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Good Evening, join us for this amazing Cabernet Franc Wine Tasting at Santiam Wine & Bistro on Friday, December 13th from 4-8 PM

Appetizer: Beer batter onion rings

2nd Appetizer: Sautéed Mushrooms

Dinner special: Deluxe (Triple creme blue cheese...optional!) burgers w/Truffle French fries

Reservations welcome call us at 503-589-0775

The Wines:

Full pour: \$38 Half Pour: \$19

2013 Robert Keenan Cabernet Franc, Napa Valley \$72 One of Napa Valley's most successful Cabernet Francs, Keenan's 2013 Cabernet Franc, is 100% estate Cabernet Franc from their holdings on Spring Mountain. Beautiful blueberry and raspberry fruit interwoven with spring flowers jumps from the glass of this wonderfully balanced and elegant, yet authoritative wine. It is rich, medium to full-bodied, but at the same time ethereal and finesse-oriented. This is a great example of Cabernet Franc at its best B intense, but elegant. This should last for at least another decade. 94 Points Wine Advocate

2014 Mt Brave Cabernet Franc Napa Valley \$72 Floral, with loads of black raspberry and blueberry fruit, the 2014 Cabernet Franc is 85.5% Cabernet Franc and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 64% new French oak. The flowery characteristics are pure Cabernet Franc, and that follows through to the beautiful texture of the wine, which is deep and intense, but never seems all that heavy (which is why Cabernet Franc is so different from Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon). There is terrific uplift and vibrancy in this wine, which can be drunk now or cellared for another 15 or more years. **93 Points Wine Advocate**

2017 Force Majeure Parabellum Alluvio, Walla Walla Valley, Wasington \$55 Bright saturated ruby. Pungent Cabernet Franc high notes of violet and tropical bitter chocolate lift black fruits and graphite on the nose. Thick and plush but also sappy on the palate; a very rich but classically dry, ripe style with terrific density and good mineral definition to its black cherry, cassis and blackberry fruit flavors. But still quite youthful and primary, and a touch inky toward the back. Finishes with serious dusty but fairly fine tannins, juicy slow-mounting length and surprising grip. The wine's dominant Cabernet Franc component really expresses itself here. 93 Points Vinous

2016 Hence Cellars Cabernet Franc Red Mountian Washington \$25 Cabernet Franc from the Columbia Valley Tasting Notes: Opens with a juicy, hint of strawberry, toasty nose. Warms to cherry, plum and blackberry flavors. Finishes with dusty blueberry, plum and mocha. Composition: 100% Cabernet France

2016 Browne Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley Washington \$38 Columbia Valley, Washington- Aromas of blackberries, black cherries, and blueberries are complemented by the smooth, robust flavors of ripe, dark fruits. Pairs well with a vary of foods including cheese, pork dishes and Mediterranean fare.

2016 Walla Walla Vintners Cabernet Franc WA. \$25 The 2016 Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley is a little gem of a wine and has a sweet nose of black raspberries, lavender, incense, and dried orange peel. Fleshy, flamboyant, and opulent on the palate, with tons of fruit, it stays balanced and clean and is a terrific wine to drink over the coming 4-6 years. **92 Points Jeb Dunnuck**

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