Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes Friday, March 7th, 4 to 7 p.m. Will Camarda with Andrew Will's New Releases

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

Chris Camarda and his Andrew Will Winery are legends in the world of Washington wines. This Friday afternoon we have the pleasure of inviting Will Camarda, Chris's son and his assistant winemaker into Wicked Cellars for a tasting of Andrew Will's latest releases.

Andrew Will 2012 Columbia Valley Cabernet Franc \$30.99

The majority of the fruit for this just released wine is from Andrew Will's own Two Blondes Vineyard. It is 95% Cabernet Franc with 5% Cabernet Sauvignon from Red Mountain's Ciel du Cheval and the Horse Heaven Hills' Champoux vineyards.

Opening with aromas of Italian seasonings, cherry, crushed leaf and red plum, it presents flavors of dark chocolate, cherry, plum and sage on the palate. Here's a classic Washington Cabernet Franc with the herbal notes we tend to long for in a wine to enjoy with lasagna, pizza with pepperoni and black olives or polenta.

Andrew Will 2012 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$30.99

This is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Camarda's own Two Blondes Vineyard. The wine benefits from a return to more typically historical vintage temperatures after the cool 2010 and 2011 vintages. It spent 12 months in 35% new French oak and was just released in January.

This Cab opens with aromas of cassis, dark berries, cigar smoke, dark soil tones, French roast coffee, a bit of tobacco leaf and a judicious framing of cedary oak. it's full on the palate, complex and nicely structured, with a good, solid core of fruit, ripe tannins, bright acidity and fine length and grip on the youthful and chewy finish.

Andrew Will 2012 Discovery Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$52.99

This is a pretty and elegant 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the relatively young Horse Heaven Hills Vineyard planted in 2005. This wine possesses the flavor profile one associates with the Horse Heaven Hills, namely perfumed aromatics of black fruit and crème de cassis with layers of fruit, flowers and herbs, minerality and graphite. Will deliver over the next 12-15 years.

Andrew Will 2012 Two Blondes Red Blend \$62.99

This blend of 43% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc and 2% Malbec is true to the vintage and the vineyard from which it comes. Its focused and yet soft middle palate speaks to the vintage and the vineyard's own characteristics. The fruit is bright and yet giving. The middle structure of this wine is softly set and allows for a great deal of immediate pleasure as well as an authentic promise of complexity to come after the wine is aged.