

Good Evening. Tomorrow is the tasting many of you have been waiting for...Cabernet Sauvignon from around the globe. I have found some very exciting wines for us to taste. Collect your friends and come on down for a little wine tasting Friday evening.

- **When: Friday, May 18th**
- **Time: 4-7**
- **Cost: \$25 Full pour, 1/2 pour \$15**

The Wines:

2009 L'Ecole Cabernet Sauvignon WA./OR \$34

With an elegant, old world structure, this sophisticated Cabernet shows aromas of dark fruit, earth, and fresh herbs. A seamless core of blackberry, plum, and dark cherry mingle with notes of tobacco and leather on a dusty tannin, richly structured finish. Winemaker's Comments: This complex and elegant Cabernet Sauvignon reflects the diversity of terroir in the Walla Walla Valley from vineyards planted in wind-blown loess (our Estate Seven Hills Vineyard and Loess Vineyard), ice-age flood silts (Va Piano Vineyard and Pepper Bridge Vineyard) and basalt river rock (Yellow Jacket Vineyard). These prestigious vineyards are certified Salmon Safe.

2009 Woodward Canyon Artist Series #18 Washington \$49

'Rushing Falls', 30' x 24', oil on canvas, Seattle, WA; When interpreting a landscape, Jared often tries to find modern perspectives. His work has evolved from painting distant landscapes and underwater landscapes to his current compositions of 'in-the-forest', 'water bank', and 'macro' landscapes. His work, he says, at times leans towards the abstract yet still evokes a transcendent and genuine feeling of being able to enter, or step into, the paintings themselves - whether physically or mentally. The challenge is to create balance and contrast between light and dark, traditional and modern, boldness and serenity while at all times maintaining honesty.

2008 Finca Las Divas Riglos Gran Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza, Argentina \$28

Bright, full medium ruby. Complex nose melds cassis, tobacco leaf, licorice, herbs and violet. Dense, sweet and pliant, with lovely high-toned tactile fruit offering plenty of immediate sex appeal. Finishes with big but smooth tannins and persistent sweetness. Yet another cabernet sauvignon that caught my attention in an ocean of malbecs this winter. **91 Stephen Tanzer**

2009 Robert Mondavi Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon \$53

Editors' Choice Dry, smooth and distinguished. Shows Mondavi's ability to get the grapes ripe in blackberries and currants, yet the fruit pulls back at the last moment, letting earthy, herbal notes take over, providing complexity and endless pleasure. The tannins are pure Oakville--sweet, soft and supple. Drink this elegant, balanced wine over the next six years. **94 points Wine Enthusiast**

2009 Paul Hobbs Crossbarn Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$43

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Crossbarn is a gorgeous, fruit-driven wine bursting with dark red fruit, new leather, spices and licorice. Expressive aromatics are woven throughout in this beautifully delineated, entry-level Cabernet. The final blend includes 8% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot. Hobbs uses a touch of American oak for this Crossbarn label. The main vineyards are State Lane and Mast, both in Yountville. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2017. **91 Robert Parker**

2009 Clos Manou Bordeaux France \$38

A gorgeous sleeper of the vintage, this blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot comes from the northernmost part of Medoc. The wine exhibits an opaque purple color and a beautiful nose of white chocolate intermixed with black currant jam and hints of sweet cherries and incense. Impressively textured, full-bodied, with loads of glycerin and a touch of toasty oak, this beauty should drink nicely for up to a decade or more.

91 Points Robert Parker

Cheers!

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