

FERRY PLAZA WINE MERCHANT & WINE BAR

## AUGUST 2010 RED CELLAR TRIO



### 2008 Derose Negrette, Miller Vineyards, Cienega Valley, Monterey County, California

Negrette, also called Pinot St. George, is one of the oldest varietals in the world, is very dark in color with medium body, has soft silky tannins, and expresses a soaring perfume of plum, dark berries, spice and violets. It is certainly a rare grape variety, hardly seen on retail shelves. The folks at Miller Vineyards wanted to produce it and decided to take on the challenge of growing it traditionally, dry farmed, as it is grown in its native soils. DeRose Vineyards was founded on land rich in winemaking history, producing since 1854 and having survived prohibition, phylloxera, a couple of earthquakes, and some bad economic times. The DeRose and Cedolini families, whose ancestors have been making wine for over 10 generations, purchased the vineyards and cellars in 1988 along with partner Ernie Miller. The grapes for this wine come from a parcel rescued from tall weeds and thistles that was planted prior to 1900. Talk about old vines!

***Recommended Cellaring:*** 3 to 6 years, it is so delicious now, but is only showing a portion of the complexity it has the potential to develop over a few short years. .

Red Cellar Trio Selection

**\$40.00**

**\$34.00**

**Wine Club member reorder price**



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### 2008 Pech Merle Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, California

The Pech Merle Winery is owned by Cheyl and Bruce Lawton and located in the mecca for great Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley. This is a silky, spicy, exotic example of a wine that should please any Zinfandel fan. The classic Zinfandel flavors leap out of the glass, exhibiting aromas of plum, blackberry, and the spicy, briary flavors that good Zin is known for. This is a study in hedonistic indulgence with lots of lovely fruit stuffed into a well made pie of a wine. It is also a serious Zinfandel that takes the grape to a new level. Now, for a little wine geek Zinfandel trivia: It was once thought that the Italian vine Primitivo was the parent material of Zinfandel, but eventually Carole Meredith, from University of California at Davis, found the true ancestor: a grape native to Croatia. Only 120 cases produced.

***Recommended Cellaring:*** 1 to 4 years, even as friendly as this wine is today, it is still young with plenty of concentration to hold its own; it can easily handle a few years of proper storage.

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**\$28.00**

**\$23.80**

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### 2007 Janzen Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California

This is a classic Napa Cabernet Sauvignon, rich opulent, explosive in flavor, yet without going over the top. It has the telltale vanilla, caramel flavor of toasted oak, yet it is in balance with the strong, dark berry and cherry flavors of the Cabernet along with a dollop of Syrah and Merlot. This tastes like liquid luxury. It has all the right elements coming together: a great vintage in 2007 with plenty of warmth for ripe, deeply colored and flavored grapes, an excellent blend of vineyard sources from nine vineyards in Rutherford, Oakville, and the Janzen Estate Vineyard, and careful, meticulous winemaking. This wine has been given the right amount of age to come into its own and is showing excellent balance with bright acidity and gentle tannins to give it enough structure to continue its aging process.

***Recommended Cellaring:*** 2 to 7 years, this is a substantial wine that will slowly mellow with age; it would pair nicely now with bolder foods, but its best flavors are still to come.

Red Cellar Trio Selection

**\$42.00**

**\$35.70**

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