

Good Day Fellow Wine Enthusiasts! - The Weather has been a little crazy here in Salem. The sunset last night was incredible! I know this is a very busy weekend for many with graduation and gardening. I hope you can take a little time off to stop by for a taste of some of the best Pinot Noir's from several winery's right here in the Willamette Valley. **To help we are starting the Pinot Noir Tasting at 4:00 pm on Friday and going until 7:00 pm**

**Cost \$24 for all six wines!**

**Here are the wines:**

**2007 J. Christopher Willamette Valley unfiltered Pinot Noir \$20.**

"This is impeccable pinot noir delivering ripe-tasting, beautifully detailed fruit devoid of the excessive "sweet" fruit that can characterize some Oregon pinots, as well as any noticeable oakiness. Here you find classic, fully ripe berryish pinot noir flavors -- especially wild cherry delivered in an admirably austere fashion with not a hint of greenness or excessive acidity. This is an Oregon pinot noir you could easily mistake for a very fine red Burgundy in a blind tasting." Matt Kramer

**2007 Beacon Hill Estate Pinot Noir \$20.00**

"...A big, intense Oregon Pinot, the heady kirsch and blackberry nose has become intertwined with a rosy earthiness. On the palate it is pure silk, erotic red berries coiled around darker, naughtier flavors. Almost an Oregonian expression of the wonderful wines of Melville, in California's Santa Ynez valley, this wine is becoming a real knockout, and should continue to improve. We're quite proud of our first "experiment" in Pinot Noir!" Beacon Hill website notes

**2007 Cameron Dundee Hills Pinot Noir \$25**

**2007 Et Fille Palmer Vineyard Pinot Noir \$32.50**

Light red. Black raspberry, potpourri and cinnamon on the nose. Sweet, palate-staining red and dark berry flavors are strikingly juicy and pure, with a tangy mineral quality adding urgency. Blends depth and energy smoothly, finishing with excellent focus and sappy persistence. **91 Points Stephen Tanzer**

**2006 Belle Pente Murto Vineyard Pinot Noir \$34.**

Dark red. Sexy aromas of black raspberry, candied cherry, black cardamom and mace. Open-knit red and dark berry flavors are impressively seamless, with slow-building floral and mineral notes adding complexity. Becomes spicier and sweeter on the finish, which is strikingly precise and very long. This wine's balance suggests that it will reward at least a few more years of patience. **92 Points Stephen Tanzer**

**2006 Johan Reserve Willamette Valley Pinot Noir \$35.**

Saturated red. Intensely perfumed aromas of raspberry, candied cherry, potpourri and minerals. Fleshy, gently sweet red berry and cherry preserve flavors stain the palate, with tangy minerals providing lift. The spicy note repeats on the impressively pure, persistent finish. This is really lively for a hot-vintage wine. **92 Points Stephen Tanzer**

**2006 St Innocent Seven Springs \$40. Last wine from the Seven Spring Vineyard~**

Full red. Spicy raspberry and cherry aromas are complicated by notes of cinnamon, mace and dried rose. Deeper cherry and cassis flavors pick up musky floral and herbal

character with air, with zesty mineral and spice notes providing clarity and shape. The spiciness extends through the long, gently sweet finish and hangs on tenaciously. This would be great with a piece of dry-aged steak. **92 Points Stephen Tanzer**

**Hope to see you here!**

Cheers!

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