

Good Day! - Please join us on Wednesday, July 22nd from 4-7 PM at Santiam Wine Company only \$10. Mini Three Wine Tasting~ Featuring Ponzi Vineyards, Beaverton, Oregon.

Here are the Wines:

2008 Ponzi Willamette Valley Arneis \$19.

Tasting Notes: "Vibrant notes of mango, papaya, kiwi, pineapple and a touch of vanilla lead to a mouth of pear and green apple. This wine full of fresh fruit, bright acidity and a touch of sweetness on the finish to balance it."

HISTORY: This very rare and special Italian varietal is traditionally planted in the Northern Piedmonte region of Italy. During one of the many trips to visit the Currado family of Vietti Winery, the Ponzi family was surprised by the wine's delightful flavors and lovely balance. Continuing their innovation in the vineyard and cellar, they returned to their winery and immediately planted cuttings of Arneis in 1991. Ponzi Vineyards is one of very few U.S. producers of this varietal and the only producer in Oregon.

HARVEST 2008: A winemaker is lucky to receive a handful of really magical vintages in a lifetime. 2008 is one of those vintages. In the Willamette Valley we started the season two weeks late due to a cool spring, which delayed budbreak. A cool season throughout June and into July persuaded us to bring already low crop levels even lower to ensure ripening for what was shaping up to be a very cool vintage. To our surprise and excitement, the sun came out in August and persisted into September and October with a gorgeous Indian summer. The daytime temperatures remained high while the nighttime temperatures dropped into the 40s equating to ripe, beautiful fruit with retained natural acidity. We began picking in October and finished in the first part of November. Long hang time for the vines and the luxury of picking when we wanted made this vintage exceptional! The white wines produced in 2008 are full of tropical notes from the lateness of the vintage, plenty of fruit and mid-palate texture, but nice freshness and crispness to keep them lively. The 2008 Arneis is produced from Ponzi's Aurora Vineyards which is exclusively LIVE Certified Sustainable.

FERMENTATION: Grapes were whole cluster pressed and juice settled for 24 hours. The must was fermented at very low temperatures in stainless steel with a portion in neutral oak. This wine completed 50% of its malolactic fermentation, and was lightly filtered before bottling. Alcohol is 13.7%. Finished pH is 3.0. Residual sugar is .50g/100 ml.

2007 Ponzi Willamette Valley Pinot Noir \$34.

Cherry and violet notes with an underlay of clove in the nose lead to a surprisingly full and broad palate. Both high and low tones of smoked meat, cedar, red currant and anise define the mouth with a very long, lithe, elegant finish. "

2006 Ponzi Reserve Pinot Noir \$48.

"The 2006 Pinot Noir Reserve is dark ruby-colored with an alluring perfume of pain grille, spice box, black cherry, and black raspberry. This is followed by a generous, full-bodied wine with mouth-coating fruit, a velvety texture, layers of flavor, and enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years. The rich, persistent finish goes on for nearly one minute. Give it 3-4 years to evolve and drink it from 2012 to 2022." **93 Points Robert Parker**

Ponzi Family

Dick and Nancy Ponzi founded their family winery and vineyards in 1970. For nearly four decades, Ponzi Vineyards has practiced a philosophy of innovation, experimentation and respectful stewardship of the land, while achieving consistent excellence in their wines.

Today, the winery and vineyards are operated under these same guiding principles by the second

generation: Winemaker Luisa Ponzi, Director of Sales & Marketing, Maria Ponzi Fogelstrom and Director of Operations, Michel Ponzi.

Friday, July 24th Wines from the Red Mountain AVA of Washington State price TBD

Red Mountain American Viticultural Area is widely regarded as among Washington State's premier growing environments. Located between Richland, WA and Benton City, WA, Red Mountain is Washington's smallest AVA at only 4040 acres--yet produces the state's most highly-prized and distinctive red wines.

The secret lies in the terrior. With a unique combination of southwest-facing slope, climate, weather and soil conditions, Red Mountain AVA supports precision viticulture. Warm daytime temperatures are moderated by cooling breezes from the Yakima river; sharply cooler nighttime temperatures preserve acid levels in the grapes.

Result: deep, distinctive red wines with strength, richness and exceptional balance. In high demand with vintners, grapes from Red Mountain routinely fetch prices well above market rate.

Red Mountain is home to a only few great Vineyards, including:

- Ciel du Cheval
- Klipsun
- Kiona Vineyards
- Taptiel vineyards
- Grand R've

Saturday, July 25th 12-4 Free
Spanish Cava Sparkling Wine

Cheers!

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