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Local cellar releases "Rachel Red" in honor of Pike Place pig By Sarah Jio

NWsource shopping columnist

May we interest you in a glass of "Pignot" Noir? In honor of the Pike Place Market Centennial – and the Chinese Zodiac Calendar, which names 2007 the Year of the Pig (or boar, to be historically correct) – Northwest Cellars just released "Rachel Red," a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (51 percent), Merlot (25 percent) and Cabernet Franc (24 percent).

The unusual vintage, \$16.95 per bottle, has hints of cherry, spice and vanilla. It's inspired by Pike Place Market's resident pig, Rachel – the world-famous piggybank positioned at



Northwest Cellars

the south end of the market's entrance. Since 1986, the statue has collected loose change from locals and tourists, totaling as much as \$9,000 annually for the <u>Market Foundation</u>, which supports services for low-income residents of Seattle.

The Market Foundation is now banking on Rachel Red to continue its fundraising efforts. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each bottle will benefit the organization as it funds improvements and repairs to the market's historic buildings and charitable programs.

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Want to raise your glass to Rachel and the now 100-year-old market? Rachel Red is available for purchase online at www.northwestcellars.com, but look for the wine debuting in the coming months at local restaurants and retailers.

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