

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Friday, April 12th, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Auclair Winery with
Owner and Winemaker Charlie Auclair

\$10 Tasting Fee

Auclair 2012 Sauvignon Blanc \$18.99

Charlie sourced fantastic Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc from the Fred Artz Vineyard on Red Mountain for this Bordeaux style white again this year. The nose opens with citrus aromas highlighted by Meyer lemon, guava and floral honeysuckle. Flavors pop with grapefruit and guava on the front palate and a creaminess hint of honey on the mid-palate followed by bright acidity in a long balanced finish.

2012 96 Cedars White \$16.99

Charlie added a white wine to his 96 Cedars "second" label in 2012. Taking advantage of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc grapes ripening at the same time, he co-fermented the wines a small Stainless Steel tank. This truly special wine shows great Semillon flavors while profiting from the acidity of the Sauvignon Blanc.

2008 96 Cedars Merlot \$26.99

96 Cedars is Auclair's "second" label and this now "sold out" 2008 vintage was its debut wine. With huge aromas flowing from the glass, this Columbia Valley Merlot is blended with 9% Cabernet Sauvignon and 9% Cabernet Franc. It boasts juicy cherry notes and aromas of spice, cedar, cassis and pepper with a full and mouth-filling palate displaying abundant fruit and a lingering finish showing off sour fruit tannins and spice.

2009 96 Cedars Red Blend \$26.99

The Auclair 2009 Red Wine is a new wine produced from the fabulous fruit that didn't fit into the Auclair labeled wines. It is Merlot dominant with Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc playing large supporting roles, and we think you'll love it.

2010 Right Blend, Artz Vineyard, Red Mountain \$48.99

The Auclair Right Blend is a nod to the blends of Bordeaux's Right Bank and highlights Fred Artz Vineyard Red Mountain fruit from that perspective with 77% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 13% Cabernet Franc.

The wine is a clear dark ruby with a bouquet that starts out with Cranberry and Raspberry and leads to dark red cherry fruit highlighted by Christmas spice. Its smooth palate is full and mouth filling, offering loads of plump dark red fruit flavors, highlighted by drying tannins and a long lingering finish with just the right amount of acidity to make this a balanced and enjoyable wine.

2010 Left Blend, Artz Vineyard, Red Mountain \$48.99

The Auclair "Left" Blend, honors the famous blends of Bordeaux's Left Bank and features Charlie's best Red Mountain fruit from the Artz Vineyard. It's 80% Cabernet Sauvignon blended with 11% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc, aged in 100% French oak with 33% of it new.

This wine opens with alluring aromas of spice, cranberry, raspberry, and red fruit that evolve and develop further as it opens, keeping you coming back for more. The palate opens with tart acidity up front but moves into a full, smooth and mouth filling flavor profile with dark red fruit flavors, cherry and spice. Soft but persistent tannins are highlighted by just the right amount of acidity for a long and lingering finish.

This wine will age nicely for at least 10 years and we suggest that you to give it time to develop in the cellar, but if you can't wait, decant it well and buy several bottles so you can keep some to age!