

*Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes*  
*Saturday, March 30th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.*

## *Sonoris Wines*

*Washington Wines by Hillary Sjolund*  
*With Hilary and with Dave Nesbit of Cru Selections*

*\$10 Tasting Fee*



Drawing inspiration from great people to make great wine is what Sonoris is about. The winery's name is a play on the word "sonorous" that means something "giving out or capable of giving out a sound, especially a deep, resonant sound, as a thing or place".

Sonoris Wines was founded in January of 2011 by acclaimed winemaker **Hillary Sjolund**. Her grapes are sourced from select vineyards throughout the Columbia Valley such as Gamache Vineyard, Lawrence Vineyard, Champoux Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills and two vineyards from the Red Mountain AVA.

Each of Hilary's wines is technically balanced, uniquely expressive and deeply resonant of its terroir. A unique aspect of Sonoris is that Hillary pays homage to her family through her wines. Each is a nod to a different family member and features a personally meaningful photo of that person as dedications to those who have inspired and motivated her career.

### *2011 Sonoris "Pure Grace" Sauvignon Blanc \$19.99*

The 2011 Pure Grace is 100% Sauvignon Blanc from Gamache Vineyard. It shows off aromas of nectarine, citrus, lemon and golden apple. It can also boast of its crisp acidity and juicy mid-palate before a hint of grapefruit and orange blossom on the finish. Only 137 cases were produced. What does that mean? 137 cases amount to 1,644 bottles for Washington; for the USA; for the World?

## *2011 Sonoris "Verna Mae" Viognier \$23.99*

The 2011 Sonoris Verna Mae, is a southern Rhone-style blend of 78% Viognier and 22% Roussanne that's clean, crisp, bright and guaranteed to make you yearn for the coming summer days when we can lie in the warm grass and sip this with abandon!

## *2009 Sonoris "The Source" Merlot \$32.99*

Here's a blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc sourced from Red Heaven Vineyard, and Scootenev Flats Vineyard of Red Mountain and Champoux Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills.

With aromas of red berries, raspberry, strawberry, violets, vanilla, cardamom, blueberry and tobacco leaf, it shows soft and silky tannins on the palate with a slight toasted oak finish. Even less of this was produced at 97 cases!

## *2008 Sonoris "Burney's Blend" Cabernet Sauvignon \$42.99*



This blend of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot comes from Blue Mountain Vineyard of Walla Walla, Weinbau Vineyard of the Wahluke Slope and Dionysus Vineyard, Columbia Valley.

With aromas of blackberry and cassis, toasted oak and cedar, baked berry, strawberry jam, black tea, cigar, black cherry and cocoa, its nose alone could make you dizzy. The palate is long with

chewy tannins on the mid palate before its lingering finish.

"Burney's Blend" is named for Hilary's grandfather and released last spring. You be pleased to know that a whopping 197 cases were produced, making it easier to share this wine with the other six billion of us on the planet!

*There may also be a Sonoris Port to enjoy Saturday!*