

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Friday, October 12th, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Swiftwater Cellars with Laura Bainter

\$10 Tasting Fee

This Friday afternoon between 4 and 7 p.m. we welcome **Laura Bainter** from **Swiftwater Cellars Winery** as we sample Swiftwater's fine wines sourced from the premier growing regions within Washington's Columbia Valley.



Swiftwater Cellars stands on top of the historic Roslyn No. 9 Coal Mine in the heart of the Cascade Mountains, an hour east of Seattle. Mine No. 9 mine played an important role in the vibrant history of coal mining from the 1880's until the mines shut down in the 1960's.



Swiftwater's owners **Don and Lori Watts** celebrate that rich history with remnants of Roslyn's history on the grounds at Swiftwater, from the No. 9 Mine's original entrance just across the courtyard to Tipple Hill, once a mountain of coal slag now overgrown with grass and shrubs.

Two seasoned winemakers have helped Swiftwater realize its vision of creating excellent wines from Northwest fruit.

Consulting winemaker **Tony Rynders**, with experience at Argyle, The Hogue Cellars and Oregon's Domaine Serene, has been joined by winemaker **Linda Trotta**, formerly of Gundlach Bundschu Winery in Sonoma.

2010 No. 9 Semillon \$20.99

Sourced from the Wahluke Slope and Yakima Valley, this blend of 85% Semillon and 15% Sauvignon Blanc offers lively notes of citrus, fresh nectarine and lemon grass. Crisp and refreshing on the palate with flavors of lime zest, apple blossom and a lingering minerality, this wine's natural racy acidity makes it a wonderful food pairing wine.

2009 No. 9 Chardonnay, Yakima Valley \$21.99

This zesty 100% Yakima Valley Chardonnay opens with aromas of lemon zest, tangerine and cardamom along with mineral and floral notes. Flavors of lemon meringue, apricot, caramel and honey suckle fill the palate. Partial barrel fermentation contributes toasty, nutty nuances on the finish.

2009 No. 9 Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley \$32.99

This inaugural Number 9 Pinot Noir possesses an ideal combination of freshness and structure. Lifted red cherry, raspberry and rose petal combine with nuances of vanilla and nutmeg for a seamless integration of fruit and oak. The palate bursts with sweet red fruit that shows impressive extraction and length for such a refreshing, approachable wine.

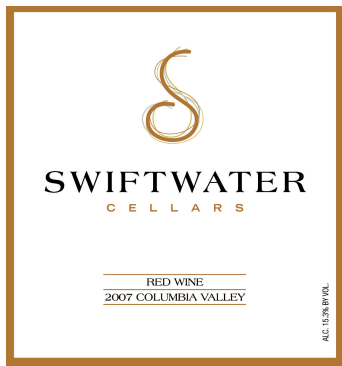
2009 Swiftwater Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley \$59.99

The 2009 Swiftwater Pinot Noir displays complex aromas of red plum, raspberry, dried currant, clove, allspice, and a touch of fresh tarragon. Its palate is rich and supple, highlighted by flavors of bing cherry, blueberry tart, star anise, toast, pepper, cassis, black raspberry, and violets with a fleshy mid-palate and fine tannins on the long, silky finish.

2008 No. 9 Red \$32.99

This blend of Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon presents aromas of plum, red cherry, violet, tobacco leaf and barrel spice. Featuring fruit from the Horse Heaven Hills, the Columbia Valley and Walla Walla, its vibrant palate shows lovely blueberry and huckleberry flavors with toasted oak, and white pepper, accented by hints of dried herb. With soft tannins throughout, it is medium bodied with a long, supple finish.

2007 Swiftwater Red Wine \$53.99



Sourced from the Horse Heaven Hills and Walla Walla Valley, this Bordeaux-style blend opens with aromas of blackberry, cedar, fresh tobacco, black olive, and bramble. Its full, rich palate displays layers of cassis, blueberry compote, toast and smoky black cherry with ample yet refined tannins.

This wine is composed of 44 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Cabernet Franc, 16% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot and 10% Syrah.