Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes Saturday, August 17th, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Everett's August Art Walk Night and Oregon's J. Scott Cellars

\$10 Tasting Fee!

Owned by Jonathan and Bonnie Oberlander, J. Scott Cellars is a boutique winery located in Eugene, Oregon at the very south end of the Willamette Valley. Owner and winemaker (J. Scott) Oberlander is the epitome of the new generation of Oregon winemakers who combine Old World winemaking tradition with New World technology and innovation.

J. Scott 2011 Roussanne, Columbia Valley \$19.99

This elegant and exotic white sourced from regions of the Columbia Valley that lie on both sides of the Oregon/Washington border presents pretty aromatics and yet is rich in the mouth. It sees no oak and no malolactic fermentation, and if you like Chardonnay, give this wine a try!

2011 J. Scott Blanc de Noir (White Pinot Noir) \$22.99

Despite its name, this is not a sparkling wine; instead, it is a still white wine made from Pinot Noir grapes. It's lush and silky on the palate, with notes of lemon curd and grapefruit.

2011's cooler growing season temperatures inspired Jonathan to give this style of wine a try. He held costs down by exchanging wine for fruit with the grower. Using classic "Champagne protocol," he pressed the grapes so gently that the skins didn't break, and then stirred the lees frequently as the wine aged in stainless steel, to smooth out the mouth feel.

J Scott 2011 Chardonnay \$21.99

This first Chardonnay from J. Scott Cellars was made at Bonnie's request because she was tired of the many boring, unoaked Chardonnays on the market. Both she and Jonathan

feel that Chardonnay needs at least some oak to enhance the varietal's natural flavors and aromas.

Made from grapes grown in Southern Oregon, a region warmer than the Willamette Valley yet cooler than most of California, this is a full-bodied Chardonnay balanced by the judicious use of oak to present levely aromas of butterscotch yet retains needed acidity.

2010 J. Scott Rogue Valley Syrah \$23.99

Oregon's southernmost winegrowing region, the Rogue Valley, extending from the Siskiyou Mountains foothills along the California border north to the Rogue River, is perfectly suited to Rhone varietals. This inky Syrah offers fruit with just enough tannin to give it structure without being too muscular.

2010 J. Scott Petite Sirah \$30.99

This wine is anything but petite. Black as midnight, this Petit Sirah offers jammy fruit on the nose and a big chewy texture. This is delicious now, but it has the structure to age and develop greater complexity for years to come.

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2009 J. Scott Cabernet Sauvignon \$30.99

Winemaker Jonathan Oberlander has this to say about his 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, "Oregon is not known for Cab. In fact, as a California winemaker I used to joke about making Cab in Oregon. Well, it is not a joke! This wine is NOT green, it is NOT herbaceous and it is NOT hard. It IS big and fat and juicy! I kid you not."

Does he kid us or NOT? There's one way to find out, and that's in your glass- Santé!