

Good Evening! I am very excited for this tasting ~ Bordeaux Blends from 3 different growing regions and to make it interesting we will taste blind. Not to prove anything, just for fun. The regions are in Washington, California and France. Don't miss this tasting!

Jerry's Tasting! Great idea Jerry! Bordeaux Blends!

If you have an idea for a Friday night wine tasting we just might make it happen. Please contact Debbie...

Date: Friday, June 11th

Cost: \$28 for all six wines (a great bargain! and you can share!)

Time: 4-7 PM

Place: Santiam Wine Tasting

2007 Chappellet Mountain Cuvee Napa Valley \$28.

"Chappellet winery always seems to over-deliver on quality for the price, thanks in large part to the estate's 100 acres of vines on Pritchard Hill, high above Napa Valley. The 2007 is a blend of 51 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 46 percent Merlot, with a dash of Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The wine is rich and seamlessly mouthfilling yet complex and beautifully structured. It's ready to drink in the short term - it brought out the best in the beef - but will do fine in the cellar for a few years. I rated it 92 points, non-blind. It sells for \$29, a bargain by most Napa standards." (03/1/10) A blend of all five Bordeaux varietals - Cab, Merlot, Malbec, Cab Franc and Petit Verdot - all from Chappellet's famed Pritchard Hill vineyards. Indicative of both the 2007 vintage and mountain fruit, this firm wine is focused and concentrated, but ultimately rewarding. Scents of cherry cola, vanilla, Black Mission fig and plum translate seamlessly to the palate, which is full and round, with fine-grained tannins. Finishes with a kiss of strawberry." **92 Points** Wine Spectator.com

2007 DeLille Cellars D-2 Columbia Valley \$41.

This blend of 51% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot takes its name from Bordeaux's Route D2 which cuts through the Chateaux countryside. It offers up a rich, aromatic nose of raspberry, crushed roses, lavender and tobacco with plush and supple flavors that show undertones of licorice, cocoa and mocha and finish with a sprinkling of nutmeg and clove on the warm ripe tannin finish.

2005 Chateau Ste Michelle Col Solare, Columbia Valley \$58.

The 2005 Red Table Wine is composed of 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, and 4% Cabernet Franc. It also spent 27 months in new French and American oak. The 2005 vintage contains more Red Mountain fruit which may be why it is more structured and powerful; it's also the case that 2005 is a superior vintage. The wine is purple-colored with notes of wood smoke, mineral, spice box, black currant and blackberry. On the palate, it is full-bodied and layered with the tannins well concealed. Reminiscent of a top level Pauillac, it will evolve for 5-7 years and provide pleasure through 2030.

94 Points Robert Parker

2005 Chateau Teynac Saint Julien \$28.

Arguably the most renowned wines on earth, the classed growths of Bordeaux continue to epitomize the power and complexity Bordeaux blends are capable of. While most wines here are based on Cabernet Sauvignon, both Merlot and Cabernet Franc play important roles in adding layered complexity to the finished wines, and allow winemakers in each commune within the region to use the blend that is best suited to their unique combination of soil and meso-climate. The most famous communes each have their own classic traits with St. Estephe giving full, if rustic wines, from the heavy clay soils, to Pauillac's

elegant balance of ripe fruits, minerality and structure to St. Julien's rich blackberry core and supple feel. Moving to the South of the region brings one to Margaux, with its notes of flowers and berries draped over a feminine frame, and then to the Graves region with wines redolent of tobacco, gravel and smoke. To the East lies the famous appellations of St. Emillion, with its wonderfully ripe Cabernet Franc, and Pomerol where Merlot rules the roost and produces deep, plush wines of uncommon refinement.

2007 Justin Isosceles Paso Robles, California \$56.00

Our 2007 ISOSCELES offers an opaque, dense purple-black core with barely perceptible color change to the rim, indicating extraordinarily high extract and viscosity. The nose is variable over a several minute review: black and blue fruit, firm but inviting oak notes of cinnamon and nutmeg, and a sense of just-roasted dark-roast coffee beans. Later, a note of dark cocoa; a dash of black pepper; a drop of vanilla. The palate reveals an immensely flavored wine, repeating the black fruit intensity and powerful tannins typical of this brilliant vintage. The finish is stately, regal, long. This gorgeous ISOSCELES is the most cellar-worthy since the legendary 1997. Hooray! Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc & Merlot

2005 Chateau Pichon-Longueville Pauillac France \$45.

As usual, this superb Pauillac possesses an inky/blue/black color in addition to a big, sweet nose of graphite, charcoal, burning embers, black currant liqueur, and toasty vanillin from new oak casks. Full-bodied with high but sweet, well-integrated tannins, the 2005 Pichon Baron is more backward than the blockbuster 2003 or prodigious 2000. Nevertheless, it is a superb effort whose power, length, and tannic structure suggest it should be at its peak between 2015-2035 **94 Points Robert Parker**

Hope to see you soon!

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