



Happy February! Let's hope the ground hog doesn't see his shadow! I'm ready for Spring! We have Valentine's Day to look forward to: I have a couple of new chocolate wines, perfect for the chocolate lover!

**Santiam Wine Co. has a new six pack to share with you:**

**Debbie's NorthWest Top Picks (aka NWTP)!**

This new six pack features wines from the Northwest (Oregon and Washington of course) with a total price in the range of \$100 - \$150. Every month I will scout out exciting new wines for you to try, or give as a gift, and will write about them as I do the regular C&C (which will still continue). You will be able to buy these wines individually, and you still get the standard 10% off if you buy six! The first Friday of each month they will be featured in the Friday night wine tasting! Don't forget our new hours:

Monday 12-6

Tuesday-Friday 11-7 (an extra hour to shop)

Saturday 10-6

Best Regards, Debbie & Erika

## Northwest Top Picks: \$130

### **2009 Ken Wright Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, Oregon: \$26**

"To quote Ken, 'In order to ensure that the vineyard designated wines maintain their intensity, specific blocks or clones were set aside. The Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is a blend of these larger clustered blocks. Though not at the same level of complexity as the vineyard designates, this blend is extremely enjoyable, lush and full of pure, pinot fruit.' The blend consists of fruit from Abbott Claim, Canary Hill, Carter, Freedom Hill, Guadalupe, McCrone, Meredith Mitchell, Nysa and Savoya vineyards."

### **2007 Mibrant Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Wahluke Slope, WA: \$20**

Cabernet blended with some Petit Verdot and Malbec, also spent 14 months in barrel. Medium-purple in color, it displays a bouquet of cedar, tobacco, spice box, violets and black currant. Medium to full-bodied with good volume and intensity, it has plenty of savory black fruits, enough structure to evolve for 1-2 years, and a lengthy fruit-filled finish.

### **2007 Chateau Smith Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley, WA: \$17**

Lithe, elegant and nicely focused to show off its bright raspberry and cherry fruit. Lightly veiled in fine tannins, picking up white pepper and cinnamon notes on the lively finish. Drink now through 2015. (90 Pts., Wine Spectator) (K Vintners)

### **2007 Goose Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley, WA: \$24**

Supple, ripe and inviting, featuring licorice and pepper overtones to the dark berries at the core, finishing with tight structure and an expressive range of flavors. Best from 2011 through 2015. (91 Pts., Wine Spectator)

### **2008 Et Fille Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, OR: \$24**

New York Times, "Toasting a Vintage, with Few Quibbles, Jan. 17, 2010: In a review of 20 Willamette Valley wines from the 2008 vintage, Eric Asimov and his panel named the Et Fille 2008 Pinot Noir Willamette Valley as the 4th top rated wine, calling it "Balanced and harmonious with complex flavors of flowers, minerals and dark fruits." (Lovely!-DR.)

### **2009 Bergström Old Stones Oregon Chardonnay OR: \$29**

Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it has ample ripe, savory, layered fruit, excellent volume and concentration, a smooth texture, and lengthy finish. Although it can be enjoyed now, it will unwind for another 1-2 years and drink well for 5-6 thereafter. (92 Pts., Robert Parker) Stunning Chardonnay! (— DR)

## WINE TASTING SCHEDULE

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

We now offer 1/2 pour tastings (1oz pours of each)

### **FRIDAY, FEB. 4<sup>TH</sup> 4-7 COST: \$20 ½ POUR \$12**

The first release of the NW Top Picks (NWTP). Six great wines from WA & OR. Give them a try! Very exciting!

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> 12-4 FREE**

Six wines from the February Cheap & Cheerful Six-Pack (AKA C & C).

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 4-7 PRICE: TBD**

Red, lush, zinfandel including Frank Family, Rombauer and more!

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 12-4 FREE**

Chocolate wine tasting, bring your sweet-heart♥♥♥! Do you love chocolate?

And, the other six wines from the February Cheap & Cheerful Six Pack!

**We are open Valentines Day!**

**Monday, February 14th 12-6 PM**

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 4-7 PRICE TBD**

Oregon Pinot Noir! 2008: The greatest vintage since...ever?

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> 12-4 FREE**

Cava: Sparkling wine from Spain!

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 4-7 PRICE:TBD**

Odd-ball tasting! Cab Franc, Carmenere, Petite Verdot, can you think of any others?

Let me know!

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 12-4 FREE**

Gamay Noir also known as Beaujolais.

The 2009 vintage is excellent! Great food wines, or lovely to simply enjoy on their own!

**February Valentine Red Cheap & Cheerful 6-pack: \$ 57.25**

In this month's hand-picked Red Cheap and Cheerful Six-Packs (aka C&C) are incredible wine values from Washington, Italy, California, Portugal 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! Restock your cellar with the Cheap & Cheerful Six-packs! **Time to get back into the swing of things!**

**2009 Viu Manet "Secreto" Malbec, Argentina: \$10**

**O**utstanding buy! Run, don't walk, for this Malbec! I had this in stock a few month's ago but it quickly disappeared; now it has returned for a short visit. You'll love the chocolate rich finish! **Parker gives it 91 points!**

**2008 Waterbrook Mèlange Red Blend, WA: \$13**

**W**ith a classy new label this wine is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Malbec, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cinsault, Zinfandel, Pinot Noir and Carignane. That pretty much covers all the bases... It offers deep garnet color and inviting aromatics of blueberry, currant and cedar. Big rich fruit develops throughout the palate. Structured tannins and balanced acidity supports lingering fruit on the well rounded finish. Intriguing!

**2008 Willow Crest Cabernet Franc Washington: \$13**

**W**illow Crest is well know for great value and their wine fit into this Cheap & Cheerful package naturally. I look forward to exposing you to more wines from this vineyard. This Cab Franc integrates spiciness with bright red fruit and jammy characters that unfold and linger on the palate. The elegance of this full-bodied wine weaves layers of spicy oak, red currant, cedar and black raspberry flavors. Enjoy now and throughout the next four years. Enjoy with grilled meats, or just drink!

**2007 R. Grassier Costières de Nimes, Nages Rhone Valley: \$10**

**B**right and juicy, with inviting plum, black cherry, tobacco and mineral notes, all backed by modest, nicely integrated toast. Very tasty, Grenache and Syrah. Drink now. **(88 Pts, Wine Spectator)**

**2008 Quinta das Amoras Vinho Tinto, Portugal: \$7.50**

**T**alk about value, here it is all the way from Portugal for \$7.50! Portuguese red blend of Castelão (Periquita), Camarate, Tinta Miúda and Touriga Nacional; aged 4 months in 250-liter oak barrels. Dark and attractive bright ruby color. Aromas of sweet cherry, dried wood and vanilla. Concentrated black currant and berry fruit flavors with oak notes. Agreeably pronounced, but balanced, acidity, soft tannins and a persistent finish. Pairs well with virtually any foods, but delicious on its own!

**2007 Kris Heart Merlot, Sicilia, Italy: \$10**

**G**arnet in color with intense perfumes of wild berries, crushed fruit and leather. Ripe fruit flavors are sustained by a lively acidity. This is an easy-going wine with fruity aromas that linger on the palate. The pretty heart label fits the season... Valentine's ♥

**February White Cheap & Cheerful Six Pack: \$60**

- **2009 Domaine Talmard Macon Chardonnay, France: \$11.50 Crisp!**
- **2009 Lamblin & Fils Bourgogne Blanc France: \$13. Rich!**
- **2009 Santa Rita Sauvignon Blanc Chile: \$10. Quenching!**
- **2007 Renwood Viognier, CA: \$10. Creamy!**
- **2007 Trinity Pinot Gris, Salem, OR: \$13. Lovely!**
- **2009 Branciforti Inzolia-Grecanico, Sicilia, Italy: \$9. Tasty!**

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**STORE HOURS**  
MONDAY – 12-6 PM  
TUESDAY-FRIDAY: 11AM - 7PM  
SATURDAY: 10AM - 6PM

**TASTING HOURS:**  
**4 TIL 7 PM**

FRIDAY TASTINGS THIS MONTH:  
FEB 4<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>

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

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 \* VINTURI AREATOR AND TOWER—A GREAT GIFT!  
TALIAN & SPANISH OLIVE OILS (STOP BY FOR A TASTE!) \* DRIPLESS POUR SPOUTS  
MALETTI BALSAMIC VINEGAR + SHERRY WINE VINEGAR \* O'DOLLA ROASTED COFFEE BEANS  
GIFT BASKETS \* NEW! SILKY ASIAN GIFT BAGS  
SHIPPING BOXES \* SHIPPING AVAILABLE \* GIFT CERTIFICATES!  
FREE TISSUE WRAP AND HAND TIED BOW! JUST ASK!!

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