

Well here we go...I am so excited, I just can't wait...We want to go out of this place with style and with you! Please come and bid a fond farewell and toast to the future!

We are open Friday, May 27th from 11-7 and then we are moving on Saturday!

I realize these wines are young, I will open them very early in the day and decant! We start pouring at 4 so come down and lets get this party started!!!

**Cost: Full Pour \$40 = six 2 oz pours**

**1/2 Pour \$25 = six 1 oz pours**

**Here are the wines:**

**2008 Buty Rediviva The Stones Red Blend \$49.**

This review is for the 2007-The 2007 Rediviva of the Stones is a blend of 77% Syrah and 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, much of it foot-trodden and then fermented with native yeasts. Aromas of sandalwood, Asian spices, incense, lilacs, black currant, and blueberry give way to a velvety-textured, layered palate with herbs and olives making an appearance. This lengthy effort will benefit from 3-4 years of additional bottle age and offer a drinking window extending from 2013 to 2022. 93 Points Robert Parker

**2008 Abeja Cabernet Sauvignon \$48.**

This is the varietal that we believe will increasingly be recognized as the icon varietal of Washington State and comprises the majority of our production. This Cabernet is stylish, elegant, and impeccably balanced. We accomplish this by meticulous viticultural management, utilization of a rare sorting system, gentle handling of the fruit and the wine, customized practices for every lot no matter how small, and carefully selected French oak.

**2008 Woodward Canyon Artist Series \$48**

this review is for the 2007-The purple-colored 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Artist Series contains 1% Petit Verdot. The fruit was sourced primarily from the famous Champoux Vineyard in which the winery is a partner and the Sagemoor Vineyard, one of the oldest in the state. The Sagemoor fruit for this wine was taken from vines planted in 1972. The wine delivers a splendid nose of smoke, mineral, Asian spices, violets, black currant, and blackberry. This is followed by a medium to full-bodied wine with a velvety texture, excellent depth, savory flavors, plenty of volume, and a lengthy finish. It will continue blossoming for another 3-4 years and should provide pleasure through its 20th birthday.

Woodward Canyon, one of the pioneer producers of Walla Walla (there were 4 wineries here when I visited in 1990; now there are over 125), remains under the direction of Rick Smalls and continues to be a benchmark against which all others aspiring to the top must be compared.

**2007 Andrew Will Ciel du Cheval \$58.**

The 2007 Ciel du Cheval is a blend of 45% Cabernet Franc, 40% Merlot, and 15 % Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 40% new French oak for 20 months. Medium purple in color, it offers up an enticing nose of pain grille, pencil lead, herbs, olives, violets, cassis, and black currant. Ripe, smooth-textured, and mouth-filling, it has enough structure to evolve for several years. This lengthy effort will offer prime drinking from 2013 to 2027. **94 Points Robert Parker**

Andrew Will, located on Vashon Island, a short ferry-ride from Seattle, is where Chris Camarda fashions his blended, Bordeaux-style wines. Without prompting Camarda told me (as he did Lettie Teague in a Wall Street Journal interview) that business has been very difficult, that he is cutting production, and that in the 2008 vintage he has fashioned two varietal wines that can sell within the range that American wine consumers are willing to spend. That said, the current releases of Andrew Will wines from the 2007 vintage are as good as or better than anything Camarda has done before.

**2008 Betz Pere de Familla Cabernet Sauvignon \$66.**

The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Pere de Famille is a blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, and 5% Merlot sourced from 3 regions and 4 vineyards. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it gives up an expressive perfume of sandalwood, mineral, truffle, espresso, incense, violets, and blackberry. Suave on the palate with well-integrated fine-grained tannins, this sweetly-fruited, dense, layered offering will benefit from 6-8 years of cellaring and will have a drinking window extending from 2016 to 2038. **96 Points**

Bob Betz, MW, and his family continue to make some of Washington's finest wine. Betz's attention to detail is legendary; everything is done for a reason. He sources great fruit, oversees the farming, and his fine-tuned palate ensures the correct call on all the blends.

**2008 Leonetti Cellar Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon \$110.**

This review is for the 2007 but this wine consistently earns these scores over and over again –it will be fun to taste!! The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon (76%) also contains 17% Merlot, 4% Carmenere, and 3% Malbec. It was aged for 22 months in a mix of new and used French oak. The nose displays herbs, olives, Asian spices, coffee/mocha, a hint of balsamic, black currant, and blackberry. This leads to a savory, intense, incipiently complex Cabernet that will benefit from 5-7 years of additional cellaring to show its full potential. It will be in its prime from 2015 to 2027. 94 Points Robert Parker

**We will be open at our new location late next week. Watch your email!**

**Thank you!**

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