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Sicily Wine tasting at Santiam Wine and Bistro

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Join us for a journey though Sicily on Friday, April 26th

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro  
Time: 4-8 pm  
Date: April 26th  
Price: \$18 Full pour 1/2 pour \$11

Try our New “Pesto, Garden Flatbread”

THE WINES:

### **2010 Feudo Maccari Nero D’Avola \$16**

Feudo Maccari’s 2010 Nero d’Avola is an absolutely ridiculous wine for the money. Dark cherries, flowers, licorice and tobacco come to life in this medium bodied, expressive wine. There is more than enough underlying structure to ensure at least several years of exceptional drinking. If this were Burgundy, the price would be twice as high. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2018. **91 Points Robert Parker**

### **2010 Tasca d’Almerita Lamuri IGT \$20**

Tasca’s 2010 Nero d’Avola Lamuri is flat-out gorgeous. Sweet floral and minty notes meld in a seamless core of deep, expressive red fruit in this impeccable, totally gracious wine. In 2010 the Lamuri impresses for its overall balance and pure class. This is one of the more refined, polished Nero d’Avolas readers will come across. It is also a fabulous value. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2020. **91 Points Robert Parker**

Alberto Tasca’s relentless search for quality is the driving force behind this reference-point Sicilian estate. I have been following the Tasca wines for well over two decades now, and am still as impressed today as I was when these were among the few quality wines I could afford. This set of new releases includes Tasca’s first wines from their property on the Etna.

### **2010 Planeta Cerasuolo de Vittoria \$22**

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The 2010 Cerasuolo di Vittoria is 60% Nero d'Avola and 40% Frappato. It is a big, plush Cerasuolo that needs at least a few more months in bottle to come together. Sweet red fruit, spices and flowers are some of the notes that emerge from this tasty Cerasuolo. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2016. **88 Points Robert Parker**

These new releases from Planeta include the first wines I have tasted from the family's new venture on Mount Etna. It will be interesting to see the direction those wines take, as the Etna is a terrain suited to indigenous varieties, while Planeta has built a reputation thus far with international grapes. Unfortunately a number of the estate's better known bottlings were not available at press time.

### **2010 Donnafugata Sedara Nero D' Dedara \$15**

The estate's 2010 Sedara is a pretty, mid-weight red. Sweet cherries, flowers and crushed herbs are some of the typical Nero d'Avola nuances that emerge from the glass. I imagine the 2010 is best enjoyed over the next 2-3 years, while the fruit retains its vibrancy. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2015 **88 Points Robert Parker**

I was quite taken with the wines I tasted from Donnafugata this year. Donnafugata is one of Sicily's most visible estates, so it is great to see them doing so well

### **2010 Castellaro Nero Ossidiana \$36**

Corinto 60%, Nero d'Avola 20%, other grape varieties 20%

Strong and decisive for our vino tinto for excellence. On how the fire and the sun that have shaped these islands. The best expression of the grape Corinth soul.

**Vinification:** crushing of whole grapes and grapes without the stalks. Red wine vinification process, without temperature control, long wine fermentation with grape skins and some whole grapes. Wine is drawn off from the vat and transferred to barrels to allow malolactic fermentation. After about eight months it is drawn off in a steel vat. No must clarification, only static settling. Wine is decanted repeatedly to obtain natural clarification and then placed in bottles

### **2006 Gulfi Nero d' Avola " Nerobufaleffi \$48**

The 2006 Nero d'Avola Nerobufaleffi is one of the firmer wines in this line up. Here the ripe red fruit sits on a beautifully precise vein of minerality that gives the wine its phenomenal length and balance. Sweet flowers, licorice and anise add lift on the

finish. This isn't the richest Nero d'Avola from Gulfi, rather it is a wine where the structural elements play a key role in the wine's personality, very much like Barolo or Barbaresco. Accordingly, another year or two in bottle will do the Nerobufaleffi a world of good. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2022. **93 Points Robert Parker**

Gulfi is one of my go-to producers for fine Nero d'Avola.  
these 2006s are well worth looking for. Parker

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