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## **Good Evening, What's up in Salem? How about Italian Wine Tasting at Santiam Wine & Bistro~**

**We have a great line-up for Friday night! Big names, big wines mean big fun!  
We will have a perfect sampler plate to go with these wines.**

**Where:** Santiam Wine & Bistro  
**Time:** 4 P.M. -P.M.  
**Date:** 01-09-14  
**Pricing:** Full Pour \$19 Half Pour \$12

**The Wines:**

### **2011 Bruno Giacosa Dolcetto D'Alba \$25**

Dark purple to rim, very dense; nose of sweet dark fruit, very dense as and compact, just a hint of vanilla; palate is larger scaled and thick but very smooth, pleasant sweet dark fruit and good nobility; very good. **91 Points**

### **2011 Bruna Grimaldi Nebbiolo d'Alba "Briccola" \$21**

from vines up to 40 years of age, in Diano d'Alba; essentially made like the barbera here): Good bright medium red. Plum, redcurrant, botanical herbs, smoke and dried flowers on the nose, along with a distinct leathery element. On the rustic side but sweet and scented, with flavors of tobacco and dried flowers dominating. The broad, building finish features fine-grained tannins and good length. Very Nebbiolo.

**88 Points Stephen Tanzer**

### **2010 Olim Bauda Le Rocchette Barbera d'Asti \$22**

The 2010 Barbera d'Asti Superiore Le Rocchette bursts from the glass with racy dark fruit, spices and multiple layers of vibrant, incisive minerality. I especially admire the balance of opulent fruit and minerality in the 2010. This succulent, vibrant Barbera is a fabulous drink. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2016. **91 Points Robert Parker**

### **2011 Elio Grasso Barbera d'Alba Vigna Martina \$30**

14.5% alcohol; from 35-year-old vines in east- and west-facing parcels around Gavarini; aged for 18 months in half-new and half once-used French *barriques*, then blended in stainless steel and bottled a month later): Deep red-ruby. Very ripe, spicy aromas of currant and black plum lifted by a floral topnote. Rich, chewy and deep in the style of the vintage, with mellow, ripe berry and nicely integrated oak tones and a serious structure for barbera. At once fine-grained and mouthfilling. "Two thousand eleven was a vintage of barbera more than nebbiolo," Grasso told me. "Barbera wants warmer temperatures but nebbiolo is much like pinot." **91 Points Stephen Tanzer**

**2010 Ca del Rio Barbera d'Asti \$40**

### **2010 Ca' del Baio Barbaresco Asili \$40**

The 2010 Barbaresco Asili is an exciting, top-notch achievement that shows extreme class and sophistication. Polished mineral tones are fleshed out by cassis, wild berry, chopped mint and freshly milled white pepper. The wine is long and smooth on the finish, with a finely detailed or etched quality to the tannins. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2028. **95**

**Points Robert Parker**

Giulio Grasso's family entered the wine business "late," as he tells it, because his male ancestors were soldiers in the various World Wars. Only after the turmoil in Europe settled, in the mid 1950s, did the family start to bottle wine. The estate's most precious vineyard, the three hectares they own in the Asili cru, was a wedding dowry from Giulio's grandmother (from Barbaresco) to his grandfather (from Treiso). Today, the family owns 25 hectares including the Valgrande and Marcarini crus in Treiso and the Asili and Pora crus in Barbaresco. Giulio's father, Ernesto, farms the vineyards today at age 91. The Ca' del Baio line-up is extremely impressive and delightful. These are some of the best wines from Barbaresco.

### **2009 Bruna Grimaldi Barolo Camilla \$38 (super value)**

The lovely 2009 Barolo Camilla opens to characteristic Nebbiolo aromas of wild berry, dried mint, licorice tar and pressed rose. The wine is elegant and feminine overall with fine, silky tannins at the rear. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025. **93 Points Robert Parker**

Bruna Grimaldi knew she wanted to make wine at an early age, but her father was content selling fruit. After earning a degree in enology, Giovanni Grimaldi (who inherited the estate from his father Giacomo) handed the estate over to her although he continues to help in the vineyard. Bruna's family farms 11 hectares of vines for three Barolos and one Barolo Riserva (only in the best vintages).

**Cheers!**

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