

*Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes*  
*Friday, March 28th, 4 to 7 p.m.*  
*Mackey Vineyards with Co-founder Phil Mackey*

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

Located in the highly coveted southeast part of the Walla Walla Valley in a deep canyon on the south fork of the Walla Walla River, Mackey Vineyard's site is reminiscent of the prized vineyards of Bordeaux with river rock studded soils, and higher elevation, which provides not only frost protection, but the moderate temperatures ideal for French-style wines. From this land, the family owned Mackey Vineyards is dedicated to extremely small production of estate grown Bordeaux varietals.

*2011 Mackey Vineyards Riesling \$16.99*

Light straw-colored with hints of green, this quintessential off-dry, Kabinett style Riesling offers up a complex bouquet of citrus, pear, melon, mineral, honeysuckle, and tangerine peel. On the palate crisp acidity frames flavors of melon, pear, apple, and citrus. This is a vibrant, intense, and impeccably balanced 100% Riesling with laser-like focus. **89 points** - Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*

*2009 Mackey Vineyards Merlot \$39.99*

This 100% Merlot sourced from Dionysus and DuBrul vineyards presents gorgeous aromas of black cherry, black plum, espresso, vanilla, sage, mint, and earth. On the palate the primary fruit components of raspberry, black cherry, and black plum are delicately balanced with notes of grilled meat, scorched earth, dark chocolate, espresso, and vanilla. The seamless, silky tannins and elegant texture lead into a rich, lingering finish of raspberry, tobacco, and vanilla. **93 points** - Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*; Double Gold - 2012 Seattle Wine Awards

## *2009 Mackey Vineyards Syrah \$34.99*

This elegantly structured 100% Syrah from Mackey, Les Collines and Bacchus vineyards is a testament to the unique terroirs of Walla Walla, exhibiting beautiful structure, complexity, and length in a ripe, round style. Its bouquet offers aromas of black cherry, blackberry, vanilla, earth, truffle, and classic grilled meat. The palate's silky texture and fine tannins envelop flavors of ripe blackberry, black cherry, grilled meats, black pepper, vanilla, mint, minerals, and earth, while its resonant, silky finish lingers for over a minute. **92 points - Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*; Gold - 2012 Seattle Wine Awards**

## *2009 Mackey Vineyards Concordia \$39.99*

The Concordia presents beautiful aromas of blackberry, blueberry, spice, earth, cedar, and cured meat, and its rich texture and silky tannins beautifully frame flavors of blackberry, cured meat, truffle, white pepper, mineral, scorched earth, dark chocolate, and espresso. Refreshing acidity provides a high-toned lift on the long, vibrant finish. **91 points - *Wine Spectator*; 92 points - Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate***

## *2009 Mackey Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon \$34.99*

This vibrant, elegantly structured Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits a deep garnet color with exuberant aromatics, beautiful structure, good complexity, and length in a union of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon with splashes of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot sourced from Mackey, Gamache and Stone Tree vineyards.

The bouquet offers cassis, black cherry, earth, truffle, eucalyptus, and mint. The palate's silky texture and fine-grained tannins meld smoothly with its flavors of cassis, blackberry, plum, dark chocolate, tobacco, mint, minerals, and earth, and its resonant, silky finish lingers for over a minute.

**90+ points - Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*; Gold - 2012 Seattle Wine Awards**