

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Friday, September 7, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Oregon's Lachini Vineyards with
Owner Ron Lachini

\$10 Tasting Fee



A passion for Pinot Noir and a dream of starting a small, family-owned estate vineyard producing uncompromising Pinot Noir led Ron and Marianne Lachini to Oregon in 1997 from Northern California. Lachini Vineyards, in the Chehalem Mountain in the North Willamette Valley, began producing limited, ultra-premium, single vineyard Pinot Noirs with the 2001 vintage.

Their goal remains to nurture their 45-acre vineyard's distinctive terroir and produce world class Pinot Noirs of prodigious quality for

generations to come. Their emphasis is on the meticulous management of each vine through biodynamic farming, while combining state of the art winemaking and old world technique to handcraft wines of complexity, grace and profoundness. Lachini Vineyards is L.I.V.E. certified (Low Impact Viticulture & Enology) and Lachini Vineyards now farms their 30-planted acres Biodynamically.

2010 Lachini Vineyard Pinot Gris, Willamette Valley \$21.99

A blend from multiple clones, multiple vineyards and multiple AVA's throughout Oregon, this Pinot Gris expresses a depth of fruit with a wonderful bouquet suggesting lemon, honeycomb, candied orange and more. Substantial fruit flavors run from lime through ripe pineapple with a firm foundation of acid and extract and a pleasingly long finish.

Wine Enthusiast's Paul Gregutt rated the 2009 vintage at 91 Points.

2011 Lachini Rosé of Pinot Noir, Willamette \$21.99

This treat is a fresh and crisp Rosé of Pinot Noir crafted entirely from Lachini's Estate Vineyard's West Block. Half of the free-run juice was bled off in the saignée process to a reveal a bigger, off-dry blush wine brimming with fresh summer fruit flavors and acutely balanced acidity. This is a versatile, food-friendly wine and should provide a perfect backdrop to summer's great food fare, Asian cuisine, cheeses or grilled seafood.

Lachini's 2009 Rosé received **90 Points** from the **Wine Spectator**.

2010 Lachini Pinot Noir, S, Chehalem Mountains \$38.99

The 'S' ('sister' to Lachini's Family Estate Pinot Noir) is crafted with newer oak and selected for more opulence on the nose and ripeness in texture. Crafted from 100% Lachini Vineyards

Pinot Noir from their Estate vineyard in the North Willamette Valley, the 2010 is more “feminine” in comparison to ‘S’ Pinot Noir’s from the warmer 2002-2008 vintages.

This Pinot reveals finesse and complexity with a ripe core of cherries, a hint of tar, smoke and cinnamon spice. Seductive and feminine in the restrained nose, it offers an expansive mid-palate and moderate lengthy finish. Old world in style, it is at once tight and brimming with acidity with an underlying core of dark cherries and raspberries. Vanilla and toasted oak flavors are nicely interwoven with the generous acids and soft tannins and the savory finish lasting over 30 seconds is delectable. This wine’s structure, acidity and balance will allow further development in the bottle for over five to 15 years.

2010 Lachini Pinot Noir, La Cruz Vineyard, Sonoma Coast \$45.99

The La Cruz (The Cross) vineyard is located at the Keller Estate Winery on a knoll overlooking the Petaluma Gap in Northern California where it receives cool morning fog from San Francisco Bay to the South and from the Coastal range bordering Bodega Bay to the West.

This single vineyard Pinot Noir is ruby-red and displays impressive notes of raspberries and bright Bing cherries, root beer and smoky sandalwood. Upon opening up, it reveals beautiful floral undertones with subtle minerals.

Gorgeously silky, it gently coats the mouth with red licorice and a lingering finish. This wine is striking for its balance and effortless complexity as it dances across the palate. Age this wine two to 12 years or more.

2008 Lachini Pinot Noir, Cuvée Giselle, Chehalem Mountains \$68.99

Rated at 91 Points by The **October 2010 Wine Advocate**, this is Lachini’s ‘reserve’ selection representing the best barrels from their Estate Vineyard each year. The 2008 vintage is medium ruby colored, offering a lovely perfume of framboise, rose petal, and incense. On the palate it sports plenty of bright fruit with enough structure to evolve with aging. Nicely balanced with excellent grip and volume, it will be at its best from 2012 to 2020.

2010 Lachini Pinot Port \$30.99

This dessert-style wine was crafted by using the ripest Pinot Noir lots from Lachini’s Estate Vineyard, picked when the berries are at their optimal ripest state and hand sorted to ensure only the most mature berries will age in three barrels. The result is wonderfully aromatic with a seductive nose of decadent cherries jubilee and a hint caramel and nut. Tawny in style, it is velvety smooth with a rich creamy texture.

Ruby colored and medium-bodied, with loads of sweet, candied bright fruit and subtle flavors, this Port finishes with exotic spices and modest tannins and begs for Roquefort cheese, chocolate truffles, candied nuts, crème brûlée or a fireside cigar.