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Subject: Syrah wine tasting and French cut Prime Pork Chops Friday, November 16th

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Syrah is the grape on Friday, November 16th from 4-8PM Join us if you can!

We have a tasty dinner special: French cut Prime Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli & homemade sourdough rolls

(Reminder: Wednesday, November 21st we are tasting Oregon Pinot Noir and Friday, November 23rd Cabernet Franc)

Reservations Welcome: 503-589-0775

Full pour \$26 Half pour \$15

The Syrah's:

2015 Stolpman Vineyards Estate Syrah, Ballard Canyon, California \$30

The 2015 Syrah Estate is a powerful, intense wine that captures the natural intensity of its Ballard Canyon site. Today, the tannins are a bit fierce, but there is good purity and depth to the dark, red-toned fruit. Floral notes offer brightness and perfume with time in the glass. The 2015 needs a bit of bottle age to fully come together, but it appears to have the balance to develop nicely. There is a lot to like. **92 Points Vinous**

2016 K Vintners Syrah Milbrandt Wahluke Slope, WA. \$40

(this is the only high-end K Vintners red fermented in stainless steel; then aged in puncheons, 25% new, for no more than 15 months; from two proximate vineyards, one on sandy river rock, the other on limestone and volcanic broken basalt): Dark red with ruby tones. Pungent aromas of cassis, blueberry, prosciutto, licorice, menthol, mint and minerals. Juicy and intense, conveying an exhilarating combination of sweetness and lively acidity to its red and darker berry and spice flavors. A savory element provides a further leavening influence. Finishes long, with firm but suave tannins. Lovely wine with real personality. **93 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2014 Tenet Le fervent Costières de Nîmes, France \$20

Released under the Tenet Wines label (which is a collaboration with Philippe Cambie focusing on Washington State), the 2014 Costières de Nîmes le Fervent is primarily Syrah, yet incorporates 6% Grenache and 4% Viognier. Its healthy purple color is followed by impressive notes of blackberries, crushed flowers, violets and strawberries. Medium-bodied, elegant and seamless, it will shine right from the get go. **89 Points Wine Advocate**

2016 Qupe Syrah Central Coast Syrah, California \$19

The entry level Syrah is the 2016 Syrah Central Coast and it's from multiple vineyards throughout the Central Coast. This deep ruby/purple-tinged effort gives up plenty of blackberry and cranberry fruits as well as lots of peppery herbs, medium body, good acidity, and a charming, easy drinking style. It's made in a fresher, elegant, almost crunchy style and has plenty to love.

2014 Golan Heights Winery Gilgal Syrah (Galilee) Israel \$17

Aromas of cherry, raspberry and lavender prepare the palate for well-balanced fruit and spice flavors—notably black cherry, cranberry, anise, mace and vanilla. Its pervasive acidity is backed by smooth tannins from first sip through the bright, pomegranate-laced finish. **90 Points Wine Enthusiast**

2013 Deuce Reserve Syrah Washington \$30

Deuce Cellars Syrah was born and made in Walla Walla, Washington. Moonlight Vineyard's river rock soil provides most of the fruit for this limited production, hand made wine. We ferment whole berries in open bin fermenters and go straight to barrel. We produce approximately 300 cases annually. Our Syrah is aged 20-36 months in New Missouri Oak with a medium toast. Deuce Cellars is a big, bold, and beautifully concentrated Syrah.



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