

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Friday, April 26th, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Carol Shelton Wines:
"Mastering the Zen of Zin"
With Drew Murphy of A&B Imports

\$10 Tasting Fee

2011 "Rendezvous Rosé" \$17.99

90 Points, Wine Spectator This dry Rosé is sourced from the Cox Vineyard in Mendocino County, part of California's North Coast Appellation. This combination of 90% Carignane blended with a splash each of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented and aged in 100% stainless steel.

"Zesty and festive with a bold pink hue and crisp, racy raspberry, spice and toasty vanilla notes." Light cranberry in color, the wine shows juicy strawberry-watermelon fruit aromas, nice mineral notes and a hint of pink grapefruit. Refreshingly crisp and dry, it's great with almost any food, from sushi to salmon to BBQ!

2009 "Wild Thing Zin" \$21.99

90 Points, Wine Spectator The Wild Thing is Old Vine Zinfandel from Mendocino's Cox Vineyard, using only using the wild yeasts found on the organically grown grapes for fermentation.

It blends together 78% Zinfandel, 12% Carignane, 7% Petite Sirah and 3% Cabernet Sauvignon to produce aromas of black cherry, plum and raspberry fruit that combine with a hint of vanilla-oak loveliness. Everything is smoothly textured, very creamy and round with a long finish showing lush and jammy fruit in a wine that's dangerously good!

2009 "Monga Zin" \$21.99

90 Points, Wine Spectator The Monga Zin grapes come from 100% dry farmed Old Vine Zinfandel grapes from the Jose Lopez Vineyard (planted in 1918) in the Cucamonga

Valley AVA. Its name comes from merging the Cucamonga Appellation with the “humongous” flavor of the wine.

This wine offers bright pomegranate cherry fruit, brown sugary-caramel oak and fragrant Asian spices in milk chocolate and cocoa. Its mouthfeel is young and chewy, but eminently drinkable right now.

2008 "Karma Zin" \$37.99

Karma Zin signifies the wonderful good luck that brought Carol to the incredible 100+ year-old Bastoni Vineyard in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley.

This vintage blends 94% Zinfandel with 3% Alicante Bouschet and 3% Petite Sirah to present complexly layered and lively spices and black fruits. There's also dark chocolate, Creamy oak, a bit of vanilla and brown spices of nutmeg and cinnamon. It's rich in mouth with good structure for aging and a bit chewy in its youth.

2009 "Rocky Reserve" Zinfandel \$37.99

This blend of 95.5% Zinfandel and 4.5% Petite Sirah is sourced from Sonoma County's Florence Vineyard at 1,400 feet in altitude. The Rockpile AVA's higher altitude provides a cooler climate that allows for longer hang-times for the grapes, thus producing an elegant Zinfandel with ruby red color and full blueberry-blackberry fruit and spicy oak smoke. Its focused acidity enhances its minerality and its elegantly structured tannins for aging.

NV Black Magic (.375) \$22.99

This Late Harvest blend of 70% Zinfandel and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the Bastoni Vineyard in Sonoma County.

Inky blue-purple in color, with aromas and flavors of deep razz-blackberry jam and luscious dark chocolate and oak spice, this wine is sweet but not clumsy and pleasingly balanced with a bit a tartness and notes of warm vanilla on the finish.