

Good evening wine enthusiasts! Nice weather for our next tasting... Chardonnay from around the globe! Check out the line-up then call your friends and make your plans to attend.

- **When: Friday, July 26th**
- **Time: 4-7**
- **Cost: \$22. Full Pour (2 oz of each wine) and \$13 for our 1/2 pour 1 oz of each wine**

2010 Bodega Catena Zapata Chardonnay Argentina \$22

Pale bright yellow. Citrus peel, stone fruits, sweet herbs and spicy oak notes of ginger and cinnamon on the nose. Ripe, smooth and peachy, with a strong component of vanillin oak. A bit soft in the middle but quite dry and uncompromising, with a saline nuance on the back. 89 Points Stephen Tanzer

2009 Winderlea Vineyard Willamette Valley Chardonnay \$36

Floral aromas of honeysuckle, hyacinth, apple and peach. Rich pear and slight honey tones with bright acidity on the palate ending with a full and lush finish. Drink now and should cellar well for 5 years.

2010 Abeja Chardonnay Walla Walla, WA. \$36

Bright straw-yellow. Aromas of apricot, peach, citrus peel, wild herbs, spearmint, butterscotch and lees, with a floral lift that reminded me of viognier. A fresh, lively midweight with stone fruit flavors complemented by vanillin, toasty oak. There's a savory sake-like quality and an umami texture at work here that go nicely with the wine's restrained sweetness. Finishes smooth and long, with noteworthy concentration. **91 Stephen Tanzer**

2009 Shafer Red Shoulder Ranch Napa Valley, CA. \$50

Pure, ripe and richly flavored, with tiers of nectarine, fig, honeysuckle and smoky oak. Full-bodied, with touches of citrus blossom and lemon peel. Drink now through 2017 **93 Points Wine Spectator**

2009 Domaine Laurent Cognard Montagny 1er Cru "Las Bassets \$28

Lovely ripeness, which gives amazing warmth to the apple, peach and spice tones. This is well-rounded and balanced, with a clean, refreshing finish. Les Bassets is a named Montagny Premier Cru vineyard in the south of the Cote Chalonnaise sub-region of Burgundy. It is one of about 50 sites classified as Premier Cru under the Montagny appellation. At one time, any Montagny wine reaching 11.5% natural alcohol was awarded Premier Cru status, but a more-modern system is now in place, awarding this status to vineyard sites rather than individual wines. This system is standard across Burgundy and is based on the quality of a vineyard's terroir rather than the merits of a particular wine. Around 740 acres (300ha) of vineyards are planted around Montagny, of which two-thirds are now classified as Montagny Premier Cru. This is a particularly high proportion of top-rated vineyards for a single appellation. Due to this large number, the significance of the individual vineyard names is somewhat diluted, so only the finest of these sites (such as Les Coeres) are named on wine labels.

2008 Domaine Meo-Camuzet Clos Saint Philibert Blanc \$42

Hautes Côtes de Nuits Its rich and often tropical aromas, its freshness and mineral character are remarkable.
Amazing wine!

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SATURDAY, JULY 28th from 12-4 FREE

How about a friendly welcome to Lynne Chamberlain owner/winemaker for SpofFord Station of Walla Walla. Everyone loved her 2005 Merlot we poured last week at the Friday night tasting...now we can find out why she ages her wines so long before releasing.

CHEERS!

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