

Greetings! Here we are going into August! Hope you're having a great summer...

Friday, July 30th we are tasting great values of Oregon Pinot Noir. Only \$15 to taste all six wines!

Here are the wines:

2009 Grochau Cellars Commuter Cuvee \$15.

A tribute to Portland's bicycle culture, includes some of John's higher priced Pinots in the blend. Perfumed, bright, vibrant and fresh.

2009 Bruno Willamette Valley Pinot Noir \$17.50

Made by Russ Raney at Evesham Wood Wine writer Matt Kramer (Wine Spectator & Oregonian columnist), writing last year about Evesham Wood and the 2008 Bruno: Let's put the most important information about this terrific deal in Oregon pinot noir right up front: Bruno Pinot Noir 2008 is made by Russ Raney, the owner-winemaker of Evesham Wood Vineyard. Why is this so important? Raney is consistently one of Oregon's finest winemakers. The pinot noirs he crafts under his own label are invariably some of Oregon's most detailed, restrained and age-worthy wines. Where once I was able to write about Evesham Wood wines with pleasurable frequency, their near-cult status today makes that now a disservice to readers, as the wines are so quickly gone from the shelves.

2008 Ponzi Tavola Pinot Noir Willamette Valley \$21.

Deep, bright red. Fresh raspberry and floral aromas are complemented by musky herbs, smoked meat and white pepper. Juicy, brisk red fruit flavors are given depth by a suggestion of licorice. A note of orange peel and a returning peppery quality give a kick to the finish, adding cut to the sweet fruit
89 Points Stephen Tanzer

2008 Seven of Heart WV Pinot Noir \$23.

Light, bright red. Cherry and spicecake on the nose. Supple, faintly bitter red berry and cherry flavors offer a pleasantly tangy quality. A palate-numbing peppery note adds urgency to the spicy finish, which repeats the bitter cherry flavor. This would be nice with a duck and fruit dish.
89 Points Stephen Tanzer

2008 Alchemist Cellars Willamette Valley Pinot Noir \$25.

This is 100% Pinot Noir from the esteemed La Colina Vineyard in the Dundee Hills. It was fermented for 18 days with 20% whole clusters, and aged for 12 months in French oak barrels, of which 25% were new. This transforms the fruit into a wine rich with scents of black cherry, plum, and cedar. Complex and balanced, this is a beautifully tailored wine, with a lovely finish

2008 Bergstrom WV Pinot Noir \$25.

For the first time since 2006, Bergstrom Wines announces the release of its Willamette Valley Pinot Noir from the much heralded 2008 vintage. This special and extremely limited bottling is a unique blend of estate fruit and fruit from the Shea Vineyard and is the perfect wine for everyday drinking. With a dark ruby color, the 2008 Willamette Valley has enticing aromatics of dark red cherries and raspberries with toasty oak notes and a plethora of sweet baking spices like clove and cinnamon and vanilla. The wine is a medium bodied Pinot Noir with generous texture and copious amounts of sweet red fruits, earth and spice notes on the palate. Drink this wine now through 2012.

Best Regards!

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