with intense red fruit flavors, plenty of ripe tannin, and outstanding depth and concentration, it will continue to blossom for another 3-4 years and provide a drinking window extending from 2013 to 2023. 92 Points Robert Parker

2009 Shea Wine Cellars Shea vineyard \$38.50

I like to say Shea Shea! Supple, rich and complex, layering its dark berry, black cherry, pink grapefruit and exotic spice flavors on a velvety frame. The finish lingering effortlessly. Drink now through 2019. 94 Points Wine Spectator

2009 Ayoub Brittan Vineyard \$43

My favorite of the Ayoub wines is the 2009 Pinot Noir Brittan Vineyard. Veteran vigneron, Robert Brittan, has carved out a vineyard that seems to optimize the best qualities of the McMinnville AVA. In a relatively high yielding vintage, the fruit for this cuvee came in at a low 1.75 tons per acre with a pH of only 3.4. It was aged for 11 months in 35% new French oak. Stony mineral notes, allspice, incense, violets, black cherry, and blueberry aromas inform the nose of a vibrant wine whose firm acid structure nicely frames the wine's fruit. In the glass note of licorice, and bitter-sweet chocolate make an appearance. This nicely proportioned, silky, already complex Pinot Noir is one of the stars of the vintage. 93 Points Robert Parker

2009 Beaux Freres Willamette Valley \$48

Sleek and silky, with pretty cherry and mineral flavors that glide seamlessly through the long, vivid finish. This has depth, deft balance and welcome restraint. Drink now through 2017. 93 Points Wine Spectator

Cheers!

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