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Another great tasting at Santiam Wine & Bistro! High scoring wines without draining your pocketbook!

Attending this tasting might just be the most exciting thing to do this month! Everyone loves Sangiovese and they pair great with food...it is Easter Weekend!

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro
What: Sangiovese/Chianti
Time: 4-8 P.M.
Date: Friday, April 18th
Cost: Full pour \$18 Half Pour \$11

The Wines:

2011 Casanova di Neri Rosso di Casanova di Neri \$18

Once again one of the finest values in Montalcino, Neri's 2011 Rosso di Casanova di Nero is quite dark in this vintage. Dark cherries, flowers and spices literally burst from the glass in an explosive Rosso that is sure to deliver considerable pleasure over the next few years. Rosso di Casanova is 95% Sangiovese and 5% Colorino. I tasted the wine from tank just prior to bottling. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2016. **89 Points Robert Parker**

2011 Viticcio Chianti Classico \$22.50

The 2011 Chianti Classico paints a pretty portrait of the warm vintage and shows attractive aromas of black cherry and mild spice. The intensity is notable, and although the wine remains faithful to its simple, easy-drinking philosophy, it does offer a small twist of sophistication that comes as a pleasant surprise. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2018. **88 Points Robert Parker**

2011 Felsina Berardenga Chianti Classico \$24

The 2011 Chianti Classico is absolutely impressive and is one of the best base Chianti Classicos I have tasted from 2011. You feel the ripeness and heat of the vintage, but this wine also delivers surprising finesse and complexity. Black cherry and baking spice mingle on the bouquet. Soft tannins wrap around the palate. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025. **92 Points Robert Parker**
This is one of the nicest collections of new releases by Giuseppe Mazzocolin's Felsina. At the edge of the Chianti Classico and Chianti Colli Senesi denominations, the estate counts 475 hectares, of which 61 are planted with vineyard.

2008 Zerbina Torre di Ceparao Sangiovese Di Romagna Riserva \$24

A sleeper of the vintage, the dense ruby-hued 2008 Sangiovese di Romagna Superiore Riserva "Torre di Ceparano" offers gorgeous notes of new saddle leather, tobacco leaf, licorice, black cherries, plums and spice. Medium-bodied, savory and expansive on the palate, this beauty can be enjoyed over the next several years. **90 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano \$28

This red starts out smooth, evoking black cherry, plum and tobacco flavors. The dense tannins emerge midpalate and elements of new oak grace the finish, leaving accents of vanilla and toast. A harmonious wine. Drink now through 2020. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

2009 Selapiana Chianti Rufina Riserva Vigneto Bucerchiale \$35

Medium saturated red. Red plum, redcurrant, tobacco, forest floor and potpourri spices on the sexy, very complex nose. Dense, sweet, suave and deep, with insidious intensity to the multilayered flavors of blueberry, tobacco leaf and loam. Wonderfully silky and sweet Chianti, finishing with fine-grained tannins and lingering ripe red cherry and spice flavors. The 2009 vintage doesn't get any better than this. An outstanding wine, and everything a Chianti ought to be. **95 points Stephen Tanzer**

Cheers!

P.S. Join us Saturday from 12- 4 Rob Clark from Terrapin Cellars of SALEM OREGON will be here! He has a new Rose and 2012 Reserve Pinot, 2012 Pinot and his famous Pinot Gris! Please stop by and give Rob our fond welcome! This tasting is complimentary....

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