

Well, I don't smell fall in the air... but, it won't be long! Enjoy every minute of this summer that you can! Time to save your wine...I mean, time! Pick up a Red or White Cheap & Cheerful, or a dozen rosés, and retreat to your patio, watch the beautiful sunset and relax with a glass of vino! By popular demand the start time on our Friday and Wednesday night wine tastings is now at 4PM, instead of 5PM; and we still go 'til 7PM.

Did you know that Santiam Wine Co has the largest selection Rosé in Salem? And maybe the state?! Trust me: a cold glass of dry Rosé on a hot summer sizzling day is the best! Pick up a dozen Rosés and see for yourself!

I would like to challenge you to our blind pick-apart-a-Bordeaux Blend wine tasting on Friday, Aug. 21st! All my best! Debbie

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# Debbie's Recommended Wines

#### STORE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 11AM - 6PM SATURDAY: 10AM - 6PM

# TASTING HOURS: 4PM 'TIL 7PM

FRIDAYS THIS MONTH: AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY TASTINGS: AUGUST 12<sup>™</sup> & 26<sup>™</sup>

### COMPLIMENTARY WINE TASTINGS EVERY

SATURDAY!

PLEASE JOIN US!

2006 Napa Cellars Zinfandel Napa Valley: \$17.

Deep dark ruby-purple, this classic Napa Valley Zinfandel reveals intense aromas of ripe blackberries, strawberries jam, cinnamon and black pepper spice. The plates follows with juicy, SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH rounded fruit flavors that mingle with layers of warm sweet oak. Perfect for the BBQ!

# 2008 Ponzi Vineyard Arneis, Willamette Vallev: \$19

Excellent Italian white grape varietal! "Vibrant notes of mango, papaya, kiwi, pineapple and a touch of vanilla lead to a mouth of pear and green apple. Its full of fresh fruit, bright acidity and a touch of sweetness on the finish." Excellent with

steamer clams!

#### 2007 Tamarack Cellars Cabernet Franc, Walla Walla: \$26

We will be tasting this on Friday, August 21st!) A glorious vintage with wonderful weather conditions, producing delicious, balanced and succulent fruit. Elegant with spiced cherry, blackberry and boysenberry mingling pleasingly and lingering seductively with a hint of oak, smooth chocolate and mocha on the structured tannins and fine-grained finish.

#### 2007 Eyrie Pinot Gris, Dundee Hills, Oregon: \$16

Bright gold color and slightly exotic aromas of peach skin, yellow plum, orange zest, fresh apricot and smoke, plus a whiff of dusty minerals. An impressively complex dry wine that manages to be powerful without conveying any excess weight. Finishes with subtle nuances of salty minerality and smoke. (90 Pts, Stephen Tanzer)

# WINE TASTING SCHEDULE

Please mark your calendar! We provide Cascade Baking Company Rustic French Baguette at our tastings!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st FREE! 12-4 Six wines from the August Cheap & Cheerful Six-pack.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH 4-7 PRICE: TBD Red Blends from WA. CA. & OR!

12-4 FREE! The other six wines from the C&C.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH 4-7 **PRICE: \$10** Wines from Penner Ash Winery, Oregon!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH 4-7 PRICE: TBD The last Rosé tasting of the summer!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st 4-7 PRICE: TBD Cabernet Franc- Excellent wines from Washington, Oregon, California & France!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND 12-4 FREE! Riesling from Washington & Oregon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH 4-7 PRICE: **\$10** Wines from Phelps Creek Winery, of the Columbia Gorge.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH 4-7 PRICE: TBD Pick-apart-a-Bordeaux-Blend.

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cab Franc, Petite Verdot & sometimes Malbec. Tonight we will taste each wine straight, and then one with all five grapes blended together. To make this a real challenge...we will taste blind!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH 12-4 FREE! Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand.

#### \* NEWLY ARRIVED: WINE TAGS FOR YOUR WINE CELLAR!

- \* ITALIAN & SPANISH OLIVE OILS (STOP BY FOR A TASTE!)
- \* MALETTI BALSAMIC VINEGAR (TO DIE FOR!) \*EASY WINE OPENERS
- \* DRIPLESS POUR SPOUTS \* GIFT BASKETS \* GIFT BAGS
- \* SHIPPING BOXES \*VINTURI WINE AERATOR
- \* WINE SPEC., WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINES & WINE PRESS NW

**DECORTIVE PEWTER BOTTLE STOPPERS** 

\*WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHEESE

- \* CASINA ROSSO BLACK TRUFFLE SEASALT
- \* VIGNALTA ROSEMARY SALT \* EASY WINE OPENERS
- \* THE VACUVIN WINE SAVER (PUMP & 1 CORK) \* EXTRA CORKS \* WE SHIP WINE TO WHEREVER WE CAN! \* GIFT CERTIFICATES

#### The August Red Cheap & Cheerful 6-pack: \$59.50

There are new and exciting wines from Spain, Argentina, Washington & Portugal, in this month's hand-picked Red Cheap & Cheerful. The price reflects 10% off if you buy the following six wines — your reward for trusting me. These wines are easy, ready and waiting for you to pick-up! Get one of each and be stocked-up! Mix the white and red up if you wish! Please come in for the talker sheet on the white C&C; I never have the room to include it on this page. Or, check-out our website @ www.santiamwine.com.

# 2007 Hedges C.M.S Washington State Red: \$13

Excellent garnet-purple color, this wine has a nice, sweet vanilla toast with creamy raspberry, black cherry, blackberry, and dried blueberry fruit, along with just a hint of herbs, clove, spice, and earthiness. Black cherry and blackberry fruit continue on the palate with the sweet vanilla toast rounding out mid-palate. The finish is long with just enough acid and tannin to let one know this is a bit more serious and longer-lived wine.

# 2007 Lopez Panache Tempranillo, Spain: \$11

his wine boasts a beautiful red ruby color with a purple hue. It shows deep aromas of ripe blackberries, black currants, spices and hints of wild flowers. The essence of a great estate in a crazy bargain! It is fresh in the mouth, but with good structure and a well-balanced acidity. Medium to long lasting finish. This wine is so pleasant, you will love it. (88 Points, Robert Parker)

#### 2006 Dow's Vale Do Bomfim, Douro Valley, Portugal: \$10

blend of 40% Touriga Franca, 25% Tinta Roriz, 20% Tinta Barroca and 15% Touriga Nacional, this wine is rich, complex and earthy yet, elegant and integrated. It has reminiscent notes of ripe dark fruit, spice and dark chocolate and hints of toasted oak and earthy tannins.

#### 2004 Aranlion Reserva Valencia, Spain: \$11

Intense cherry color, with hints of leather, dark fruits and a sweet vanilla nose. The mouthfeel is full and velvety. This wine is a blend of 40% Bobal, 30% Tempranillo, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. It was left in Hungarian & French Oak for 12 months. A great value!

# 2007 Delas Cotes du Rhone Esprit: \$10

he amazing 2007 Cotes du Rhone St. Esprit (75% Syrah and 25% Grenache) reveals a northern Rhone orientation, but it is loaded with spice and black fruits, and displays a beautiful opulent texture as well as a gorgeous finish with impressive purity. Chateauneuf du Pape has also benefitted from the new attention to detail and upgraded quality. The good news is that there are about 1,500 cases of this cuvee. (90 Points Robert Parker)

#### 2004 Bodega Benagas Don Tiburcio, Argentina: \$11

urple from the Malbec and touches of ruby typical of cask wines. Aroma is predominately of mature red fruits and a touch of chocolate vanilla provided by the blend. Taste: Intense, fruited, with soft tannins and an impressive and persistent finale. 32% Malbec, 20% Cabernet Franc, 20% Petit Verdot, 16% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon.

#### August White Cheap & Cheerful 6-pack: \$58.00

• 2008	Cupcake Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Fruit, CA:	\$10	Gooseberry!
• 2006	Peacock Ridge Sauvignon Blanc, South Africia:	\$9	Tempting!
• 2008	Berger Grüner Veltliner, Austria (1 Liter) :	\$13	Citrusy; very tasty!
• 2009	O'Reilly's Chardonnay, Columbia Valley:	\$10	Really good!
• 2008	Viento Viognier, Lonesome Spring Ranch, Columbia	Valley:	\$13.50 Perfect!
• 2008	Reine Juliette Picpoul de Pinet France:	\$9	Mouthwatering!



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