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## **Good Evening, I'm starting the new year off late...good things sometimes take a little longer.**

Please see attached January newsletter and if you are interested in a great wine tasting you should join us Friday night! Oregon Pinot Noir !

**Where:** Santiam Wine & Bistro  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 2, 2014  
**Time:** 4- 8 P.M.  
**Pricing:** Full Pour \$22 Half Pour: \$13

### **The Wines:**

#### **2012 Ayres Willamette Valley Pinot Willamette Valley \$22**

Ayres' 2012 Willamette Valley Pinot is a blend of Dijon clones from Ayres' estate on Ribbon Ridge, accented by old-vine fruit from the Eola Hills. The result exemplifies just how deep and deliciously accessible the 2012 Willamette Valley Pinot Noirs can be. An opaque purple-ruby color in the glass, the wine opens with deep, rich aromas of blackberries, black cherries, spicy cinnamon and perfumed soil. On the palate, Ayres' Pinot casts waves of ripe, fleshy blackberry fruit accented by a lovely earthy soil streak and framed by firm tannins. Enjoy this splendidly balanced, fruit-forward Oregon Pinot over the next two years with grilled salmon, roast chicken, pan-seared pork chops, boudin blanc and hearty vegetarian fare featuring chanterelle mushrooms.

#### **2012 Broadley Vineyard Willamette Valley Pinot Noir \$19**

Dark opaque, unfiltered, the scents, upon opening, are of black raspberry and spice. Flavors are juicy, with big black fruit. Blackberry and a bit of black cherry are refreshing, with a racy natural acidity. Ready to drink, approachable, but balanced, this wine will age for 2-5 years. This is a unique concentrated and satisfying value wine, exceptional for the price.

#### **2012 Owen Roe "The Kilmore" Pinot Noir \$40**

This Yamhill-Carlton AVA blend is a beautiful marriage of two standout vineyards, Lennè and Merriman. Always a favorite to our fans, "The Kilmore" Pinot Noir of 2012 exudes aromas of spiced cranberry, cola and black cherry. The palate is bright and opulent with flavors of dark chocolate, tobacco and coffee. The mid-palate is nicely structured with subtle, yet luscious tannins and leads to a smooth and lasting finish.

#### **2012 Sineann Resonance Vineyard Pinot Noir \$46**

From a very ripe vintage and displaying a level of fruit concentration rarely seen in Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley. Moderately dark reddish-purple color in the glass. Nicely perfumed with aromas of blackberry preserves, Asian sauce and spice. Very tasty core of blackberry and black currant fruit with a dusting of oak. Full-bodied, round and satisfying, with substantial yet balanced fine-grain tannins, and a sappy finish of uncommon generosity. This one will spice up your life. *Score:* 91.

#### **2012 Bergstrom Cumberland Reserve Pinot Noir \$40**

The 2012 Bergström Wines Cumberland Reserve is black raspberry in color with a great aromatic

triumvirate of earth, spice and fresh fruit. The full-bodied flavors are also highly aromatic with sweet purple violets, Oregon matsutake mushrooms, black cherries, licorice and cinnamon spice. There is great natural acidity here that will keep the fruit fresh and vibrant against a fine-grained veil of ripe, sweet tannins for 5-7+ years. - See more at: <http://www.bergstromwines.com/wines-pinot-cumberland>.

### **2011 Brick House Cuvee du Tonnellier \$46**

Based as usual on his estate's oldest Pommard vines, Tunnell's 2011 Pinot Noir Cuvee du Tonnellier is pungently and effusively not to mention winsomely-scented with licorice, wisteria, heliotrope, incense, cassis and elderberry. Juicy, tart-edged dark berry fruit informs a fine-grained palate with the inner-mouth florality and licorice characteristically emphasized by vendange entier persisting all the way through a long, mouthwatering finish in which bittersweet nuttiness and marrowy meat stock add depth and richness. This should unfold gloriously through at least 2022.

**92 Pints Robert Parker**

**Best Regards,**

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