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Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting at Santiam Wine & Bistro

Good Evening, The sky is wild tonight! We were bracing for the lights to go out and the wind to blow us away as the thunder roared and lighting lite up the sky! Then it stopped short and calmed down. Tomorrow will be a great day to taste Cabernet Sauvignon my friend.

Theme: Fine Cabernet Sauvignon from Washington and California 90 points and above!

Date: Friday, September 6th

Time: 4-8 PM

Pricing: First Five \$26 Super Pour \$8 (Optional) Full Six Wines: \$34

Half pour of all Six \$20

The Wines:

2010 L'Ecole Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon WA \$38

A dense, rich and focused red, layering ripe cherry and spice flavors into a polished package that extends pleasantly onto the smooth finish. Best from 2014 through 2018. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

2009 Spring Valley Fredrick Walla Walla \$49

Focused, with a moderate grip of tannins around a supple core of black olive-accented black cherry flavors, lingering intently on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. Drink now through 2016.

90 Points Wine Spectator

2009 Long Shadows Feather Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$55.

Crafted by Napa veteran Randy Dunn, the Long Shadows 2009 Feather – pure-Cabernet Sauvignon relying heavily fruit from The Benches and Sagemoor's Weinbau – offers scents and palate-staining impressions of dark berries, spice cake, and tobacco. Thanks to bitter-edged herbal and damp earth elements it is, metaphorically speaking, cooler not to mention less confectionary than most of its stablemates. Finishing with length and sufficient complexity to intrigue, this will, I suspect, merit following for a decade.

92 Robert Parker

Same wine:

100% cabernet sauvignon; all Vicard barrels): Deep, dark ruby-red. Musky black cherry, bitter chocolate, cocoa powder and rose petal on the nose. Less viscous than the Pirouette but with explosive fresh fruits nonetheless; this is a full degree lower in alcohol at 14% following a bit of de-alcoholization. Rather suave flavors of sweet berries and dark chocolate. Finishes with serious but ripe tannins that coat the front teeth. This cabernet will require patience. **92+ Stephen Tanzer**

2009 Northstar Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla \$55

Full bright ruby. Black plum, blackberry and chocolaty oak on the nose. Fat, supple, sweet and very ripe, but with a solid structural underpinning to its tactile flavors of currant, blackberry and sexy oak. Finishes with huge but sweet tannins and strong lingering fruit. Very much in the rich style of the

year but nicely balanced too. **91 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2010 Joseph Phelps Napa Cabernet Sauvignon \$65.

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon is beautiful. Scents of pain grille, mocha, black currants, spices and plums emerge from this deep, resonant wine. The 2010 possesses stunning textural depth and richness, not to mention phenomenal overall balance. Readers who want to get a sense of the 2010 vintage without spending a huge amount of money may want to start here. This is a dazzling wine, especially within its price range. The 2010 is 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2025. **94 Points Robert Parker**

Winemaker Ashley Hepworth has done a fabulous job with these new releases. While most of the attention at Phelps centers around the flagships Insignia and Backus, over the last few years I have been equally impressed with the straight Cabernet Sauvignon, a wine that delivers tremendous bang for the buck. In addition to these wines, I also tasted a few Syrahs from the 1970s. Today, Phelps is known for their Cabernet Sauvignons, but it is also worth remembering Joe Phelps was the first grower to introduce Syrah to the Napa Valley several decades ago.

Super Pour: \$8 (Optional)

2006 Dunn Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, \$82

The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley is quite a bit richer than the 2005 tasted alongside it. The 2006 shows gorgeous depth as it opens up in the glass. Dark fruit, licorice, smoke and tar are some of the notes that flesh out in this broad-shouldered Cabernet Sauvignon. A creamy, textured finish rounds things out in style. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2026. **94 Points Robert Parker**

Cheers.

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