

Tonight is the Mini Three Malbec tasting.

5-7pm

Only \$10.

Call your spouse and meet them here after work!

Here are the wines:

2006 Durigutti Malbec Argentina \$13.

Lush, with boysenberry, plum sauce, dark licorice and fruitcake flavors that are held together by a juicy underpinning. Licorice and fruitcake notes take an encore on the slightly raisined finish, which is the only thing holding it back from outstanding. Drink now through 2010.

89 Points Wine Spectator

2006 Bodegas Colome estate Malbec Salta, \$23. Argentina Aged 18 months in French oak, 30% new. 86% Malbec, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Tannat. 14.9% Alc. This wine is deep crimson-colored, the nose offers up smoke, violets, black cherry, and blueberry. This is followed by smooth-textured, ripe, full-flavored wine with good balance and several years of aging potential. It will be at its best from 2011 to 2020. Colome is owned by Donald Hess of Switzerland, many of you may recognize Hess Collection of Napa Valley. The Colome vineyards are farmed and biodynamically certified.

The Winery (and hotel) are located in Salta, Near the northern Argentina Andes. The vineyards may well be the most elevated in the world! A must have now and to cellar! 90 points from Parker and also listed on the Wine Spectator Top 100 most exciting Wines of 2008 with 92 Points.

2007 Terra Vina Malbec Columbia Valley \$34.50 (previously Dala Vina)

Dark and brooding at first glass, this deep magenta Malbec is impressive with its saturated color and plush richness. A sharp nose of cassis and black fruit intermingle with sweet and savory spices. Expansive and readily showing a velvety texture, the flavors explode on the palate with power and a firm composition masterfully cloaked with finesse. Hints of tobacco, sweet charcoal, smoked bacon, and molasses form an intriguing backdrop to the sweetness of intense, black fruit. A healthy backbone of acidity with a good tannic grip underneath provides great structure, balance and elegance.

Best regards,

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