

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes:
Friday, November 9th, 4:00 to 7:00 pm:
Celaeno Winery and
Owner-Winemaker
Brian Countryman!

\$10 Tasting Fee

Brian Countryman, co-owner and winemaker of Woodinville's *Celaeno Winery* likes to do things a little differently. For example, he ages his wine in American, not French oak, often choosing Kentucky oak, harvested from the **Daniel Boone National Forest**.

Founded in 2010, the winery is named for **Celaeno**, one of the seven daughters of **Atlas** in Greek mythology that we know today as the **Pleiades** in the constellation **Taurus**. **Brian Countryman** has six sisters of his own and has named his winery as the seventh in honor of them.

Brian's wines reflect his passion for the vine. Following a career with Microsoft he is now free to follow that passion and craft small lot wines with his fellow winery tenant, Jody Elsom of Elsom Cellars, in their combined production facility on the Woodinville-Redmond Road in Woodinville.

Celaeno NV Viognier "Il Purgatorio" \$ 18.99

According to Brian, the name "**Viognier**" comes from the Latin phrase "**via Gehennae**," which means "**road to hell**." That referred to the scorched-earth policy of the Roman emperor **Vespasian**, who became annoyed at the local peasantry who raided Roman barges along the Rhone River.

This 100% **Viognier** comes from the **Antoine Creek Vineyard** far from the Rhone River in Okanogan County along Highway 97 northeast of Chelan. It is a beautiful summer wine promising to be a favorite on the boat, on the deck, or this winter in front of the fire at home

with your favorite seafood: crisp, fruity, and dry.

Celæno 2008 Okanogan County Pinot Noir \$41.99

This rare Washington State sourced Pinot Noir is also from **Antoine Creek Vineyards** and aged in Hungarian oak. It offers deliciously full fruit flavors and firm tannins.

Celæno 2009 Okanogan County Pinot Noir \$41.99

We're also pouring the 2009 vintage of the Celaeno Pinot Noir wine, allowing you to experience the effects of different vintages on the finished wine.

Celæno 2009 "Both Barrels" Syrah \$38.99

This Syrah is sourced from the famous **Minick Vineyard** in the Yakima Valley. It is aged in a blend of 65% Kentucky oak from the Daniel Boone National Forest and 35% Pennsylvania oak fashioned into barrels by the Tonnellerie Marchive of Barbezieux, France.

Celæno 2008 "Both Barrels" Syrah \$38.99

We'll also pour Celæno's 2008 Syrah which differs from the 2009 in vintage and in its being aged in 100% Kentucky oak. These two wines will provide an interesting comparison.

Celæno 2009 Petit Verdot \$38.99

This 100% Petit Verdot from the Yakima Valley is aged in a blend of Hungarian and American oak. A traditional Bordeaux varietal, it's often added to Bordeaux wines in small amounts to add tannin, color and flavor to the blend. It is also useful in 'stiffening' the mid palate of Cabernet Sauvignon blends because it can produce powerfully "grippy" tannins and develops deep aromas of violet and leather as it matures. Being able to enjoy it alone and unblended will be an interesting and enjoyable experience.