

Greetings!! - Here you go! Sorry it took so long...very busy day! Hey!!
What an exciting wine tasting! A chance to taste 6 wines from the Wine Spectator's Top 100 most exciting wines from 2008! One from Oregon!! Check-it-out!

- **The Place:** *Santiam Wine Company* www.santiamwine.com
- **The Time:** *5-ish and we taste up until 7ish*
- **The Cost:** *\$30 Includes all six wines and some tasty cheese, bread and olive oil for dipping...*
- **The Wine:** *See below*

2006 Beringer Private Reserve Chardonnay \$35. #47

Elegant, rich and complex, with supple layers of ripe pear, apple, melon and appealing ginger spice notes that unfold gracefully and end with a succulent array of flavors, polish and finesse. Drink now through 2010. **92** Points Wine Spectator

2004 Lan Rioja Reserva Spain \$18. # 52

A silky texture carries expressive flavors of black plum, violet, licorice and smoke in this focused, balanced red. Has good intensity yet remains vibrant and accessible. Drink now through 2012. **90** Wine Spectator

2004 Muga Rioja Reserva \$30 #65

Focused and balanced, this vivacious red delivers black cherry, mineral, mint and citrus peel flavors, with firm but well-integrated tannins and a fresh, floral finish. Drink now through 2012. **91** Points Wine Spectator

2006 Cardwell Hill Cellars Estate Bottled Philomath, Oregon \$25. #73

Smooth, round, generous and harmonious, layering its red plum, black currant and boysenberry flavors with a hint of cream and a touch of mint. This is lovely now, but should develop with cellaring. Drink now through 2016. **91** Points Wine Spectator

2006 Chateau De Saint Cosme Gigondas France \$38. #88

Packed with raspberry ganache, bittersweet cocoa, loam and briar notes, all pushed by a dark, muscular finish. Tangy minerality is buried deep on the finish, so cellar for maximum effect. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault. Best from 2010 through 2015. **92** Points

2005 Andrew Will Champoux Vineyard Washington \$130. #25 Magnum Only

Seamless and harmonious, with beautifully articulated, ripe black cherry, cassis and violet-tinged floral notes that mingle with hints of cedar and dark chocolate as the finish plays out against polished tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Best from 2009 through 2015. 1,185 cases made. **94** Points

The fun doesn't stop here! - On Saturday we are going to show all twelve of the December Cheap & Cheerful Red and White HO HO HO Six packs! We are open from 10am-6pm and tasting wine from 12-4 Stop by! Attached is the December Newsletter and the White Cheap & Cheerful talker.

Thank you!

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