

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Friday, July 26th, 4-7 p.m.
Walla Walla's Forgeron Cellars with
Don Gagnon and Konnie Rincon

\$10 Tasting Fee

This Friday, stop in at Wicked Cellars between 4 and 7 p.m. to discover for yourself the unique wines of Walla Walla's Forgeron Cellars inspired by winemaker Marie-Eve Gilla's French heritage! Don Gagne will be with us Friday afternoon to share the wines and all that he knows about Forgeron Cellars!

Forgeron 2012 Ambiance \$27.99

This fourth edition of the Rhône-inspired white wine, Ambiance, brings unique characteristics that create a special atmosphere of enjoyment. The 2012 Ambiance opens with delicious aromas of orange peel, star fruit and apricot. Viognier in the blend brings hints of lush tropical fruits while Marsanne contributes its powerful texture and hints of honeydew. Roussanne imparts an elegant, creamy mouthfeel, while Grenache Blanc offers a spicy core and bright citrus flavors. After aging in neutral French oak, the 2012 Ambiance is a full-bodied wine with gorgeous spirit, beautiful balance and an elegant, lingering finish!

Forgeron 2011 Chardonnay \$26.99

Marie-Eve uses multiple vineyards to produce her signature Chardonnay. She achieves a consistency by sourcing from many different terroirs, crafting a Chardonnay with outstanding complexity, richness and body while remaining deliciously crisp and refreshing.

Grape sources include Chardonnay from Weinbau Vineyard ~ Wahluke Slope, and Kestrel Vineyard and Crawford Vineyard of Yakima Valley as well as 6% Orange Muscat from Crawford Vineyard.

This crisp Chardonnay shows flavors of Granny Smith apples, crisp Bartlett pears, limes, and sourdough bread beautifully framed by Burgundian oak barrels. The 2011 vintage allowed bright acids for a perfect finish to this lively Chardonnay.

Forgeron NV Walldeaux Smithie RTW \$19.99

Walldeaux Smithie is bold and juicy with full flavors and a smooth but a firm structure. It is a non-vintage blend for more consistency and greater density. By blending vintages Eve-Marie achieves full tasting experience with complex layers from more “mature” 2009 and 2010 vintages by combining them with fruity, youthful and juicy mouth filling flavors from the “younger” 2011 vintage.

Forgeron 2010 Merlot \$32.99

Forgeron's 2010 Merlot is a blend of several well-known vineyards from unique settings throughout Washington. Fruit from the warmer Walhuke Slope (Stonetree) has impressive depth and power, while the cooler Yakima (Olsen & Boushey) terroir conveys fresh, bright blueberry flavors.

This Merlot shows a spicy nose with impressive pomegranate aromas and hints of light caramel and raspberry-filled chocolate. The palate is vibrant and ripe with Acerola cherries, juicy cassis and impressive dark fruit and texture. With subtle undertones of spice, herbs, and cocoa this food-friendly wine is ready to sleep in your cellar or to enjoy now with decanting.

Forgeron 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon \$42.99

Forgeron's voluptuous 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon is deep and layered, with big bold flavors, black cherry, ripe currant and cassis. It's made from 92% Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from Pepper Bridge (Walla Walla Valley) Dionysus (Columbia Valley) Stonetree (Wahluke Slope) vineyards combined with 8% Malbec from Stonetree Vineyard.

Pepper Bridge's low yields give the wine bold fruit with great ageability. Dionysus “Old Vines” produce intense, fully ripened flavors of fruit and spice while Stonetree's warmer terroir bring depth and power to the wine. Dark and juicy Malbec contributes further complexity and fullness.

Forgeron 2010 Zinfandel \$32.99

This wine turns the youthful Zinfandel nose of brambly berry up a notch with toasted hazelnuts and a twist of fresh mandarin. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it displays excellent acid-to-fruit balance with plenty of blackberry fruit up front and a backdrop of chocolate and licorice spice followed by cracked pepper and clove.