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Good Day,

Happy Labor Day Weekend! Start here at Santiam Wine & Bistro, tasting amazing Pinot Noir from Eola-Amity Hills sub-appellation of the Willamette Valley.

Don't forget to Pick-up the September Cheap & Cheerful for drinking at the BBQ Easy, tasty and affordable! White and Red!

Our Special Friday night: Bacon wrapped Scallops and/or Double stuffed potatoes...Your choice as entrée (includes Salad) or appetizer

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

When: Friday, September 4th

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full Pour \$28 2 oz of each. Half Pour: \$16 1 oz of each

The Wines

2011 Cristom Vineyards Sommers Reserve \$34

The 2011 Pinot Noir Sommers Reserve contains a higher percentage of estate fruit compared to the Mt. Jefferson, around 80%, and is treated like the single-vineyard-matured for 18 months in around 50% new oak. It includes 50% whole-cluster fruit. It has a mellow, natural bouquet with lifted brambly red berry fruit with touches of bay leaf and autumn leaves. I like the delineation here. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, quite crisp and reserved at first, but it gently fans out with pretty red berry fruit mixed with plenty of dried herbs. This adheres to Cristom's classic style, much more Old World inspired than its peers, and certainly well crafted. **91 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Lumos Temperance Hill \$40

Deep red. Sexy, oak-spiced raspberry and blood orange scents show very good clarity and a hint of smoky minerals. Lively, focused and refreshingly tangy, offering intense red fruit flavors that put on weight and open up with air. Concentrated, lithe and precise, finishing with very good thrust and silky tannins that fold quickly into the wine's juicy fruit. I suspect a lot of Burgundy freaks would get into this wine. **91 Points Vinous**

2012 Bethel Heights Estate Pinot Noir \$30

Bright red. Spicy black raspberry and cherry pit on the nose, with notes of white pepper and allspice adding complexity. Juicy and focused, offering cherry and dark berry flavors with a touch of medicinal bitterness. Turns sweeter with air and shows very good clarity on the finish, which is firmed by dusty, fine-grained tannins that fold smoothly into the wine's fruit. **90 Points Vinous**

2014 Walter Scott Pinot Noir \$24

This 2014 Walter Scoot is available by the glass at Santiam Wine & Bistro

When I am asked if there were any "great discoveries" in Oregon, I would mention "Walter Scott Wines" without hesitation. This is a small bijou operation run by Ken Pahlow and Erica Landon and their story is one of essentially risking everything to pursue their dream. If their wines are of this quality, then their sacrifices have been worthwhile - good news for baby Lucy who joined us for the tasting (though her only comment about the wines was the odd dribble).

You may wonder about the origin of the name. It actually commemorates two ancestors: Ken's grandfather who was a flight engineer for TWA (hence the flightwings adorning the label) and much like Ken, lived life to the full without regret, and his nephew whose untimely passing taught him that life is short.

2013 St Innocent Temperance Hill Pinot Noir \$36

92 Points Vinous 2012 Vintage

Vivid ruby-red. Perfumed, complex scents of black raspberry, mulberry, cola and candied flowers, with a smoky Indian spice nuance adding complexity. Fleshy dark berry and rose pastille flavors are lifted and framed by juicy acidity. Tightens up with air and finishes on a lively bitter cherry note, with lingering spiciness and smooth, harmonious tannins

2012 Westrey Justice Vineyards \$39

Ruby-red. Intensely perfumed red and dark berry, cola and potpourri scents are given an exotic twist by notes of incense and smoky Indian spices. Offers palate-staining black raspberry and cherry liqueur flavors that are sharpened and lifted by juicy acidity and a touch of white pepper. Becomes livelier on the penetrating finish, which shows excellent clarity and depth and gentle tannic grip **92 Points Vinous**

Cheers!

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