



Isenhower Cellars Newsletter February 2010

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### **Wine and Chocolate for February 13 in Woodinville**

Get your wine and chocolate fix at Isenhower Cellars Tasting Room in Woodinville on Saturday, February 13, from 12 to 6 pm. Yum! Yum! Yum!

Chocolate produces some pretty cool effects in the human brain. It increases the production of endorphins given the taster the "natural high". Chocolate can regulate serotonin in the brain causing a feeling of relaxation (sort of like anti-depressants). Finally chocolate contains substances that might mimic the effects of marijuana, boosting the pleasure you get from eating the stuff.

The chocolate truffles are prepared by our friends at [Petits Noir](#) and are 90% cacao. The pairing are:

**2007 Rara Avis Grenache paired with Violets and Sea Salt Chocolate Truffle.**

**2007 Road Less Traveled Cabernet Franc paired with Fresh Fig Chocolate Truffles**

**2007 Red Paintbrush paired with Toasted Anise Chocolate Truffles**

**2007 Batchelor's Button Cabernet Sauvignon paired with Cardamom Chocolate Truffle**

All of the truffles made by Petits Noir are preservative free and hand made. There is no way that any other winery has such a cool spread of wine and chocolates this weekend!

Reservations are required. Please send us an [email](#) or call 509.526.7896 to make a reservation. so we know how much chocolate to bring. Denise really does not want to have to eat any chocolate left over. Guests are fine but we ask they pay \$5 to help defray the cost of the truffles.

*I want a girl with a mind like a diamond  
I want a girl who knows what's best*

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### **Eight Years of the Friends of Isenhower**

Wow this is our 8th Spring Wine Club Release! Eight years ago we had 50 wine club members and today we have 1200 members! Thank All of you for enjoying our wines and for being part of our winery!.

Member of the Friends of Isenhower Wine club receive three bottles of wine twice a year (March and October). The automatic shipment of wine has a 15% discount applied to it. If you add additional bottles to the shipment then the discount is 20%. All additional purchases of wine has a 20% discount. Members are never charged a tasting fee and do not pay to enjoy our parties.

An order form is attached to this email that you may use. Additional wines may be added to your shipment or pick up via four methods: [online shopping cart](#) (use coupon code "wine club" for the discount), fax the order form to 509.525.8118, [email](#), or call 509.526.7896

**Isenhower Cellars is having a release party in Woodinville, WA on March 6th from 12 to 6.** We will have cheeses well paired by Mejken to serve with the wine club wines. If you are signed up to pick up your wine club shipment in Woodinville you may do so at anytime from March 6th on. If you pick up your wines in Walla Walla you may do so at any time. If your wines are shipped they will leave our winery on March 8th or March 15th.

*I want a girl with shoes that cut  
And eyes that burn like cigarettes*

*I want a girl with the right allocations  
Who's fast and thorough  
And sharp as a tack  
She's playing with her jewelry  
She's putting up her hair  
She's touring the facility  
And picking up slack*

*I want a girl with a short skirt and a long jacket.....*

*I want a girl who gets up early  
I want a girl who stays up late  
I want a girl with uninterrupted prosperity  
Who used a machete to cut through red tape  
With fingernails that shine like justice  
And a voice that is dark like tinted glass*

*She is fast and thorough  
And sharp as a tack  
She's touring the facility  
And picking up slack*

*I want a girl with a short skirt and a long jacket*

Cake, 2001

## **Mejken Poore to be our Tasting Room Manager in Woodinville**

*It took us awhile but we finally hired a tasting room manager at our Woodinville tasting room. Mejken Poore comes to us highly recommended from her experience as a General Manager with Beecher's Handmade Cheese and as the Pike Place Market Representative for Alm Hill Gardens.*

*Mejken is a graduate of the University of Washington with a BA in Community, Environment and Planning and a BA in English Literature. Maybe some of you can talk Chaucer or Christopher Marlowe with her. She is a good balance for Isenhower Cellars because Denise and I are science orientated.*

*Mejken's long term goal is to own and operate her own neighborhood restaurant. She has unsurpassed customer service experience and we welcome her aboard the Isenhower Cellars cruise ship!*

### **Other Events for Isenhower Cellars**

#### **March 6 - Sip of Snoqualmie**

*The Sip of Snoqualmie is a unique tasting of Northwest wines that benefits [Encompass](#). At current count there are 31 Washington Wineries participating. Sip of Snoqualmie is held at Snoqualmie Casino. If you cannot make it please send \$10 to us and we will put it all on black on the roulette wheel. Ha! For more information and to purchase tickets visit [Encompass Northwest](#).*

#### **March 28 - Taste Washington Seattle**

## **Wine for Spring Wine Club Shipment**



**2008 Yakima Valley FOI No. 7 Sangiovese** is a fantastic wine. It is 89% Sangiovese from Desert Hills and 11% Cabernet Sauvignon from Wallula Vineyard. Both Vineyard are farmed by Dan Nickolas. Dan personally manicured each vine and each cluster. The cool vintage of 2008 allowed the Sangiovese to hang until October 28, achieving perfect balance. The wine was aged in 100% french oak (0% used) and bottled unfined and unfiltered on November 23, 2008. Only 180 extra bottles are available for sale and it is first come first serve.

Here is the taste of the Sangiovese.

"Imagine your favorite bakery pulling pies fresh out of the oven. A brilliant, dark red hue leads to smells of dark cherries, toasted pie crust, and hint of earth, herbs and brown spices." Copious acidity in the mouth makes the Sangiovese the wine to have with a knockout Italian dinner. Do not have this wine with Chef Boyardee! Try something like [Tagliatelle and Duck Ragù](#). The acidity in the wine will slice through any tomato sauce like a Wustof knife!

Price \$28 reg / \$23.80 wine club shipment / \$22.40 Wine Club add to shipment

### **2008 Yakima Valley Purple Paintbrush**

(62% Cabernet Franc 23% Merlot 15% Cabernet Sauvignon)

The Purple Paintbrush is a continuation of our Paintbrush series of blend of wines. The Cabernet Franc is from Dineen Vineyard located in Zillah, Washington. The Merlot is from Desert Hills Vineyard, located north of Grandview, Washington. The Cabernet Sauvignon is from Wallula Vineyard, located in the middle of nowhere along the Columbia River.

Purple Paintbrush has a brilliant, dark red hue leads to vibrant aromas of crushed blackberries, Bing cherries, and black plums that jump out of the glass and stimulate the olfactory receptors in the nasal cavities. Underneath the fruit is a gamy/earth, thyme, and dark roasted coffee tones that reminds the taster that this wine is alive and pulsing. The mouthfeel is rich on the entry and delves into an explosion of balancing acidity.

Very young now, like an excitable child begging for attention, the Purple Paintbrush will mature into a graceful ballerina over the next 5 to 7 years. Pair this fantastic wine with [Bobby Flay's Pan Roasted Chicken](#).

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I will be footsore at the end of the day but once again Isenhower Cellars will be pouring wine at Taste Washington Seattle on March 29. The main purpose for attending is to promote our new tasting room in Woodinville. I will be pouring the 2007 Road Less Traveled Cabernet Franc, 2007 Rara Avis Grenache, and the 2007 Batchelor's Button Cabernet Sauvignon. Hopefully I can leave early as the last hour of Taste Washington is full of intoxicated consumers who cannot remember what they drank.

### **April 17 & 18 - Passport Weekend Woodinville**

I hear passport weekend is a crazy time in Woodinville. Well bring it on! Customers who purchase the passport will have our tasting fee waived. Of course Wine club members never pay a tasting fee. Membership has its benefits!

### **April 30- May 2 Walla Walla Spring Release Weekend**

This is our 9th spring release in Walla Walla! Our celebrations of spring have been a success every year and if it is not broken why fix it? On Saturday, May 1st from 5 pm to 8 pm we will host our Friends of Isenhower Wine Club party. It is free for wine club members to attend and guests will be asked to pay \$15. Everyone will enjoy all our new wines, multi-courses of hors d'oeuvres, and the fellowship that only Isenhower Cellars delivers. I might even do some vineyard tours of our Indie Vineyard.

### **May 22 Northwest Corks & Crush**

Good Samaritan Foundation presents Northwest Corks & Crush, a wine tasting and gala auction like no other. Blending fine Northwest wines, classic and unique automobiles, coveted auction lots, live music and extraordinary community members, this event is not to be missed. Join nearly twenty Northwest wineries for a tasting before a culinary experience by Snuffin's Catering paired with a live auction. The after party is an occasion itself with dance music that keeps the place rockin'! In its three year history, Northwest Corks & Crush has raised over 1.2 million dollars for its beneficiaries.

### **June 10 Tasteful Evening Chef and Wine Dinner benefiting the Alzheimer's Association**

Please join us in supporting the Western & Central Washington Alzheimer's Association 6th Annual Tasteful Evening chef and wine dinner on June 10, 2010 at Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle. 18 Seattle-area top chefs will each prepare a unique tableside five course dinner paired with local and regional wines. The event will also feature a silent wine auction and wine tasting. Visit [Alzheimer's Association](#) for tickets and more information.

### **The final wine in the trifecta is the 2007 Horse Heaven Hills River Beauty Syrah**



The Elerding Vineyard Six Prong Block was planted in 2000 by Dr. Steve Elerding and manager Roger Bates. This area of the Horse Heaven Hills has a couple feet of wind blown loess soil above fractured basalt rock. Very little rain, high winds makes the vines produce small berries and intensely flavored wines. At Elerding Vineyard there are two clones of Syrah, the Phelps clone and the Sara Lee Clone. The River Beauty Syrah is comprised of 90% Phelps Clone Syrah and 10% Sara Lee Clone Syrah.

A deeply colored Syrah with a purple/red hue leads to great Syrah aromas of blackberry, blueberry, cardamom, allspice, and thyme. Very thick mouthfeel but balanced by the long tannic finish features flavors of black fruits, brown spices, white pepper and earth. The River Beauty is in the model of previous vintages that has scored 94 points, been listed twice in the top 100 wines of Washington, and given 4 stars by Decanter Magazine. Syrah always paired well with lamb and duck. Think of Bobby Flay's Oven Roasted Lamb Shanks with Roasted Tomatoes and Toasted Orzo with a side of Coleslaw with Cumin-Lime Vinaigrette on a Friday night with friends.

Price \$28 reg / \$23.80 wine club shipment / \$22.40 Wine Club add to shipment

### **Other Wines Available**

2007 Yakima Valley Rara Avis Grenache is a gorgeous wine. The Rara Avis is like the woman you take home to meet your parents. Seductive perfume nose of cranberry, strawberry, and a velvety sweet core of herbs and cream. Reminds me of what a great Oregon Pinot would be like if Eastern Washington could grow Pinot Noir (of course then it would not be an Oregon Pinot, but I digress). On the palette the Rara Avis is a seamless gem of fruit, creaminess, and a touch of acidity on the finish. I really like this wine if you have not figured that out yet! For those of you obsessed about alcohol levels, the Rara Avis is only 13.9% alcohol by volume.



600 bottles remaining.

Price \$28 reg / \$22.40 Wine Club

### **2007 Columbia Valley Batchelor's Button Cabernet Sauvignon**



The Batchelor's Button has been in our

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Walla Walla Open 10 - 4 Monday through Friday  
11 - 5 on Saturday



stable since 2001 and earned a reputation for our longest lived wine. Since 2003 the wine has been built around Bacchus Vineyard Block 9 Cabernet Sauvignon. Block 9 was planted in 1972 by the Father of Washington viticulture, Dr. Walter Clore. Bacchus 9 is one of the oldest vineyards in Washington and is my connection to the history of grape growing in this great state.

Enjoy the Batchelor's Button now through 2017. 325 cases produced and will only be sold from our winery, Woodinville Tasting room, and [isenhowercellars.com](http://isenhowercellars.com).

Price \$28 reg / \$22.40 Wine Club

The final wine in the trifecta is the 2007 Columbia Valley Red Paintbrush (67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot). The Merlot and Cabernet Franc is from Weinbau Vineyard, located on the Wahluke Slope and Petit Verdot is from Elerding Vineyard. Last year's Red Paintbrush was named one of the Top 100 wines of Washington.

672 bottles remaining.

Price \$28 reg / \$22.40 Wine Club

