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The weekend is almost here and it's time for Santiam Wine & Bistro's

~Red Friday wine tasting~

CABERENET FRANC!

Special Dinner: Hanger Steak cooked to prefection!

When: Friday, January 26th

Time: 4-8 PM

Cost: Full pour \$28= 2 oz pours of the following six wines

Half Pour: \$16 1 oz of the following

2015 Walla Walla Vintners Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley \$35

93% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot and 2% Carménère

"This is our 20th edition of Cabernet Franc. The previous vintages are cellaring beautifully, but we think this is one of the best we have ever crafted. Collectors will want to be sure to keep enough of these in their personal cellars to enjoy for years to come. This gracious Franc is jam-packed with flavors of fresh picked strawberries, blackberry & dark cherry, followed by a mid-palate of an exotic blend of roasted Roma tomatoes, eggplant and cassis, and a gripping finish of caramelized sugar. The smooth finish has ample hang time in order to experience the gracefulness of this wine and the balanced acid and tannins will allow this wine to age."

Winemaker Notes:

"The wine that started all. Cabernet Franc has been a part of the Walla Walla Vintners' lineup since our first vintage in 1995, gaining fame for itself and building a reputation of quality for the winery that we pride above all else. A warm, ripe year, the Cabernet Franc from the 2015 vintage shows blackberry, blueberry and violet aromas backed with pencil shavings and freshly mown grass. Silky tannins balance vibrant acidity on the palate, finishing like dessert in a glass, blackberry cheesecake and crème brulee."

2014 Cenyth Red Sonoma County \$50

The 2014 Red Wine (Sonoma County) has turned out beautifully. Ripe, luscious and voluptuous to the core, the 2014 exudes richness and concentration. The high percentage of Cabernet Franc give the wine its lifted aromatics, while the Merlot adds softness and juiciness throughout. With a little aeration, the 2014 can be enjoyed with minimal cellaring. The 2014 spent ten months in oak, about 30% new. **91 Points Vinous**

2015 Tamarack Cellars Cabernet Franc Walla Walla, WA \$25

Precise and open-knit, with a vibrant core of blueberry, bell pepper and spice flavors that glide easily through a polished finish. Drink now through 2023. 1,200 cases made.

91 Points Wine Spectator

2013 Panache Cellars Shovel Blank Philomath, Oregon \$26

This fruit was harvested in October 2013 from Rogue Valley Vineyards. It was aged for 24 months, primarily with new French and American Oak Barrels. This wine pays homage to chais of the right bank. Fewer than 51 cases produced. Cabernet Franc & Merlot.

2014 Browne Family Cabernet Franc Walla Walla WA. \$32

The 2014 Columbia Valley Cabernet Franc gives up lots of wood smoke, chocolate and oak in a rich, medium to full-bodied, charming style. I doubt it's going to make old bones, but it has good fruit and fine tannin.

2015 Steele Winery Writer's Block Cabernet Franc \$17

Aromas are of raspberry and cassis with peppery undertones, on the palate you will find blueberry and raspberry fruit, with notes of coffee and cocoa; medium tannins and a lingering finish.

91 Points Wine & Spirits

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