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Good Evening, A month ago we had a great line-up of Cabernet Francs and blends ready for you to taste. Then the snow started and most of you were snowed in! We did the tasting and a few brave ones made it here.... walking, skiing, driving and sliding on down! It was fun. But, so many missed it that we decided it was worth doing again. Some of the wines have changed. I think this tasting will be well worth your time! Come on down! Rain, Snow, Wind or Shine!!!

Where: Santiam Wine and Bistro AKA Santiam Wine Company

What: Make-up Cab Franc Tasting

Date: Friday, March 7th

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full Pour \$23 Half Pour: \$13.50

The Wines:

2011 Tamarack Cabernet Franc Walla Walla \$22

Rock solid and a good value. Made from 100% Cabernet Franc and aged in 20% new oak, with the balance mostly 2-3 years old barrels, it is a big, voluptuous and softly textured effort that has beautiful fruit, excellent complexity and a medium to full-bodied, mouth-filling texture. Hard to resist, it should have 4-5 years of evolution. Drink now-2018. 89 Points Robert Parker

2008 Cougar Crest Cabernet Franc Walla Walla \$36

Cabernet Franc has become the rising star at Cougar Crest estate vineyard. Allowed to thoroughly ripen on the vine with flavors of red currants, violets, herbs, pepper and spice compliment a rich mouth feel. The finish is long with tobacco, caramel and toast aromas. Experience this unique wine now.

2012 Lady Hill Proceso Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley \$24.50

Lady Hill's stunning 2012 "Proceso" 100% Cabernet Franc, Columbia Valley: "The Proceso Cabernet Franc is a truly luscious wine full of plum, blackberry and raspberry fruitiness, surrounded by accents of bay leaf, violet flowers, and dried earth. This is a polished wine with plenty of complexity and nuance, a perfect complement to any holiday feast. Only 160 Cases Made

2010 Scarborough "Royale" Columbia Valley \$27.50

Tightly structured, with firm tannins and a lean core of mint-accented black cherry and licorice flavors, lingering well on an expressive finish. Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2018. 421 cases made. 91 Points Wine Spectator

2010 L'Ecole Perigee Seven Hills Vineyard Estate 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 Jeb Dunnuck/ Wine Advocate

2010 Spring Valley Cabernet Franc Katharine Corkrum Walla Walla \$54

Smooth and succulent, balancing ripe currant and fragrant floral flavors against lively acidity and a light veil of tannins. Finishes long. Drink now through 2017. 750 cases made 90 Points Wine Spectator

Another Expert review:

Good full red. Inviting, perfumed aromas of cherry, raspberry, violet and rose petal; initially smelled more like pinot than cabernet. A juicy, nicely delineated midweight with very good spicy, floral lift to its red fruit flavors. Little obvious sign of the 14.8% alcohol. Finishes with firm tannins, good grip and excellent retention of fruit.

90 Points Stephen Tanzer

CHEERS!

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