

The news of Santiam Wine CO. moving to 12th has become big news - The Statesman Journal even called to get the story! Nothing like a little free publicity!!! June is just around the corner and we are really looking forward to the move and becoming Neighbor's with Fitts Seafood! Until June please keep shopping and tasting wine with us at our original location on Commercial Street.

I have a great line-up of Oregon Pinot for you to taste tomorrow night... Friday, April 15th Yes, Tax day....we all need a little relief!! Come on by!

Where: Santiam Wine CO 1930 Commercial St SE 97302

Cost: \$26. Full pour-six 2 oz pours

1/2 pour \$15. six 1 ounce pours

Included: Rustic French baguettes from the Cascade Baking Company, Cheese and Olive Oil for dipping!

Time 4-7 p.m.

THE WINES:

2008 Boedecker Pappas Pinot Noir \$15..... The RINGER

The 2008 offerings begin with the 2008 Pappas Wine Company Pinot Noir. Medium ruby-colored with an attractive perfume of spice box, cherry, and rose petal, on the palate it is juicy, succulent, and pleasure-bent. This forward effort has a bit of underlying structure which will allow it to drink well for another 3-4 years. It is a superb value in Pinot Noir. 89 Points Robert Parker

2008 Evening Land Estate Seven Springs Vineyard Pinot Noir \$36.

The 2008 Pinot Noir Estate was picked from the vineyard's deeper soils and was fermented with native yeasts and aged for 16 months in 33% new oak. Dark ruby red, it surrenders an expressive nose of smoke, Asian spices, incense, and an amalgam of red and black fruits. On the palate it reveals excellent volume, savory flavors, good intensity, and precision. Give this lengthy effort 1-2 years to fully unwind, and drink it from 2012 to 2020. 91 Robert Parker

Evening Land Vineyards is a group headed by movie magnate Mark Tarlov that also owns Pinot vineyards in the Sonoma Coast and Santa Rita Hills and is making wines in Burgundy. They gained control of one of the Willamette Valley's prized properties, Seven Springs Vineyard, and created an immediate sensation by signing on Dominique Lafon of Comte Lafon in Burgundy as consulting winemaker. The Evening Land group is also making a major effort to restore the health and vitality of Seven Springs. The most recent development is the addition of renowned Master Sommelier Larry Stone as President and GM of the group in August 2010. Over the past 2-3 years there has been an awakening among some of the Willamette Valley's most distinguished vignerons that their region is capable of producing world class Chardonnay. With Dominique Lafon and Larry Stone on board, there is no question that Evening Lands will be playing a starring role in this drama. There are now two serious Gamay producers in the Willamette Valley, Doug Tunnell of Brick House being the other.

2008 Willakenzie Estate Kiana Willamette Valley \$45

The 2008 vintage is a benchmark for Oregon wine, and the Kiana a beautiful wine worthy of its patron goddess's name. Its perfume is sweet, with cherries, lavender and rose petals characterizing the nose. On the palate there is great tension between the crunchy red fruit, the supple tannins and the bright acidity. Already good with salmon or game bird, this will be even better with a couple of years in the cellar or at least some time in your decanter.

2009 Luminous Hills Astra Yamhill Carlton District \$34.

Luminous Hills is "LIVE" and "Salmon Safe" Certified. Aged in 23% New French Oak. Bottled in December 2009. 115 and 667 Pinot Noirs Clones. 98 Cases produced. The wine shows off aromas of pie cherries, red berries and rose petals followed by gorgeous flavors of red currants and crushed walnuts backed by sturdy tannins. "Excellent" Wine Press Northwest

2009 Patricia Green Cellars Estate Old Vine Pinot Noir \$38.50

Vintages like 2009 show the amazing diversity of this vineyard. In fact, it was in 2003 (another very warm vintage) that we first divided up the Estate fruit into these two different and distinct bottling's. The older vines here have incredible root depth in our talc-y, sandy soils. These vines are amazingly vigorous and healthy as they have found deep pockets of nutrients, minerals and water that don't exist in our thinner, porous top-soils. While the young vines rely on power the older vines produce amazingly refined, minerally and suave Pinots. The difference in the wines from blocks that have both older and younger plants in them is startling. This bottling is amazingly red-fruited given the blacker nature of the regular Estate bottling. The pigmentation is far lighter and the tannins are finer and smoother throughout the wine. This is a harmonious and drop-dead beautiful bottling of Pinot. The texture is silky yet has a core of supple tannins that suggest long-term cellaring as a possibility. The red raspberry core is infused with a quartz-y sort of minerality to it and the finish is amazingly long. Again, this is a wine based on balance and refinement so even within a warm vintage this makes its mark by being discrete and feminine. 675 cases bottled.

2008 Winderlea Winderlea Vineyard, Dundee Hills Oregon \$50

"With the purchase of the Goldschmidt Vineyard, twenty acres with some of the oldest vines in the Willamette Valley, dating back to 1974, Winderlea has the opportunity to craft its wine with one of the most highly regarded vineyards in the Willamette Valley.

The vineyard sits on the south side of Worden Hill Road with ideal elevations of 480 to 570 feet. The original plantings include Pommard, Wadenswil and the so-called Coury Clone, a selection imported in the late '60s by one of the early pioneers of Oregon grape growing, Charles Coury. Today the site is composed of thirteen blocks entirely devoted to Pinot Noir.

The vineyard has been meticulously maintained and enhanced over the past eight years, including the introduction of Dijon clones on higher-density spacing. Farming practices have focused on reducing yields and improving canopy efficiency resulting in improved fruit and wine quality.

The wines we've tasted from this vineyard over the past several years have captivated us. The vineyard is known for its red fruit characteristics, especially dried red cherry and red raspberry. It also produces a hint of spice and vanilla and is recognized for its true violet nose. They are the elegant, sensuous, feminine and balanced wines we so love and look to produce." The Winery

Saturday we have new releases from Owen Roe Winery and New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc!
Something for everyone and best of all it is FREE!
Tell all of your friends! Store Hours 10-6 pm

Cheers,

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