

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes

Saturday, January 18th, 4-7 p.m.

Washington Blends on Art Walk Saturday

\$10 Tasting Fee

\$5 for Wine Club Members

Tasting Fee Refunded with Purchase of Three Bottles from the Tasting

To celebrate January's Art Walk Saturday with artist Pamla Penning we're offering a tasting of six killer Washington blends, five red, one white and all (except the last) for just \$19.99. With these wines, you'll want to be here for the fun, the art and the wine Saturday between 4 and 7 p.m!

Market Vineyards 2012 Liquidity White Blend \$19.99

Market Vineyards is a dream brought to life by five partners, four with backgrounds in the financial market arena. Their attention to detail and quality comes second nature.

The 2012 vintage of Market Vineyards' Liquidity White Wine is a delightful 50/50 blend of delicately floral Roussanne and citrusy Viognier grapes from Gamache Vineyards.

Notes of ruby red grapefruit, violets and white peach blend for a most beguiling aroma. A kiss of honey graces the palate alongside subtle stone fruit and a soft minerality while a hint of citrus finishes this wine with finesse and grace. This wine is a refreshingly crisp pairing with fish or chicken dishes and would be delightful with a light summer salad. **89 Points, Wine Enthusiast**

Market Vineyards 2010 "Derivative Red Wine" \$19.99

Rich notes of dark chocolate-covered cherries burst from the glass in this 2010 blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. This wine imparts gorgeous soft floral notes, balanced with deep, smoky characteristics. Lush and bright, with a terrific acid balance, it hits the palate and lingers; making for a delectable wine sure to please the most discerning wine lover.

Fidelitas 2012 M100 Red \$19.99

Dark ruby in color with bright blackberry and cedar aromas on the nose, this wonderful Columbia Valley blend of Cabernet, Merlot and Malbec from winemaker Charlie Hoppes, is packed with character and class just like Hoppes' Grandmother Mary who passed away at 100 in December 2005. In her honor, they make this wine that's every bit as authentic as she was.

Bright red fruit shines through displaying aromas of cherry and strawberry, along with layers of dark red fruit showing raspberry, blackberry flavors with notes of clove and vanilla all with a tremendous depth and richness that carries through the long finish, and throughout hints of on the palate.

Robert Karl 2010 "Claret" Horse Heaven Hills Normally \$21.99 During the Tasting 19.99

This perfectly balanced, underpriced masterpiece opens with aromatics of blueberry, boysenberry, cinnamon, nutmeg, espresso and bubble gum. On the attack plums and fig flavors lead, followed by pie cherry acidity, a strand of chocolaty tannin and black licorice. Hints of dried herbs in the silky finish bode well for flank steak or duck confit with a cherry glaze.

Dunham 2012 Three Legged Red Normally \$20.99 During the Tasting 19.99

Dunham Cellar is a family-owned winery located in a remodeled World War II airplane hangar in Walla Walla, Washington. Three Legged Red was named for Senior Winemaker Eric Dunham's three legged dog, Port, who passed away in 2008.

The Cabernet of Three Legged Red is one of a brambly character that mixes with a sweet cherry pie fruit taste across the palate. The Syrah adds in a blackberry character, as well as spice notes of nutmeg, clove and a touch of star anise. The Merlot draws out the blueberry fruit while adding a touch of richness. Washington's diurnal temperature

swing means that all of these fruit flavors are bright and supple, making the wine burst with a bright juiciness.

Waters 2010 "Interlude" \$32.99

Waters is an artisanal boutique winery founded in Walla Walla, Washington in 2005. Waters' winemaker Jamie Brown produces just a few thousand cases of small lot bottlings each year, aimed at reflecting the unique character of each varietal and the qualities of the land from which they come.

Interlude, Waters popular Bordeaux-style blend, represents some of the most popular vineyards in Washington State including Cold Creek, Canoe Ridge and Seven Hills in its traditional red blend of 57% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Malbec, and 3% Cabernet Franc. The natural balance and elegance of this wine is derived from selecting the optimal vineyard lots through rigorous blending trials, which requires us to make a pure sensory evaluation and offer up our most personal and artistic winemaking expression.

The nose is bold and bright – focused and ripe with spice and red fruits. On the palate it has mouthwatering fruit that continues through the mid-palate with explosive boysenberry and plum. This versatile wine can easily stand alone or be paired with many of your favorite dishes.