



Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas to all! What a year...have we survived the recession? With all the new companies and restaurants coming to town, maybe times are changing locally? I hope you will continue to shop at Santiam; I'm not ready to retire! **Don't miss our annual Champagne Tasting! Mark your calendar for Friday, Dec. 10th!** Pick up a Cheap & Cheerful six-pack—the perfect pairing for holiday get-togethers! A super gift and we'll hand-tie a beautiful red bow on it, our gift to you. If you enjoy reading my newsletter please sign-up for electronic delivery: go to www.santiamwine.com and click on 'Newsletter', or stop by the shop and sign our guest book. While here you can always pick up a colorful hard copy version—we're not snail-mailing it anymore. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season full of family, friends and fun times!

Happy Holidays! — Debbie & Erika

**December, 2010
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STORE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 11AM - 6PM

SATURDAY: 10AM - 6PM

TASTING HOURS:

4 TIL ' 7PM

FRIDAYS THIS MONTH:

DEC. 3RD, 10TH, 17TH & 31ST

CLOSED ON:

CHRISTMAS DAY

JAN 1ST—3RD

**COMPLIMENTARY WINE
TASTINGS EVERY
SATURDAY 12-4PM!
PLEASE JOIN US!**

Debbie's Recommended Wines

Mumm Napa Brut Prestige NV: \$18

On the Wine Spectator's Top 100 list! 90 points

Stocking stuffer size 375ml only \$6

2008 Adelsheim Willamette Valley Pinot Noir: \$25

There are 10,000 cases of the entry-level 2008 Pinot Noir Willamette Valley (70% from estate vineyards and 30% purchased) which was aged in 20% new oak for 10 months. Medium ruby red with a charming perfume of cedar, spice box, cherry, and raspberry. On the palate it is medium-bodied, elegant, and densely packed with savory fruit. It conceals enough ripe tannin to evolve for 1-2 years but can be enjoyed now. It will offer considerable pleasure over the next 6-8 years. (91 Points Robert Parker)

2007 Zerba "Wild Thing" Red Blend, Walla Walla: \$20

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah & Cab Franc from the heart of the rocky floodplain on the Walla Walla River. It contains cedar, strawberry, and white pepper aromas that lead up to tantalizing flavors of blackberry, blueberry, cedar, and hints of earth and olive. This is a balanced, medium-bodied red table wine that will pair well with a wide range of foods.

December Special

Get your shipping done!!! In stock 1, 2, 3, 6 & 12 bottle shippers!

**FREE SHIPPERS IF YOU PURCHASE AND SHIP YOUR WINE AT
SANTIAM WINE COMPANY!**

- * VINTURI AREATOR AND STAND—A GREAT XMAS GIFT!
- * ITALIAN & SPANISH OLIVE OILS (STOP BY FOR A TASTE!)
- * MALETTI BALSAMIC VINEGAR + SHERRY WINE VINEGAR
- * ODOLLA ROASTED COFFEE BEANS * DRIPLESS POUR SPOUTS
- * GIFT BASKETS *NEW- SILKY ASIAN GIFT BAGS
- * SHIPPING BOXES * SHIPPING AVAILABLE * GIFT CERTIFICATES!

- * DECORTIVE PEWTER BOTTLE STOPPERS
- * WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHEESE * CARONA BEANS
- * CASINA ROSSO BLACK TRUFFLE, FENNEL SEASALTS
- * VIGNALTA ROSEMARY SEASALT * EASY WINE OPENERES
- * VACUVIN WINE SAVER AND EXTRA CORKS
- * RITROVO SEA SALT & TRUFFLE XOCOLATE

WINE TASTING SCHEDULE

We provide Cascade Baking Company Rustic French baguettes at our Friday tastings!

FRIDAY, DEC. 3RD 12-4 PRICE TBD

California Cabernet Sauvignon

SATURDAY, DEC. 4TH 12-4 FREE

Six wines from the December Cheap & Cheerful. Including a taste of Mumm's!

FRIDAY, DEC. 10TH 4-7 PRICE: TBD

Champagne Tasting—the most festive tasting of all! Please join us in a toast to the holidays! **'Tis the season to be jolly!**

SATURDAY, DEC. 11TH 12-4 FREE

The other six wines from the December Cheap & Cheerful Six Pack.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17TH 4-7 PRICE TBD

Vintage Porto and LBV Porto tasting.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18TH 12-4 FREE

New releases from Zerba Cellars, Oregon: Including the Wild Thing Red Blend!

FRIDAY, DEC. 24TH NO TASTING

Hours today 10-3. Last minute shopping!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH CLOSED
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 31ST 4-8 PRICE TBD
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Six wines from the Wine Spectator "Top One Hundred" Wine Tasting! Nothing under 90 points!

**CLOSED: JANUARY 1ST—3RD
Happy New Year!**

December Ravishing Red Cheap & Cheerful 6-pack: \$ 65.70

In this month's hand-picked Ravishing Red Cheap and Cheerful ((aka C&C) Six-Packs are incredible wine values from Oregon, Washington, Spain, California, Argentina and France. The price reflects 10% off if you buy the following six wines — your reward for trusting me. These wines are ready and waiting for you to pick-up! Mix the white and red up if you wish! Don't forget to reuse your 6-pack boxes and save 50¢ off your next 6-pack! These wine are perfect for holiday entertaining, I promise! Stock-up on the Cheap & Cheerful Six-pack. **Ask for the hand-tied red bow, free!**

2008 Bodegas Nekeas El Chaparral de Vega Sindoa Old Vine Garnacha, Navarra, Spain: \$14.50

Tinky ruby. Exotically perfumed bouquet displays black raspberry, cherry compote, licorice and dark chocolate, plus a sexy floral overtone. Fresh, focused red and dark berry flavors are given depth by a note of bitter chocolate and framed by silky tannins. Finishes with very good clarity and mineral snap, with the black raspberry note repeating. Year in and out this is a superb value.” (90—**Stephen Tanzer**)

2009 Les Fontanelles Pinot Noir Vin de Pays D’OC: \$10

Les Fontanelles vineyards are located in the sun kissed area of the Languedoc in Southern France. This smooth, silky ruby red wine with aromas of black cherries & blackberries. It will perfectly match cold cuts, soft cheeses and poultry.

2008 Clayhouse Syrah, Paso Robles, CA: \$11

The Vineyard Syrah is driven by dark berry fruit flavors of blackberry and plum. Complemented with aromas of white pepper, fruit leather, Asian spice, Carmel. Flavors are rich and earthy, with mouth-coating tannin and a long succulent finish.

2008 Durigutti Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina: \$15

A lush, toasty style, with lots of cocoa and roasted vanilla up front, followed by dark, well-layered fig, boysenberry and mulled currant fruit flavors. The long finish lets all the fruit hang nicely, with an underlying graphite hint supporting it all. Drink now through 2011. **(90 Points—Wine Spectator)**

#74 Top 100 Wines of the year! Always a favorite!

2007 Stephen Vincent Crimson, California: \$11.50

A blend of 75% Syrah and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon. This very rich wine has beautiful ripe plum and blackberry flavor, accented with hints of cassis and toasty French and American oak. Silky tannins. Enjoy with chicken, beef, lamb, duck, turkey or pasta!

2008 Kiona Cabernet/Merlot Red Mt. AVA, WA: \$11

A traditional Bordeaux-style blend with a new-world twist. Full-bodied, well-structured wine with a lot of complexity and great balance. It is quite drinkable now but has the qualities necessary for cellaring. Dark ripe fruit aromas are framed by a generous (but not dominant) splash of oak. Elegance and finesse is the name of the game with this wine. Enjoy with prime rib or any roasted meats or steaks.

December White Snow Cheap & Cheerful Six Pack: \$62.55

- 2009 Domaine de la Louvetrie Muscadet Sèvre Et Maine Loire, FR: \$11.50 Oyster Wine! Crisp
 - 2009 Chamisal Vineyards Stainless Chardonnay, Central Coast CA: \$13 Unoaked-perfect
 - 2009 Loredona Vineyards, Viognier Lodi, CA (“vee-own-yay”) \$8 Peachy!
 - 2007 Carabella Pinot Gris Willamette Valley, Oregon \$14 Spicy-Delicious!
 - 2009 Giesen Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand: \$11 Zesty!
 - 2008 Sass Pinot Blanc, Oregon: \$12 Love it!
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