

Saturday, December 29th, 4-7 p.m.
The Wines of Trust Cellars
With Dave Nesbit of Cru Selections

\$10 Tasting Fee



In their former lives as a journalists for Atlanta's CNN, **Steve and Lori Brooks** got to know a lot about wine because they traveled and drank it--all over the world. After nineteen years Steve found he really wasn't happy in that career and decided instead to take the plunge into the world of wine. In 2003 he and Lori moved to Walla Walla.

After taking classes at the Center for Enology and Viticulture in Walla Walla and assisting at several area wineries, Brooks launched Trust Cellars.

When Brooks and his wife Lori put their heads together to choose a name for their new winery, it came quickly. "When we sat down and thought about what we had done--" Brooks said, "--quitting our well-paying jobs, selling our house, taking the kids out of school and moving cross-country to a town where we didn't know anyone... and then on top of that starting a winery... Trust seemed like the perfect description."

Trust Cellars 2011 Columbia Valley Riesling \$17.99

The Trust Cellars 2009 and 2010 Rieslings were listed in *Seattle Magazine's Top Ten Washington White Wines*. This lovely Riesling, rated 90 points by **Stephen Tanzer**, offers bright acidity and aromas of citrus peel, peach and wet stone. It's sourced from some of the state's best Riesling vineyards, including Evergreen Vineyard, in the Ancient Lakes area along the Columbia River and sells out every year, partially because it is the only white that Brooks makes, but mostly because it's seriously tasty.

2010 Trust Cellars Tried & True Red Table Wine \$18.99



Trust Cellars' Tried And True Red Table Wines feature the work of skilled tattoo artists, and Lindsey Nelson of *Beyond The Ink* in Seattle, Washington created the bulldog label for this release.

The wine is a blend of 63% Syrah and 37% Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from Portteus, Lewis, Airfield, Willow Crest and Kelly vineyards.

Trust Cellars 2008 Columbia Valley Syrah \$30.99

Deep purple colored, this wine offers an intense nose of blackberry, cherry and blueberry, with scents of rose petals, lavender and a hint of violets. The flavors are ripe and concentrated, underlain with chocolate, black licorice and mineral earth. The saturation continues with a gush of blueberry juice, and is imbued with tones of dried orange peel, cinnamon bark and pencil shavings on a spicy, chewy sweet-dry tannin finish.

Trust Cellars 2009 Walla Walla Syrah \$30.99

Sold out at the winery, this vintage earned 91 points from *Wine Spectator*. This vintage reveals aromas of beautiful blackberries, blueberries, game meats and black tea, followed by flavors of loganberries, sweet herbs and chocolate.

Trust Cellars 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon \$38.99

Also rated at 91 points by *Wine Spectator*, the Trust Cellars 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Franc. Smooth and supple, with floral notes weaving through the black cherry and tobacco flavors, it comes together nicely on the long, refined finish.

Crafted from fruit sourced from the Yakima Valley, this wine was treated to 16 months in French oak. 40% of the barrels were new, giving a nuanced aroma, flavor and body to the wine.