

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Friday, October 18th, 4-7 p.m.
Lake Chelan's Nefarious Cellars With
Dominic Calandri

\$10 Tasting Fee



Located just off Highway 97 on the warm south shore of Lake Chelan, Nefarious Cellars has grown in steps over the years, beginning with their first vineyards planted in the area in 1998. The Nefarious Vineyards winery and tasting room opened on Valentine's Day, 2006, and they've since established Nefarious as Lake

Chelan's flagship winery. Wife and husband team Heather and Dean Neff split winemaking responsibilities, with Heather creating the white wines and Dean making the reds.

Nefarious has three estate vineyards in the Lake Chelan AVA: Rocky Mother and Stones Throw Vineyard north of Lake Chelan and their Defiance Vineyard adjacent to the winery. They also source fruit from Sagemoor Vineyard, Weinbau Vineyard and Riverbend Vineyard in the Wahluke Slope and Upland Vineyard in the Snipes Mountain AVA.

Nefarious Cellars 2012 Defiance Vineyard Estate Viognier
\$20.99

"Bursting with aromatics of pear, papaya, nectarine, and lime zest. It's summer in a glass and one of our perennial favorites. Styled to be a delicate wine, packed with apricot and grapefruit, a pretty side of floral notes, with just a hint of minerality."

Nefarious Cellars 2012 "Consequence" \$19.99

The Consequence is a blend of 55% Sauvignon Blanc, 30% Aligote and 15% Viognier. This off-dry white patio sipper is the ultimate lounging wine. Aromas of green apple, baked pear, and candied pineapple pop out of the glass chased by flavors of lime zest, stone fruit, and ruby red grapefruit.

Nefarious Cellars 2011 Defiance Vineyard Syrah \$28.99

(Note: all of the reds mentioned here are sold out at the winery.)

This wine is elegant and pretty, with aromatics of cherry, roasted plum, and violet. Floral red fruit on the palate initially give a feminine impression, but dig deeper and you'll find both tobacco and mid-palate intensity that's sturdier and more impressive than at first glance. You may soon be drinking this wine as a cocktail, dessert, and everything you can pair it with in between.

Nefarious Cellars 2010 Spinner \$32.99

This blend of 76% Merlot, 12% Mourvèdre and 12% Cabernet Sauvignon is aromatically rich with lots of graham, violet, cassis, blackberry and black cherry notes leading the way into a firm and concentrated wine filled with spicy black fruit, vanilla and plum.

Nefarious Cellars 2011 Cabernet Franc \$30.99

This baby hails from the Wahluke Slope and packs a punch of dark, very ripe red fruit. It's engaging and silky on the palate, filled an exotic spice box of aromatics and loads of deep, dark, brooding fruit. Yes, it's super limited in production.