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Subject: Tasting GSM AKA Genache, Syrah & Mourvedre Dinner: Flank Steak Roulade

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Good Evening, Join us for our wine tasting of mostly GSM. AKA: Grenache, Syrah & Mourvedre

Warm-up your bones with our Hungarian Mushroom Soup! Our soup of the day!

Dinner Special: Flank Steak Roulade-stuffed with mushroom, garlic, bacon, spinach & cheese.

Friday. February 8th from 4-8 PM Reservations welcome call 503-589-0775

Full pour \$30 Half pour: \$17

2016 Chateau Saint Cosme Chateauneuf-du-Pape France \$52

Blended, but still aging in barrel, the 2016 Chateauneuf du Pape will likely be bottled in March 2019. Brandied cherries and dried spices mark the nose of this full-bodied, plush wine. It's slightly warm, and certainly rich, but it remains fresh and long on the finish. It should be a beauty. **94-96 Points Robert Parker**

2015 Avennia "Justine" Woodenville, WA. \$40 A blend of 55% Grenache, 32% Mourvèdre and 13% Syrah, the 2015 Justine reveals aromas of spicy black fruit, cracked black pepper and licorice. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, pure and succulent, with velvety tannins, a juicy core of fruit and ripe, mouthwatering acids. It's an attractive Côtes du Rhône-styled blend. Drink it over the next 5 or 6 years. **92 Wine Advocate**

2016 Tables Creek Patelin de Tablas Paso Robles, CA \$25

The 2016 Patelin de Tablas will be released later this year, and it's really beginning to become expressive, bursting from the glass with aromas of blackberry, raspberries, cracked pepper and Provence herbs. On the palate, it's medium-bodied, supple and juicy, with a lovely core of fruit, youthfully chewy tannins and a nicely pure finish. Bottled under screwcap, fully 3,000 cases of this blend of 52% Syrah, 31% Grenache, 11% Counoise and 6% Mourvèdre were produced. 90 Points Wine Advocate

2016 Chateau Saint Cosme "Les Deux Albion France \$20 A perennial overachiever, the 2016 Cotes du Rhone les Deux Albions continues that run. Garrigue notes accent blueberry fruit in this full-bodied, plush wine. Loaded with hints of cherries and stone fruit, it's a cornucopia of ripe fruit waiting to be slurped down, velvety and long on the finish. **91 Points Wine Advocate**

2016 Saint Damien Gigondas France \$36 More flattering and easier to drink than the La Louisiane at this stage, the 2016 Gigondas Classique Vieilles Vignes is a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Mourvèdre, all aged in foudres. Hints of mocha and caramel add sweet richness to the ripe black cherry flavors and notes of mushroom, chocolate and licorice. Full-bodied, creamy textured and richly concentrated, it's long and velvety on the finish. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 93 Points Wine Advocate

2017 Delas Freres Cote du Ventoux, France \$11 Delas has done a good job with their Ventoux over the years, and the 2017 Ventoux is perhaps their best yet. It offers hints of concrete dust or crushed stone layered over subtle cherry aromas. The unoaked 80-20 blend of Grenache and Syrah is medium-bodied, with a velvety feel and dried spices and Bing cherries on the silky finish. At the suggested retail of \$11, it's a screaming bargain. 90 Points Wine Advocate

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