

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Saturday, March 8th, 2 to 5 p.m.
Walla Walla's Balboa Winery

\$10 Tasting Fee
\$5 for Wine Club Members
Tasting Fee Refunded with Purchase of 3 Bottles From Tasting

Founded in 2005 and located in the Walla Walla Valley, Balboa Winery crafts elegant wines with the belief that the Walla Walla Valley is capable of producing the finest wines in the world.

Working hand-in-hand with the grape grower, owner and head winemaker Tom Glase strives to create exceptional, food-friendly wines that are true to the terrior, varietals and vintage, wines with a sense of time and place, and a product of Balboa's core values.

Balboa 2010 Merlot Pepper Bridge \$32.99

Sourced from just five rows of grapes in block 64 of Pepperbridge Vineyard, this merlot is fresh and lively, showing candied red fruits, ripe raspberry jam and gentle hints of loamy earth. It proudly boasts a lush mouthfeel around a core of dark fruits.

Balboa 2010 Estate Syrah \$26.99

This is 100% Syrah from Balboa's estate vineyard. Opening with a bouquet showing floral hints of rose petal and hibiscus with cranberry, pomegranate and cigar box, it also reveals dark fruits, pie cherry and minerality on the palate.

90 Points- Harvey Steinman, Wine Spectator

Number 34 in the Andy Perdue's Seattle Times Top 50 Regional Wines, November 29, 2013: "This classic Syrah was best in show at the inaugural Walla Walla Valley Wine Competition. It reveals notes of bacon, blackberry and dark chocolate."

Vineyard: Balboa's Estate Eidolon Vineyard (Block B5), Walla Walla Valley

Balboa 2009 Mith Red Blend \$42.99

"Fresh and vibrant, with inviting ripe currant and blueberry flavors, wrapped in a veil of fine tannins and hints of smoke and cocoa. Finishes with intensity. Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2020. 180 cases made." - **91 points, Harvey Steinman, Wine Spectator**

Rich notes of dark cocoa, plum and mocha. On the palate flavors of cassis, dark cherries around a stylish, silky core.

This wine originated in 1998 and is a collaboration between Mike Sharon of L'Ecole No. 41 and Balboa's Tom Glase. This wine has always been a proprietary blend and the 2009 is no different.

Vineyards: Eidolon Vineyard, Waliser Vineyard, and Summit View Vineyard.

Balboa 2010 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon \$32.99

"This gorgeous cabernet from a select block of the **Eidolon Vineyard** in the Walla Walla Valley shows magenta and ruby color in the glass, flowing with a lifted nose of violet, star anise and soft red raspberry... On the palate, more blackberry and current tones come forward with cedar, black olive and a perfect accent of clove, baking spice and vanilla. The Eidolon site's signature white stone minerality carries the long finish. Beautiful power and focus without being heavy or oak dominated...A stunner! Try it with something tasty off the grill, like Prime Rib or a slow cooked Leg of Lamb!" - **Thomas Price, Master Sommelier**