

Never a dull moment at Santiam Wine Co. & Bar! It is Washington Wine appreciation month. We have picked out a stellar line-up for you to try. Don't miss out on the Super Pour I think most all of you know who Drew Bledsoe is. I have tasted this wine and it is amazing! Drew McQueen Bledsoe is a former American football quarterback in the National Football League, best known as the starting quarterback for the New England Patriots from 1993-2001.

- **Where: Santiam Wine Co & Bar**
- **Time: 4-7 PM**
- **Date: Friday, August 10th**
- **Cost: \$22 for the first Five 1/2 pour \$13**
- **Super Pour \$10 and 1/2 pour \$8 (Optional)**
- **Don't be shy... come on down and taste through the following wines.**

2007 Tranche Slice of Pape \$36

The 2007 Slice of Pape contains Mourvedre and Roussanne (a white grape) in addition to the trio of Grenache, Syrah, and Cinsault. Its elevage was different as well, spending 32 months in French oak foudres. The wine is more expressive aromatically and more structured but its flavor profile is very close to the 2006 cuvee. It, too, will provide optimum drinking over the next 6-8 years. 92+ Points Robert Parker. Tranche Cellars sources their grapes from their Blue Mountain Estate Vineyard in the Walla Walla AVA. The four offerings from Tranche are all outstanding.

Owned by Corliss Wines

2009 Buty Merlot/Cab Franc \$40

The 2009 Merlot (64%) – Cabernet Franc (36%) offers up a pleasing perfume of dried herbs and spices, incense, crème de cassis, and blackberry. This leads to a medium-bodied, savory, structured wine with excellent balance and length. It will benefit from 2-3 years of additional cellaring and drink well through 2023. 92 Points Robert Parker

2009 Woodward Canyon Artist Series \$ Walla Walla 49

This wine has an enticing nose of earth, cedar, tobacco and jonquil integrated with aromas of black fruits and cassis. In the mouth the wine is firm but rich showing notes of pepper, herb and berries. Integrated tannins enhance the texture and give proportion; the finish is complex, generous, and long. While this wine can be enjoyed now it will benefit greatly from additional cellaring and, with proper storage, should develop for ten years or more.

2009 Baer Winery Ursa Columbia Valley \$43

Firm in texture, this elegant wine has a lithe core of black cherry, raspberry and floral flavors that extend into the long and inviting finish. Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2014 through 2019. 981 cases made. 92 Points Wine Spectator

2009 DeLille Cellars D2 Columbia Valley \$45.

This wine takes its name from Route D2, which goes through the Medoc region of Bordeaux. A blend of 55% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot, it displays a deep ruby color and a sensuous nose of raspberry, cherry, plum and cassis with scents of rose petals, sandalwood, cigar box and rubbed sage. The dark fruits are well saturated, with notes of licorice, Swiss chocolate, Variegated earth minerals and pencil lead (a Bordeaux-like trait). The back picks up tones of roasted berries and nuts, mocha and coffee grounds, spice (nutmeg, coriander) and glycerin ("legs"), toasty oak (100% new French) on a lengthy chewy tannin finish.

SUPER POUR \$10 (Optional)

2009 Doubleback Walla Walla \$100. "I have always been intrigued by the entire production process, from vine to bottle, far more than I was about the mere acquisition and consumption of wine." Drew Bledsoe

(76% cabernet sauvignon, 14% merlot and 10% petit verdot): Bright red-ruby. Musky cassis, cedar, tobacco leaf and dried herbs on the very ripe nose. Suave and seamless, with claret-like flavors of redcurrant, plum and tobacco leaf. A very distinctive, lightly herbal Old World style of cabernet with dusty, supple tannins and very good length. Seems subtler and more harmonious wine than the 2008 release. Grew creamier with aeration. 92 points

Chris and Drew go back many years, as they grew up a stone's throw from each other, some 400 yards from the Leonetti Cellar Estate in Walla Walla. After high school, they both went on to pursue their own ambitions and personal successes. The two reconnected in early 2007 when Drew made the decision to enter the wine business. After much research, Drew decided on his hometown of Walla Walla as his first choice for his vineyard and winery location. Chris was certainly at the top of Drew's list for a consulting winemaker but was unsure of Chris' interest outside of Leonetti Cellar. The timing was very serendipitous as Chris had just started Figgins Enological and was looking for the perfect client for his first consulting collaboration. Chris, having a very high respect for Drew, seriously entertained taking on Doubleback as his client and their business relationship became official in the spring of 2007 just as Drew announced his retirement from the NFL. Chris consults on all winemaking and viticulture practices as well as assisted in the vineyard design and planting for McQueen, Drew's estate vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley. It is a true collaboration from dirt to bottle.

Saturday, August 11th 12-4 Cheap & Cheerful Six pack

See you here!

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