

*Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes*  
*Friday, September 20th, 4-7 p.m.*  
*Chatter Creek Winery*

*\$10 Tasting Fee*

Gordon Rawson began making wine 30 years ago while working for a Seattle area fine wine distributor. In 1987, he started working for Master of Wine, David Lake, at Columbia Winery. After ten years at Columbia, Gordon opened Chatter Creek in the basement of his north Seattle home, producing top-quality sparkling wines. In 1998 he broadened his focus to include still wines and early in 2000, he left Columbia to focus entirely on Chatter Creek.

Today Chatter Creek is located in the Woodinville Warehouse District and specializes in handcrafted varietal wines that emphasize the diverse terroir of Washington State. Production is styled after classic European wines with a focus on Rhone and Bordeaux varietals.

*Chatter Creek Sauvignon Blanc 2011 \$12.99*

Sourced from the Yakima Valley's Chelle den Millie Vineyard, this floral white shows ripe honeydew melon and Fuji apple on the nose. While quite dry, it offers sweet flavors of peach, and mixed melons on the palate along with lively acidity that supports its long clean finish.

*Chatter Creek Merlot 2011 \$23.99*

Terroir driven this is an elegant Merlot from the Lonesome Spring Ranch and Portteus vineyards that offers aromas of black cherry, current, and spice. On the palate are tart red-berry, cherry, and dark chocolate that give way to a long and lingering finish.

### *Chatter Creek Blend 105 2007 \$19.99*

This Columbia Valley blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Syrah sparkles with bright, ruby color. The nose, ripe and forward, is an aromatic blend of violets, cassis, and black cherry. A complex palate opens with flavors of cassis and warms to plummy cherry and blueberry fruit. The finish continues the interplay of fruit and terroir, framed by notes of toasted almonds and vanilla bean in a wine that boasts of tremendous balance and careful winemaking.

### *Chatter Creek Cabernet Franc 2010 \$23.99*

Classy, supple and seductive, this velvety red offers delicate floral aromas, shaded with blueberry, cedar and aged tobacco notes on the nose. On the palate, it is lovely blueberry-laced currants at the core, along with red berry, plum, spice and black cherry fruit. The palate picks up notes of white pepper and tea as the fruit lingers beautifully on the fine-grained finish.

### *Chatter Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 \$23.99*

This wine sourced from Alder Ridge, Portteus and Lonesome Spring vineyards shows dark purple. The bright nose intertwines an array of blueberry and black cherry, with hints of coffee, and blackberry elements. A medley of flavors, including blueberry, cassis and cedar, follows on its tremendously round mid-palette. Creamy and rich, with great mouth feel, this medium to full-bodied wine is well-balanced and even after 33 months of barrel aging, presenting smooth tannins and a lingering finish that both satisfies and leaves you eager for more.

### *Chatter Creek Malbec 2008 \$23.99*

Unencumbered by new oak, this wine is big and focused. Bold aromas of black cherries and dried berries join with a hint of meatiness that adds interest and complexity for a near perfect bouquet. On the palate, this year's Malbec is saturated with dark berry and plum flavors supported by notes of mineral and meat. The perfectly balanced wine offers a great dose of natural acidity and ends with a long, clean finish.