

Hello fellow wine enthusiasts! Let's taste Oregon Pinot Noir together... the last of the 2009 Vintage!

- **Where: Santiam Wine Co**
- **What: Oregon Pinot 2009 Vintage**
- **When: Friday, October 26th**
- **Time: 4-8 yes an hour later unless... you aren't here! testing the waters!!!**
- **Cost: \$18 Full and \$11 1/2 Pour (Five Wines)**
- **Bring: All your friends!**

THE WINES:

2009 Boedecker Athena \$29

Purple plum and blackberry mingle with savory, salted beef stock in Boedecker 2009 Pinot Noir Athena, whose integration of fine-grained tannin goes hand in hand with a suggestion of bone meal suffusion, which along with mossy intimations of forest floor make for a finish as fascinating as it is delightfully fruity and saliva-inducing. I imagine this will be worth following for at least half a dozen years. This cuvee's namesake opines that it is more likely than "Stewart" to show an herbaceous side of Pinot, but in this vintage I find what one could call mineral and animal dimensions its most striking features. **91 Points Robert Parker**

2009 Carlton Cellars "Cape Lookout" \$30 (sourced from a vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton District): Light red. Raspberry and cherry aromas show a slightly jammy quality and pick up spiciness with air. Offers an array of appealingly sweet red fruit flavors and a bracing note of blood orange on the back half. Finishes with good cling and punch, leaving spice and bitter cherry notes behind. **89 points Stephen Tanzer**

2009 Aberrant Cellars "Confero" \$30

Black tea, Thai basil, and rose petal, sour cherry, red raspberry, and purple plum shadowed by their distilled counterparts render the nose of Aberrant Cellars' 2009 Pinot Noir Confero amazingly complex for a wine intended to be that winery's number two – to say nothing of for the price! Polished in texture, buoyant, and infectiously juicy, this carries a sweet, saline savor akin to lobster shell reduction into its long finish, causing virtual palpitations of my salivary glands and an irresistible craving for the next sip. This outstanding value (sourced from five disparate vineyards) is going to make you very happy you bought it over at least the next half dozen years. **92 Points Robert Parker**

2009 Chehalem Ridgecrest \$43

Light, sleek and distinctive for a gently peppery, leafy and floral edge to the delicate flavors of cherry, red raspberry, pear and green guava. Finishes gracefully. Best from 2013 through 2019. 575 cases made **91 Points Wine Spectator**

2009 Evesham Wood "Cuvée J" \$43

This was the last vintage that Russ Rainey made before he sold Evesham Wood Winery. Only a few bottles remain. Opens with a nose of classic Burgundy - compelling and complex, multi-layered and detailed. An amazing swirl of tension between elegant fruit and fresh turned earth and herbs. Made from the best six barrels of Pinot from the vintage, a scant 120 cases. Cuvée J continues to be a 6 barrel selection exclusively from Le Puits Sec Vineyard. Somewhat in contrast to many 2009's the Cuvée J is quite tight and restrained at first, opening up on day 2 with plum and violet notes dominating. It was barreled in 40% new French oak, contributing a spicy character. We will open early and decant.

Special Features on Friday:

"The Wedge Salad" with Gorgonzola Cheese Chunks. \$7 yummy! Wild Mushroom Lasagna with Salad and Cheesy crusty bread \$12 (Our Specialty)

Hope to see you soon!

Don't forget about our Halloween Tasting on Wednesday, October 31st Wicked wines and if you come in Costume we will give you a special discount and free popcorn! From 4-7 Only \$16

Thank you,

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