



**Happy New Year! I believe we are all anxious to see what the New Year will bring!
 Along with our new President elect Barack Obama! Hopefully a better economy!
 Enjoy a bottle Prosecco (Italian Bubbly) on inauguration night.**

Santiam Wine Co. has a new refrigerator; we are selling Rouge River Blue Cheese and many fine selections from Willamette Valley Cheese Company! We also have many chilled white & sparkling wines ready for purchase!

Were you looking for the Vinturi Wine Aerator for a Christmas gift? They were on back order and now they are in stock: \$40! This is a great gift, anytime of year!

Please visit www.santiamwine.com; we are up and running. Send a link to all your friends!

Happy New Year!

Best Regards, Debbie

**January, 2009
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Debbie's Recommended

Wines

WINE TASTING SCHEDULE

Please mark your calendar!

STORE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 11AM - 6PM

SATURDAY: 10AM - 6PM

TASTING HOURS

2ND AND 4TH FRIDAYS: 'TIL 7PM

WEDNESDAY TASTINGS:

JAN 14TH & 28TH

**CLOSED: JAN 1-4
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**COMPLIMENTARY WINE
 TASTINGS EVERY
 SATURDAY!
 PLEASE JOIN US!**

2007 Bodegas Borsao Garnacha Tres

Picos Campo de Borja \$17.25

Inky ruby. Highly complex bouquet of cherry, dark berry liqueur, iron, tobacco and dried flowers; reminded me a wine from Graves. Tangy cherry and cassis flavors are on the primal side initially but soften and gain sweetness with air. Fine tannins add grip to the long, spicy finish, which repeats the iron note. This is very promising. (90 Points - Stephen Tanzer)

2006 Bodegas Colomé Estate Malbec Salta,

Argentina \$23. Aged 18 months in French oak, 30% new. 86% Malbec, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Tannat. 14.9% Alc. This wine is deep crimson-colored, the nose offers up

smoke, violets, black cherry, and blueberry. This is followed by smooth-textured, ripe, full-flavored wine with good balance and several years of aging potential. It will be at its best from 2011 to 2020. Colomé is owned by Donald Hess of Switzerland, many of you may recognize Hess Collection of Napa Valley. The Colomé Vineyards are farmed and biodynamically certified.

The Winery (and hotel) are located in Salta, Near the northern Argentina Andes. The vineyards may well be the most elevated in the world! When I get to visit Argentina I will see Colomé! A must have now and to cellar! 90 points from Parker and also listed on the Wine Spectator Top 100 most exciting Wines of 2008. I purchased all I could get my hands on. This wine is stellar (THANKS MIKE!)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

I'LL BE BACK ON MONDAY, JAN 4TH PICK-UP

YOUR C&C TODAY

FRIDAY, JAN. 9TH

5-7

PRICE TBD

Spanish Wines! Including 2007 Tres

Pico's Old Vine Garnacha!

SATURDAY, JAN. 10TH

12-4

FREE!

All twelve wines from the Cheap &

Cheerful Six-pack for January!

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14TH

12-4

PRICE \$10.

Tonight Malbec at the mini three including

Bodegas Colome

Saturday, JAN, 17th

12-4

FREE

Petite Sirah

Friday, Jan. 23rd

5-7

price TBD

Did you miss the Holiday Port Tasting?

Were going to do another one tonight!

SATURDAY, JAN. 24TH

12-4

FREE!

Red Blends~ great values!

WEDNESDAY, JAN 28TH

5-7

PRICE \$10

Featuring Wines from Capitello Winery

from Oregon

FRIDAY, JAN, 30

5-7

COST TBD

OREGON PINOT NOIR GREAT VALUES

SATURDAY, JAN. 31TH

12-4

FREE

Sauvignon Blanc from around the Globe!

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

- * ITALIAN & SPANISH OLIVE OILS (STOP BY FOR A TASTE!)
- * MALETTI BALSAMIC VINEGAR (TO DIE FOR!)
- * DRIPLESS POUR SPOUTS * GIFT BASKETS * GIFT BAGS
- * SHIPPING BOXES *GIFT BOXES *VINTURI AERATOR

- * WINE SPEC., WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINES & WINE PRESS NW
- * DECORATIVE PEWTER BOTTLE STOPPERS
- * CASINA ROSSO BLACK TRUFFLE SEASALT
- * THE VACUVIN WINE SAVER (PUMP&1 CORK) PRIVATE PERSERV \$11.
- * WE SHIP WINE TO WHEREVER WE CAN! * GIFT CERTIFICATES

The January Red Cheap & Cheerful 6-pack: \$63.50

There are new and exciting wines from California, France, Italy, Spain, Argentina and Washington 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! Do you need to fill the wine wrack after the holidays and snow days? Buy one of each! A red and white C & C and be stocked-up!

~ Shop local and save on time & money. We also, ship! Shop Santiam for wines you can count on to please

2006 Cantine Colosi Rosso Sicilia, Italy: \$11.50

The Sicilia Rosso is the estate's entry-level Nero d'Avola. It sees six months in cask. The 2006 is an awesome, mouth filling red loaded with dark fruit, chocolate and gorgeous aromatic intensity. Ideally the wine might offer a little more weight on the mid-palate, but this is a ridiculously good wine for the money. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2009. (88 Points - R. Parker)

2007 Les Jammes Pinot Noir Vin de Pays: \$10

The nose brought me aromas of ripe, fresh cherry and even hints of citrus. The palate didn't surprise me much. I was expecting the lighter yet well-structured body along with juicy cherry and raspberry notes that usually accompany French Pinot Noir.

2007 The Crusher Petite Sirah, Clarksburg CA: \$12

The nose of this inky purple colored wine is rich and complex with aromas of blueberry and cassis with a hint of spearmint. The palate is supple and tannic with lip-smacking caramel and French vanilla sappiness followed by a ripe cassis finish. The wine has balanced acidity and firm tannins and worth aging for a few years.

2006 Charles Smith Holy Cow Merlot, Washington: \$11

Holy Cow is right! How does one produce such great wines that sing of the varietal and have beautiful balance at such prices? Charles has sourced grapes from high elevation vineyards that express pure fruit character, great minerality, and tremendous freshness. "It's really not that hard" - so says Charles! A great Value!

2006 Windmill Lodi Old Vine Zinfandel \$12.

With 24% Petite Sirah included in the blend, this wine barely qualifies to be called Zinfandel. But that is a good thing, since the Petite Sirah has added a wonderful meaty richness to the wine. Lots of juicy blackberry flavors that are full on the palate, uncommon to a Zin at this low price. You'll like this one!

2007 Montaribaldi Barbera D'Alba Italy \$14.

The 2007 Vintage in Piedmont was outstanding and this luscious Barbera from Montaribaldi demonstrates the point. This easy-drinking wine provides generous, vibrant berried fruit that matches perfectly with Italian foods. From pizza to pasta, grilled meats to cheese boards, this wine is a worthy partner and a party crowd-pleaser.

January White Cheap & Cheerful 6-pack: \$60.

- 2007 Chateau Benoit Muller Thurgau, Oregon: \$11.50 Wow!
 - 2007 A to Z Pinot Gris, Oregon: \$13. Yummy!
 - 2007 Cupcake Chardonnay, California: \$10 Creamy !
 - 2007 Domaine Talmard Macon Chardonnay France: \$11.50 Crisp & Dry!
 - 2006 Jackson Estate Sauvignon Blanc New Zeland: \$13. Exotic!
 - 2006 Chartron La Fleur Bordeaux Blanc \$7.50 Bone Dry! Need a great cooking wine?
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