# Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes Saturday, February 8th, 2 to 5 p.m. CAVU Cellars of Walla Walla and Winemaker Joel Waite

\$10 Tasting Fee \$5 for Wine Club Members Tasting Fee Refunded with Purchase of Three Bottles From the Tasting

This Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. we are very pleased to welcome CAVU Cellars of Walla Walla and winemaker Joel Waite. CAVU Cellars is family owned and operated by coowners Jim, Karen, and son Joel. CAVU is an old aviation weather acronym that means 'Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited'. Pilots like seeing that acronym on their weather forecast as it means a good flying day. Since winery founder Jim Waite is a former Army pilot, it seemed like a great name for the winery that the family created together at the Walla Walla Regional Airport in 2008.

### CAVU Cellars 2012 Sauvignon Blanc \$21.99

This release from the Lonesome Spring Vineyard is attractively styled; offering fresh aromas of apricot and pear, with lively, sprightly flavors that show hints of grapefruit, passion fruit and guava with a zingy finish.

#### CAVU Cellars 2011 Barbera \$29.99

From the Alder Ridge Vineyard in Washington's Horse Heaven Hills, this wine reveals a rich, smoky black cherry and black currant nose. The flavors are dark, bold and penetrating, directly focused with the cherry fruit pushing on to the finish. The fruitacid balance is excellent, with underlying minerals, earth and licorice and a bit of spice emerging on the dry, well-fruited finish.

## CAVU Cellars 2011 Syrah \$29.99

Emitting seductive aromas of raspberry, blueberry, pomegranate, and violets, this Syrah offers a palate of thick and decadently lavish flavors, intermixed with licorice, cocoa powder, French roast, and minerals. On the back, the wine turns chewy, yet svelte, with gently squeezed fruits and notes of raspberry, orange peel and pomegranate seeds. The richness continues right on through the spiced, dry, and smooth tannin finish.

#### CAVU Cellars 2010 Horizon Red \$27.99

This distinctive blend of Horse Heaven Hills Merlot with Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec sourced from Walla Walla's Les Collines Vineyard exhibits a rich and slightly peppery nose with hints of spice and mocha. Its velvety texture reveals dark fruit, roasted coffee, and licorice followed by a lush tannic finish and a silty minerality.

### CAVU Cellars 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon \$37.99

From the Les Collines Vineyard in Walla Walla, This Cab offers a deep ruby color and a classic Cabernet nose of cassis and huckleberries with scents of tobacco, dried rose petals and sandalwood. Flavors are deep and focused, with a slightly grainy texture underlain with silty earth and minerals, bittersweet chocolate, anise and notes of Italian roast coffee. Its dark fruit character intensifies on the back of the palate, and is followed by nutty, dryish tannins on the long finish.

#### SPECIAL FUTURE RELEASE FOR TASTING

# CAVU Cellars 2010 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Les Collines Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley \$37.99

Our tasting at Wicked Cellars this Saturday will be the very first PUBLIC Release of this wine!! Come and be among the very first to experience all its complexity and promise for yourself!