

# The Vintage Missive

January/February 2009

**Don't Forget Pinot Camp! Tuesday February 17, 5:00 - 8:30 B&A Warehouse!**

## **2009, The Year of Events, Classes and Tastings**

We have made our New Year's Resolution: We want 2009 to be the year that we bring you the best in special events, the most informative classes and the best winemakers! There are so many interesting and exciting things happening in the wine world and we want to make sure that Our Customers stay involved and have fun as well. We want to share all of the fun with you!

Here is a snapshot of what is ahead:

*January 29 : Frank Stitt "Bottega Favorita" signing, January 29, 7 pm*

*Chef Frank Stitt will be signing copies of his new cook book in the store!*

*Reservations are required, and the charge is \$50, which includes an signed copy of "Bottega Favorita" along with a tasting of Neal Rosenthal wines and a dish from one of the recipes in the book!*

*Be sure to call 980-9995 for reservations!*

*February 5: Tasca D'Almerita , 5-6:30*

Lilly LoCascio from Tasca d'Almerita and Regaleali winery will be pouring wines at VWS on Thursday Feb 5. There is no charge for this tasting! A super-fun event!

*...And many more events to come. Check out the backpage for more listings of classes and our regular Friday tasting schedule in the meantime....*

**Definitely plan to attend Pinot Camp, February 17:**

**As usual, we have a stellar line-up of winemakers and representatives from some of**

**Oregon's top wineries: Among those featured are:**

**Adelsheim, Firesteed, Bethel Heights, Rex Hill,**

**Benton Lane, Domaine Serene, Four Graces, Panther Creek and more!**

**The tickets are on sale NOW! Call 980-9995 to get your tickets in advance.**

**\$25 in advance, \$35 at the door....**

**....Which leads us to our Fabulous Pick of the Month:**

**From Adelsheim Winery, A Birmingham Favorite!**

**2007 Adelsheim Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, \$26.99 (30.99)**

*...And...*

**2008 Adelsheim Auxerrois \$18.99 (20.99)**

**15% off full case or mixed case purchases of these two wines!**

**Alas, the Auxerrois will be available Feb 2, so hold your horses....**

**(WE also have BIG BOTTLES of Adelsheim Pinot Noir, \$65.99 (69.99))**

## Other Features from Oregon :

**2007 A to Z Pinot Gris, \$12.99 (14.99)**

Lovely aromatics of mango, papaya and kiwi. With lychee, honeysuckle and nectarine rolling onto the palate.

**2005 Argyle Brut, \$27.99 (29.99) 90WS, 90WA**

Aromas of d'Anjou pear and lemon meringue pie, with flavors of yellow plum and honey. A fantastic bubbly!

**2006 Bethel Heights Chardonnay, Estate Grown \$23.99 (25.99) 90 IWC**

Pear and peach aromas with underlying citrus zest and mineral tones. Juicy with a silky texture.

**2007 Airlie "Seven" \$10.99 (12.99)**

A blend of seven white varietals, this wine shows great vibrancy and approachability. There is a touch of sweetness but still great structure that makes this a standout !A perfect sipper, but also a food lover, too!

**2006 Benton Lane Pinot Noir, \$22.99 (24.99)**

An all-estate fruit offering from southern Willamette Valley, ruby-red in color with impressive aromas of Bing cherries and ripe plums. A hint of white pepper adds to the complex finish.

**2006 Bergstrom Cumberland Reserve Pinot Noir, \$45.99 (49.99) 91 WA**

The Cumberland Reserve is a blend from multi-appellations throughout Willamette. Bright red currants and spice on the nose echo in the generous mouthfeel enveloped with deep spices.

**2007 Chehalem Pinot Noir "3 Vineyard", \$29.99 (33.99)**

An intense red-fruited pinot with hints of black tea, smoke clove and nutmeg. Bright fruit fine tannins and a mineral length lead to a clean, succulent finish.

**2006 Four Graces Pinot Gris, Dundee Hills, \$16.99 (17.99)**

This bright and opulent wine is made from Pinot Gris clones sourced from the best vineyards in Alsace, so expect soft floral aromas, green apple and Meyer lemon. Perfect for raw oysters!

**2007 Cloudline Pinot Noir, \$18.99 (21.99)**

Developed by Dreyfus Ashby, the focus of Cloudline is a delicious Oregon wine that doesn't break the bank.

**2007 King Estate Pinot Noir \$27.99 (29.99)**

Aromas cherry, raspberry jam, blueberry lead into a palate of dark cherries and spice. Full bodied finish.

**2007 Montinore Willamette Valley Pinot Gris \$13.99 (15.99)**

Hints of ripe honeydew melon and mango overlay the crisp green apple flavors with a distinct minerality.

**2007 O'Reilly's Pinot Noir, \$17.99 (19.99)**

Fun fact: David O'Reilly comes from a big, Irish family (12 kids!) that believes in meticulous, hard work, meaning that even his "entry level" Pinot from the Owen Roe label is beautiful and elegant.

**2004 Panther Creek , Temperance Hill Vineyard, Willamette Valley, \$39.99 (44.99) 90WA**

Dominated by rich structure, dark black fruit, smoke and earth on the bouquet; blackberry , savory herbs and juicy blue fruit explode on the palate.

**2007 Domaine Coteau Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills \$27.99 (30.99)**

Estate grown grapes with deep aromatics and lots of spice, will age beautifully over the next few years.

**2007 Penner-Ash Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley \$47.99 (51.99)**

Lynn Penner-Ash began making her own wines in 1998 while still working as President and C.O.O. for Rex Hill. Red berry, baking spices and dried fruit compliment a palate of cherry and chocolate and lush texture.

**2006 Rex Hill Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, \$23.99 (26.99)**

Garnet in color , this Pinot opens into notes of juicy red fruits, beeswax, cloves and crushed herbs.

**2007 Stoller "JV" Pinot Noir, \$25.99 (29.99) 90WS**

Juicy raspberry, green tea and earth flavors mingle with subtle coriander and saffras. Has a fine silky finish.

**2005 Bernard Machado "La Canteria" Pinot Noir \$32.99 (37.99)**

Pure Burgundian aromas of cherry and forest floor, cinnamon and truffle. Made from 20 year old Pommard and Wadenswil clones grown in the "La Canteria" vineyard in the Chehalem mountains.

**2007 Sokol Blosser "Evolution" \$15.99 (16.99)**

Nine grapes blended together creating a smooth, layered white wine that is not afraid to stand alone!

**2004 Evergreen "Spruce Goose" Pinot Noir, \$18.99 (21.99)**

Elegant and medium bodied with aromas of cherries, plums, pepper and rose petals. Classic Burgundian style.

**Wine Spectator's Top Values:**

**Check out these Great Wines that Don't Break the Bank!**

**2005 Peter Lehmann Shiraz, Barossa \$14.99 (18.99) 91WS, Issue March 31, 2008**

"Round and generous. A lively mouthfeel of cherry, tobacco and earthy spice flavors, lingering impressively on the focused finish. A tinge of savory beet adds interest." HS

**2007 Morgadio Legado del Conde Albariño, Rias Baixas \$15.99 (17.99) 90WS, Issue Sept 30, 2008**

"A smoky gunflint note adds interest to this firm white. Ripe peach and light herbal flavors pick up the floral and citrus zest notes on the finish. Shows balance, depth and verve." TM (#86 on WS Top 100!)

**2007 Fontanafredda Barbera "Briccotondo" \$14.99 (17.99) 90WS, Issue Dec 15, 2008**

"Displays lovely plummy, chocolate flavors. Full and silky smooth, this is packed with flavor." JS

**2006 Aia Vecchia "Lagone" Toscana \$18.99 (19.99) 91WS, Issue Oct 15, 2008**

"Has sweet berry and fresh herbs on the nose. Full-bodied with soft velvety tannins and a long rich finish. Merlot, Cabernet and Cabernet Franc." JS

**2006 Razor's Edge Shiraz/Grenache, McLaren Vale \$13.99 (16.99), 91WS, Issue July 3, 2008**

"Polished round and expressive. A gorgeous mouthfeel of ripe blackberry, plum, cherry and exotic spices, with hints of leather and brown sugar nibbling at the edge. The finish rolls on and on against superfine tannins." HS

**Special on Crios Wines!**

**All \$13.99 (reg. 15.99)**

Crios Torrontes, 90WA

Crios Malbec, 90WA

Crios Syrah-Bonarda, 90WA

**February's Cellar Selections:**

2004 Hess Collection Cabernet, Napa \$41.99 (49.99).  
*Layered with molasses, black cherry and black berry with chewy tannins and great body.*

2005 Domaine Serene, "Evenstad Reserve" Pinot Noir  
\$57.99 (61.99), 93 WS, #68 Top 100  
*Black and red cherries blend in with mocha flavors to show great complexity that flow into a graceful finish.*

**In -Store Tasting! Lilly LoCascio is Coming! February 5th 5-6:30**

**And she is bringing with her the fabulous wines from Regaleali Winery!**

**And just in time for Valentine's Day, we have "Lamùri", (Sicilian for "love") on sale!**

**2005 Tasca d'Almerita "Lamùri" \$20.99 (23.99) 90WS**

**Baker's Dozen**

**15% discount applies to full or mixed of these super-value wines:**

Heron Chardonnay \$9.99 (12.99)	Domaine Uby Gascogne Blanc \$8.99 (10.99)
Box Head Shiraz \$10.99 (11.99)	Borsao "Monte Oton" \$7.99 (8.99)
Eyzaguire Merlot \$8.99 (9.99)	Domaine Uby Tannat \$8.99 (10.99)
Coltibuono "Cetamura" Chianti \$10.99 (13.99)	Two Princes Riesling \$11.99 (15.99)
Dom. Provenquiere Chardonnay \$8.99 (10.99)	Chono Carmenere \$12.99 (16.99)
Lot 205 No.1 Red \$10.99 (11.99)	Fruitiere Muscadet \$11.99 (12.99)
Bodegas Olivares "Altos de la Hoya" Monastrell \$12.99 (14.99)	

# Vintage Wine Shoppe Events

## January-February Tasting Schedule

*No Charge! All Tastings 5-6:30  
Our canned food drive was a success  
on '08, let's keep it going in '09! Please  
bring a canned good!*

**Fri Jan 23 : Newsletter**  
**Fri Jan 30 : Customer Cook-Off**  
**Thurs Feb 5: Lilly LoCascio**  
**Fri Feb 6 : Newsletter**  
**Fri Feb 13: Valentine's Wines**  
**Fri Feb 20: Burgundy Open House**  
**Sat Feb 21 1:00-3:00 and 3:00-5:00:**  
**Burgundy Open House**  
**Friday Feb 27: Values from Parker**

## **January And February Sale! 20% off**

Wine Racks,  
Wine Books,  
Wine  
Accessories

Open House  
Weekend Sale!  
25% off all gifts!  
(ex. cheese and  
arthur court)

## Wine Classes:

ALL CLASSES REQUIRE  
REGISTRATION and PREPAYMENT  
Classes start at 7:00

Call 980-9995 to sign up!

**January 27: Tre Bicchieri \$40**

We have new winners from Italy!

**February 10: Pinots from Around the World \$35**

From France to New Zealand and Beyond!

**February 24: 2004 Barolo \$40**

A final look at the greatest vintage from Barolo.

**March 3: Tre Bicchieri, Sezione 2 \$40**

Round two of new winners (and there will be more!)

**March 17 :The Great Debate \$45**

Italian Merlot vs French Merlot: You Decide!

Burgundy Open House  
Friday Feb 20th 5-6.30  
Saturday Feb 21st:  
1-3:00, and 3-5:00

## **The Great Customer Cook-Off January 30 5:00-6:30**

*Perfect for the cold months ahead, we have picked Chili, Soups and Stews for the  
Cook-Off. And we have paired wines with them, because that is what we do best.  
If you have a recipe for that you know will not fail, we challenge you! But we  
need everyone else to vote! So help us decide the winner!*

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For the First Time Ever we have 23+ Wineries coming to Birmingham for Pinot Camp!  
This is the LARGEST gathering of Oregon Wineries outside of Oregon! How lucky are we  
that they are coming to see us? So come get your tickets now before they sell out!

Vintage Wine Shoppe's 7th Annual Pinot Camp

Tuesday Feb. 17th, B &A Warehouse, 5:30-8:00

Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door.