

Debbie Rios <debbie@santiamwine.com> 
To: tasting santiam <tasting@santiamwine.com>
WA Syrah Tasting at santiam wine and bistro

August 22, 2013 9:15 PM

Good Evening, We've had a busy day! Sorry, for the delay... We have a great selection of Washington Syrah for you to taste tomorrow night

Wine Tasting: Washington Syrah

When: Friday, August 23, 2013

Time: 4-8

Pricing: Full Pour \$22 Half Pour \$13

What's NEW? The Figgie Flatbread is back! Just released: 2012 Owen Roe Sharecroppers by the glass!!!! or bottle \$20

Next Thursday: The Outer Banks Live here! No cover, no corkage! 5-8 mark your calendar

The Wines:

2009 Corvidae Lenore Columbia Valley Syrah \$15

2009 brought us another great vintage of Lenore. Considered one of the best valued Syrahs in the Northwest, this wine is full of aromas of intense spice, bright purple and black fruit, and a beautifully textured mouthful of lovely, perfectly balanced blueberry and cracked white pepper. This deep, purple-hued wine will really give you something to crow about!

2009 Nine Hats Syrah Columbia Valley \$25

Deep, dark color and flavors of blackberry cobbler, raspberries and spiced plums. Layers of complexity are complimented by the wine's wonderfully rich and soft texture. Grapes sourced from Horse Heaven Hills (Alder Ridge) give the wine its distinctive Syrah character. The Red Mountain vineyards (Klipsun & Candy Mountain) provide structure while the grapes from the Yakima Valley (Lonesome Springs and Boushey vineyard) add elegance and balance. The wine was aged for 19 months in French Oak barrels prior to bottling.

2009 Skylite Cellars Syrah Walla Walla \$28.50

Double Gold Seattle Wine Awards!

2009 Va Piano Vineyards Syrah Walla Walla \$40

A beautiful Syrah, the 2009 Syrah Estate comes from estate vineyards and was fermented with 18% whole cluster and aged in 20% new French oak. It offers up a knockout bouquet of smoked duck, wild herbs, mulled blackberries and chocolate to go with a medium to full-bodied, balanced and brilliantly rich palate. Showing no hard edges, notable freshness and a clean, classically constructed finish, it will continue to shine through 2019+. Drink now-2019. **92 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Waters Loess Syrah Walla Walla WA \$45

The reds are outstanding across the board. A pretty, elegant and lively Syrah, the 2010 Syrah Loess

(97% Syrah and 3% Viognier aged in 10% new French oak, all from the Loess Vineyard) delivers beautifully pure blackberry, blueberry, underbrush, smoke and violet aromas to go with a medium to full-bodied, detailed and brilliantly focused palate. Complex aromatically and perfectly balanced on the palate, this impressive 2010 will benefit from short-term cellaring and drink nicely through 2022+. Drink 2015-2022. **91 Robert Parker**

2009 Sequel Columbia Valley \$50

The Long Shadows 2009 Sequel – a virtually pure Syrah, whose cuvee name was chosen as an allusion to winemaker John Duval’s legacy as long-time winemaker for Penfolds and its legendary Grange – was sourced largely from the 1992 Sagemoor Bacchus and 1994 Boushey plantings, among the oldest of their varietal in the state. Allen Shoup relates that when he approached Duval to head a Syrah project under the Long Shadows umbrella, the latter’s initial reluctance stemmed from the predominance of young vines among Washington’s Syrah plantings and, in particular, among those to which Shoup at the time had access. But Shoup persevered in ferreting-out small amounts of fruit from the aforementioned – and by Washington standards old – vines, and subsequently had some small acreage planted with Australian selections that came into production for this bottling. Chocolate, mocha and brown spice elements are prominent already in the nose, creating confectionary expectations that are, at most, only partly confirmed on an expansive, plush palate. Happily, there is primary dark berry juiciness along with hints of mint, black pepper, smoky black tea, and iodine to take this wine in a properly profound direction and offer counterpoint to its sense of sweetness. What’s more, there is a lovely sense of lift and energy to the finish that strike me as Washington-typical even though not especially evident in the current Long Shadows collection when taken as a whole. I suspect this Syrah will prove well worth following for a dozen years. 93 Points Robert Parker

Cheers!

Debbie Rios
Owner
Santiam Wine Company
1555, 12th SE Suite 130
Salem, Oregon 97302
503-589-0775
www.santiamwine.com
debbie@santiamwine.com