

Good Evening! Tomorrow night is Cab Franc! Hope to see you here! We are looking forward to our 10th anniversary party on Saturday, March 30th from 4-7 including live music from "The Outer Banks" (they were here on Valentines night) and we have many surprises in store, Don't forget to save the date!

- Cost: Full pour \$20
- 1/2 pour \$12
- Time: 4-8
- Date: Friday, March 8th 20, 2013

The Wines:

2011 Owen Roe "The Keeper" \$18

Owen Roe's Keeper is plush and velvety, full-bodied and easy drinking. The scent and flavors knock you out - spice joins black tea, fresh tobacco, thyme, sweet cedar chips, black berries and cassis. When Cabernet Franc is made from well ripened fruit, (as this wine is) it combines plush fruit and interesting accent notes with body that stands well with rich roasted and grilled meats. The name "Keeper" is inspired by the Song of Solomon. This is a great price for a rich and full-bodied Cabernet Franc - as is usual with Owen Roe. The Keeper "...is truly a "keeper". This deliciously large version of Cab Franc is smoother than Cabernet Sauvignon, less earthy than Merlot, approachable like Aussie Syrah and spicy like a smooth Zinfandel. There's few options to pair this wine incorrectly...you'll love it alone or with any meaty meal.

2009 Andrew Rich Cabernet Franc \$28

Bright medium ruby. Brooding, slightly high-toned aromas of cassis, licorice, violet and bitter chocolate. Fat and sweet on the palate, with expressive, lush flavors of dark fruits and spice cake. Broader than the merlot but the tannins here are a bit less fine. Finishes very ripe and chocolaty. 89 Points

2009 Spangler Vineyard Southern Oregon \$24

A surprising full-bodied Cabernet Franc with aromas of dark red fruit, deep ripe cherry, black raspberry and dried herbs. Flavors of dark cherry, pomegranate and hints of anise lead to a complex, seemingly ever-changing finish.

2011 Andrew Will Cabernet Franc Washington \$30

The fruit and savory qualities of this wine are still blossoming in the bottle and more so in glass. The wine is built around forest aromas and plum fruit scented by culinary herbs, tarragon and basil. The wedding of these two facets of our olfactory palates gives the wine the immediate allure that I like to see in new wine as well as the seductive promise of more to come. We will decant this early in the day!

2010 Vintage: Fresh, vital and vibrant, offering an exuberant mouthful of blackberry, black cherry, chai tea and floral flavors that come together seamlessly against refined tannins and linger well. Drink now through 2016. 757 cases made.—H.S.

92 points Wine Spectator

2008 Girard Cabernet Franc \$40

An appealing Cab Franc, among the better versions of the variety. Shows the weight and structure of a fine Napa Cabernet Sauvignon, except the flavors veer toward red cherries and red cherry liqueur. Drink now

2011 Buty Cab Franc/Merlot Washington \$45

All of the estate grown merlot and the majority of cabernet franc are grown in the silt-sands of Conner Lee Vineyard. The minority portion of cabernet franc is from the complex flood deposits of Champoux Vineyard. The two varietals are often evenly split, but the blend is vintage variable. The oak profile is entirely Taransaud Chateau barrels, both new and used. Our merlot and cabernet franc wine is elegant,

structured, rich and floral. Fifteen barrels produced.

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