

Hello all! - The rain is here to stay for a while! Let's all get together at Santiam Wine Company and taste Malbec! Yum! We now have candlelight! Nice and soothing...

When: Friday, October 7th (Did I get the date correct? GEEZ I seem to have issues with months,dates....)

Time: 4-7 Cost: Full \$16. (2 oz pours of each) 1/2 pour \$10. (1oz pours of each)

THE WINES:

2009 Bodegas Calle Alberti 154 Malbec Mendoza \$13.

Rich and earthy with aromas and flavors of raspberries, cacao and leather. Soft on the pallet with medium body and balanced acidity.«Rock-solid, offering dark loam and black licorice notes that push the core of fig, crushed black currant and dark plum fruit. The long, lush finish is nicely focused» (James Molesworth, Wine Spectator). 88 Points

2007 Bodega Norton Reserva Malbec Argentina \$17

Very ripe and primal still," says James Molesworth of Wine Spectator in is 90-point review of Bodega Norton Reserve Malbec 2007. "...Delivering a large core of velvety-textured raspberry, fig and boysenberry fruit that is liberally laced with dark toast, and roasted vanilla. 90 Wine Spectator

2009 BenMarco Malbec Mendoza Argentina \$17.

Beautiful deep purple color with perfumed aromas of ripe red fruits and roasted coffee beans. It is lush, full bodied and penetrating on the palate with loads of chewy, currant jam flavors, bright acidity, and a touch of grip on the almost savory finish. This wine really unfolds with some air so try not to slurp it down in a rush, and it shows why the Argentine people are in love with Malbec. Some Bonarda was blended in for greater complexity and to achieve better balance. Pairs well with a wide range of foods including beef, sausages, spiced or grilled pork, veal, medium-strong cheeses, and meat-based pasta sauces.

2008 Susana Balbo Malbec Mendoza Argentina \$22.50

The 2008 Malbec received the same elevage as the Cabernet. Purple-colored, the nose offers up toasty oak, cinnamon, allspice, and black cherry. Medium- to full-bodied, it has excellent depth and grip, savory flavors, and enough fine-grained tannin to evolve for 2-3 years. It, too, can be enjoyed from 2011 to 2017. 91 Points Robert Parker The Susana Balbo wines are the top barrel selections from her overall production.

2008 Bodegas Catena Zapata Malbec Mendoza Argentina \$23

The 2008 Malbec (priced just over the limit to qualify for the Value report), dark ruby red in color, it delivers an alluring bouquet of Asian spices, incense, lavender, and black cherry. Smooth textured, spicy, and easy-to understand, this pleasure-bent Malbec is an outstanding value for drinking over the next 4-6 years. 91 Points Robert Parker Catena Zapata's newest releases continue the high standards established by this Bodega virtually from its onset, a tribute to Nicolas Catena who continues to oversee his empire.

Saturday, October 8th from 12-4 Join us for 6 wines from the cheap & cheerful FREE.

Thank you!

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