

**Good Evening, almost Friday and I guess the start of Spring Break for many. Let the fun begin here at Santiam Wine & Bistro! Most everyone one loves Red Zinfandel. It is a fun wine to have with BBQ. Invite all your friends to come.**

- **Date: Friday, March 22nd**
- **Time: 4-8 PM**
- **What: Red Zinfandel from California**
- **Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro**

**The wines:**

**2011 Predator Old Vine Zinfandel Lodi \$15**

Aromas of chocolate espresso bean, smoked bacon, and baked berries with a silky, fruity-yet-dry medium-to-full body and a juicy, seamless raspberry, cherry, mocha, and spice driven finish. Wonderfully flavorful and rich with a great meaty character.

**2010 Klinker Brick Winery Old Vine Zinfandel Acampo, CA. \$20**

The 2010 vintage in Lodi was extraordinary with a long, cool growing season yielding beautiful, evenly ripened fruit. With aromas of black cherry, cedar shavings, vanilla and spice, this wine offers rich, supple flavors of cherries and plum, perfect balance and a long, smooth, lingering finish. Nutmeg, cardamom and pepper enhance an exotic nose but bright, dark fruits enhance a superb mouth filling experience. Our winemaker thinks this may be the vintage of the century!

**2010 Marietta Sonoma County Zinfandel \$20**

"Our 2010 Zinfandel is a pure expression of Sonoma County. We blend largely from our Alexander Valley ranch with doses of both Dry Creek Valley and Russian River Valley to give the final wine a broad spectrum. The nose is full of bright red and black raspberries followed by the complexity of rhubarb, briar patch, peppery spice, and dried herbs. The mouthfeel is rich and full with focused acidity and soft tannins bringing it to a clean and balanced finish."~Winery Notes

**2011 Seghesio Sonoma County Zinfandel \$25**

Spicy, lush black fruit flavors of Alexander Valley. Briary and raspberry flavors are present, along with structure of of cooler Dry Creek Valley. Overall, this is a balanced and elegantly structured Zinfandel.

**2009 Unti Dry Creek Zinfandel Healdsburg \$28**

The 2009 has just about everything you would want in a Dry Creek Zinfandel: dark color, big berry fruit, cool spice, decent structure and a balanced finish. It is similar to the 2007 only with better balance. Structured enough to last for 5 years if you are. Harvested: 10/10,10/11/09 Aging: 10 months; French Oak (25% new) Total Acidity: 0.55g/100mL Blend: 84% Zin, 10% Petite Sirah, 6% Barbera pH: 3.85 Alcohol: 14.8% Bottled: 9/06/10

**2011 Hartford Court Russian River Valley \$32**

The 2010 Zinfandel Russian River Valley is a big, exuberant wine bursting with dark black fruit, spices, mint and tobacco. This luscious Zinfandel is an excellent choice for drinking over the next few years. High-toned floral notes add lift and freshness on the finish. I especially like the way the wine turns more elegant and finessed with time in the glass. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2017. **90 Points Robert Parker**

Proprietor Don Hartford and his winemaker Jeff Stewart have fashioned an impressive collection of Chardonnays, Pinots and Zinfandels. The Chardonnays are fermented with native yeasts and see significant lees stirring. The Pinots spend 15 months in French oak barrels, 30-55% new. The Zinfandels typically see 9-12 months in barrel, which seems a bit on the short side for wines that have so much to say. All of the wines are bottled unfiltered.

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The Sun will be out on Saturday!

On Saturday we are pouring: Illahe Vineyard Viognier, Dobbies Grenache Blanc and Ghost Cellars Pinot Noir Blanc and Arcane Pinot Gris. A great line-up! Pick-up your fish at Fitts and then join us!

On the special board: Steamers Clams. These wines will go extremely well with these whites. Stop in and taste some wine from

Exciting News: We have been nominated in several categories in the Statesman Journal Best of the Valley. Under: Santiam Wine & Bistro, Santiam Wines, Santiam Wine Co & Bar. including best place to buy wine, best new restaurant, best Appetizers and best undiscovered restaurant! Very exciting for us! If you want to vote for us click on the link below. [bestof.statesmanjournal.com/vote](http://bestof.statesmanjournal.com/vote)- We appreciate your time and vote!

Thank you and Cheers!

From the Grand Cru at Santiam Wine & Bistro!

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