

Club Cork Newsletter

July 2007

Summer Touring in the Willamette Valley



In mid-July I had a chance to take 2 days and travel over to the Willamette Valley. A friend of mine and I decided to wine taste at a few wineries we haven't been to before – and visit with folks in the industry that we have. Our first stop is one we frequent any time we visit the Valley – Argyle Winery, right in the center of Dundee. The operation there is first class; definitely start with a couple of samples of their premier sparkling wines. If it's not too busy, ask to tour the warehouse. When we were there, we got the full tour of the bottling operation – interesting to see the difference in bottling lines when filling for a cork closure versus a screw cap closure. We then spent several hours touring the Witness Tree Vineyards. As we sipped through their whites and reds, we were educated on the hills and valley floor of the Willamette Valley – the soils & the micro-climates, and how they affect the wine. We splurged on dinner at the Painted Lady, and in the morning had a fabulous breakfast at the French Bear. Our last stop was at Lange Winery. Much more challenging to find, it was worth the adventure. Don and Wendy have ties to Central Oregon, and it was fun to meet the crew at the winery. If you travel, consider staying at Hotel Oregon in McMinnville (centrally located), never drink and drive, and have fun! As always, enjoy your selection this month. Cheers, Emily and Mark Pelletier

DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE FOR NEXT MONTH!

Friday, August 31st

SEVEN HILLS WINERY

2005 Seven Hills Malbec ~ \$25
Walla Walla, Washington

While Argentina is producing some fabulous Malbec, the wines coming from Washington are again taking center stage. This very limited release wine is one of a kind. Malbec is historically known as one of the five blending grapes in Bordeaux, but has been increasingly seen as a single varietal in Argentina and the US. It needs more heat and temperature fluctuations than other red varietals, like Cabernet, because it has thicker skins on the fruit. Which is why the micro climate of Walla Walla is said to do well with this grape. This is the third vintage of the Malbec wine from Seven Hills.

Tasting Notes: Deep, purple-black color. Assertive scent of passion fruit and blueberry, with floral and spice notes. Medium weight body, with moderate tannin. Berry finish, slightly drying.

Wine Collector: Very Limited Availability. Cellar Life is 3-4 Years.

2005 Pra Soave Classico ~ \$18 Veneto, Italy



Tasting Notes: 100% of Garganaga varietal – this is the ultimate summer wine! A pale golden yellow. The nose is very expressive and delightful, with plenty of lime and lemon fruit, white pepper spice, and a rich, bready opulence. This opulence shows through on the palate, which is rich and weighty, but nicely balanced with fresh acidity. There's plenty of ripe stone fruit and citrus flavours, and more spicy white pepper notes. Very good Fresh and alive and makes your palate sing. Spicy, nutty, flowery and fruity, well balanced and very flavorful. The wine is a clear winner in its quality for price category. Wonderful nuances of banana on the back palate and on the finish.

Looking for a particular wine? Call and order from Cork Cellars and have it delivered with your wine club selections! Great prices, great service – always fun!

Tasting Notes

Seven Hills Malbec 2005
Walla Walla, Washington

Nose:

Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

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Veneto, Italy

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Previous Wine Club Selections

May 2007

Petalos del Bierzo

\$25/bottle

6 or more: \$22.50/bottle

12 or more: \$20/bottle

Vietti Roero Arneis

\$25/bottle

6 or more: \$22.50/bottle

12 or more: \$20/bottle

June 2007

Cougar Crest Dedication One

\$22/bottle

6 or more: \$19.80/bottle

12 or more: \$16.50/bottle

Dominio IV Viognier

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10% TUESDAYS

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10% OFF

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10% OVER COST

Receive 10% over cost on full case orders (no mixed)