

SANTIAM WINE & BISTRO



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LET US ENTERTAIN YOU! Every Thursday in February we have invited Mitch Lies to play his piano and acoustic guitar and sing for you! 5-8 PM NO COVER

***Valentine's Day, February 14th from 5-8:30 we will have a special menu and Mitch Lies playing his piano & Vocals. Reserve your spot now for Valentine's Day. To make it easy we have two seating's one at 5 and one at 7 Call or email. We have also reserved our bar for singles & besties! We want everyone to join us for great food, wine, dessert and music!

Our special Valentine menu is posted at the shop and on our web page.
We have Chocolates from Extreme Chocolates the perfect gift for your sweetheart!
Spring is on the way!
From the "Grand Cru" at Santiam Wine & Bistro

Staff Favorites

2012 Three III Old Vines Field Blend Contra Costa County \$17.50 We also have it by the glass!

Old Vines Field Blend is sourced from ancient vineyards in Contra Costa County and is a blend of 38% Carignane, 21% Petite Sirah, 19% Mataro, 17% Zinfandel, and 5% Alicante Bouschet. All the grapes in this blend come from vineyard blocks with extremely sandy soils called Delhi Sandy Loam.

The grapes developed slowly and sugar development appeared to lag while the acidity remained vibrant. Ripeness was pushed to higher levels until the perfect balance was achieved resulting in luscious aromatics of blackberries, raspberries, violets and sweet herbs. The taste is rich, dense and chewy, packed with crushed black and red fruits, with a mouthfeel that is extravagantly lush and opulent.

2012 Battle Creek Cellars Unconditional Pinot Noir Oregon \$16 Wow! A product of Precept Wine's 12th & Maple team in Dundee, Ore., it's a deliciously remarkable and very fruit-forward offering, regardless of the price. Hints of dusty cherry, cranberry, pomegranate, campfire-toasted marshmallow and tobacco lead to pleasing flavors of fresh-picked raspberry, pie cherry and red currant. Slaty tannins, good acidity and restrained alcohol add to its elegance.

February Wine Tasting Calendar:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 12-4 CHEAP & CHEERFUL

Six Wines from the February C&C Join us! Great values
And the tasting is FREE! Stock-up for the super bowl!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

A shout out to my hometown & family in Seattle Go Seahawks!

WEDNESDAY, 4TH 4-8 P.M. PRICE TBD PINK BUBBLY

Getting ready for valentines day!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH LIVE MUSIC MITCH LIES
NO COVER! 5-8 PM**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH 4-8 P.M. PRICE TBD

Oregon Pinot Noir vs California Pinot Noir!

CALENDAR CONTINUED...

Saturday, February 7th Time: 12-4P.M. Cheap & Cheerful
FREE Tasting Six Wines from the February C&C Join us!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH FROM 4-8 P.M. PRICE: TBD

Dessert Wines including some Ice Vine Sweet Treats!
Valentines is coming and we have the perfect gifts for your lover!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 4-8 PM PRICE: TBD

Nebbiolo the grape from Italy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH TIME: 12-4 P.M. PRICE: FREE
PORTO TAWNY, RUBY! AND CHOCOLATES SHOP OPENS AT 10 AM
JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

PART II ON THE 14TH SPECIAL DINNER MENU 5-8:30

Live music from Mitch Lies Two seating 5 and 7 make your
reservations! Walk-ins and singles welcome! The bar is yours!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH TIME: 4-8 PRICE: TBD

Chablis and unoaked Chardonnay

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH LIVE MUSIC WITH MITCH LIES
NO COVER**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH TIME: 4-8 P.M. PRICE: TBD

Lovely Red Burgundy. This ones for you Mike & Karen!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST TASTING TIME: 12-4
FREE TASTING LEFTOVERS!**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH HOURS 4-8 P.M.

Sauvignon Blanc and blends

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 5-8 PM LIVE MUSIC WITH
MITCH LIES NO COVER**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH TASTING HOURS 4-8 PM
PRICE: TBD**

California and Washington Red Blends new releases!

February Red C&C AKA Our Cheap & Cheerful 6-pack: \$65.70

In this month's hand-picked Cheap & Cheerful Six-Packs for February you will find incredible wine values from Spain, Italy, Australia, South Africa, France. The price reflects **10%** off if you buy the following six wines Red or White — 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! **Buy the six-pack and then buy your favorites by the case! This is the best QPR Wine Club around. Pick-up yours today! Under \$10.95 per bottle when you buy all six. (These wines can always be purchased individually)**

2012 Souverain Cabernet Sauvignon CA \$14

This storied wine is a celebrated Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep ruby-purple in color, this Cabernet boasts bright and vivid aromas of roasted vanilla, mocha and baking spices which meet elegant layers of blackberry and ripe cherry flavors. The full mouth feel is extracted and rich and framed by thick mouth coating tannins. The fully balanced fruit, tannins and acidity, lead to a juicy and lengthy finish.

2013 Woop Woop Shiraz Australia \$13

Winemaker, Ben Riggs and his team enthused as the fruits of their labour evolved into a full-bodied and flavoursome wine, deep-hued with richly scented aromatics and a long, soft and juicy palate. Of lush mouthfeel, bursting with blackberry, blueberry jam and liquorice, this wine guarantees a true Australian Shiraz experience for consumption over the next 5 years. Woop Woop Shiraz, a crackerjack Australian that's "out there from out there!"

2013 Herencia Altes Garnacha Negra Spain \$10

A joint venture between Eric Solomon and proprietor Nuria Altes, this is an unreal value made from 100% Grenache from vines planted nearly 100 years ago. Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by a flowery perfume revealing aromas of forest floor, underbrush, sweet black cherries, raspberries and strawberries. Medium-bodied, ethereal as well as sublime, this finesse-styled Grenache possesses a delicacy that is difficult to believe for such intensity. Consume it over the next 3-4 years. **91 Points Robert Parker Great Value!**

2012 Domaine Pesquier Cotes du Rhone France \$14

A Cotes du Rhone may be a simple entry-level wine for most producers in the Rhone but for Pesquier this is a much more serious effort. The grapes come from a 5 acre plot in Sablet where they could make a cotes du rhone villages level wine but instead make an over-achieving straight cotes du rhone. The Pesquier Cotes du Rhone is both lively and profound with extraordinary textural details, an explosive nose and great length in the mouth; flavors of dark red fruits, licorice root and cocoa abound within a structure of fine tannins. Only 700 cases are made of this superb Grenache 70%, Mourvedre 20% blend (plus 10% Carignan and Cinsault).

2012 Hazana Rioja Tradicion Spain \$12

Bodegas Abanico's basic cuvee, the 2012 Hazana Tradicion, is a lowly-priced Rioja (which is increasingly rare). A classic, traditionally-styled Rioja with lots of spicy oak, cedarwood and black currants, this fruity red is a steal at \$12 a bottle. The dark ruby/garnet color is accompanied by lots of spice in its medium-bodied, round personality. It comes from 45-70-year-old head-pruned vines, and is a blend of 85% Tempranillo and 15% Grenache aged 12 months in French and American oak. Drink it over the next 3-4 years. 88 Points Robert Parker

2013 Santa Rita Secret Reserve Red Blend Chile \$10

The intensity and depth of the Cabernet Sauvignon, the elegance and softness of the Merlot, the freshness and red fruits of the Syrah, and the tannins of the Carmenere and Petite Verdot result in Santa Rita's Secret Reserve.

February White Cheap & Cheerful \$57.60

2013 Protocolo Blanc Spanish \$8

2013 Zolo Torrontes, Argentina \$10

2013 Painted Wolf Chenin Blanc South Africa \$11

2013 Chartron La Fleur White Bordeaux \$11

2013 Nobilo Sauvignon Blanc New Zealand \$12

2013 Chateau Aigillette Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Loire Valley \$12



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STORE HOURS

TUESDAY 11-7

WEDNESDAY -FRIDAY 11-8

SATURDAY 10AM - 6PM

WINE TASTING EVERY
WHITE WEDNESDAY &
REDFRIDAY

EVERY SATURDAY
COMPLIMENTARY
WINE TASTINGS
12 - 4 PM!

- * SPECIALTY CHEESES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE * CORONA BEANS
- CASINA ROSSO BLACK TRUFFLE SEASALT, VIGNALTA ROSEMARY SEASALT, LUSTAU SOLERA VINAGRE COOKING SHERRY
- EXTREME CHOCOLATES "CHOP" DRIED MEATS FROM PORTLAND
- * LEMON INFUSED OLIVE OIL * VIGNALTA ROSEMARY SEASALT * VACU-VIN WINE SAVER AND EXTRA CORKS * ITALIAN, SPANISH OLIVE OIL - MALETTI BALSAMIC VINEGAR
- SHERRY WINE VINEGAR * MARSALA * GIFT BASKETS * SHIPPING BOXES * SHIPPING AVAILABLE * GIFT CERTIFICATES! * FREE TISSUE WRAP AND HANTIED BOW! YOU CAN ALSO PURCHASE OUR MARINATED NUTS, OLIVES, OR FRESHLY SLICED GOURMET CHEESES, DEMI FRENCH BAGETTES— PRICES POSTED AT THE STORE.
- TO GO AVAILABLE!