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Good Evening, Tons of fun going on around here, I hope you have some time to spend with us! I know many are out of town or getting ready to travel.

Check us out this weekend!

Friday, March 14th Grenache from around the globe (More information below)

Saturday, March 15th We are debuting our new Oregon Pinot Noir 2012 Chapter Twenty Four Two Messengers is a project started by Evening Land founder Mark Tarlov along with Mikey Etzel. They also consulted famed Burgundy winemaker Louis-Michel Liger-Belair. It is a blend from two plots at the Patricia Green Estate in Willamette Valley. This wine is very fresh and lively, delivering gorgeous aromas of fresh spring flowers, crushed rock, preserved plum, cherry cola, mint, raisin, ground coffee and damp forest floor. The mouthfeel is intense with ultra fine tannins followed by a very long and lovely finish. This is one of the best valued wines I've tasted this year and can hang with some top 1er Cru burgundies. Tasting for free from 12-4 Saturday- Then you can enjoy it here by the glass for \$7!

Saturday, March 15th The St Patrick's party begins at 4 P.M. Live Music by JP & the Rhythm Boys starts at 6-9 P.M They will entertain us all. Performing fiddle, bass, guitar, banjo, uke and the musical saw and much more...no cover, just fun! We will be featuring our homemade Irish stew with Oregon Lamb along with Linda's amazing soda bread. Guinness, Harps and/or (Black & Tans) will be offered, of course. Our regular menu will still be available for people to enjoy! Reservation are not necessary! May your glass be forever full....

**Monday, we are open and will have Irish stew for you. Stop by for a wee bit of trouble my friend!
Hours 11-6 P.M.**

Friday, March 14th

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

What Grenache or Garnacha from around the globe

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full pour \$20 Half pour \$12

The Wines:

2012 The Dirty Pure Project "The F Bomb" Oakville, CA \$16 Crazy name, but fun label!

The unique, transverse nature of the valleys of Santa Barbara Wine Country provides a patchwork quilt of microclimates and terrains, resulting in one of the most diverse grape growing regions in the country. The valleys in the Pacific coastline actually run east-west rather than north-south, and both the coastal Santa Ynez Mountain range and the more interior San Rafael range are transverse too. Because of this geologic oddity, the ocean breezes sweep eastward, channeled by the hills and mountains that ring the region. Heading east into the foothills, the temperatures are warm during the day and very cool during the night, whereas the vineyards that lie westward toward the ocean enjoy a mild and moderate climate. Coupled with soils that run the gamut from ancient beach and diatomaceous earth to chert and limestone, this is a near-perfect place for a wide variety of wine grape varieties.

The 2012 vintage has notes of fresh cracked black pepper, white flowers and cigar box followed by a deep and brooding core of blackberry jam, ripe strawberry and velvety textures with purity, concentration and a long, seamless finish. A total of only 1,400 cases was produced of this Small Batch Series – Volume 1 by winemaker Charles Hendricks

2012 Alvaro Palacios Camins del Priorat, Spain \$20

contains Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Merlot complementing the 40% Garnacha and 25% Carinena. It aged for one year in barrels and is an accessible wine, with some leafy raspberry notes and aromas of ripe plums, cherries, licorice, graphite and faint cinnamon. It has finesse and some complexity. The palate is medium-bodied, with opulent tannins, modern and very well-crafted, ending with some earthy notes. An approachable wine for new drinkers, great for restaurants. Drink now-2017. **88 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Black Slate Porrera Priorat, Spain \$21.50

From the Black Slate project of Eric Solomon, Philippe Cambie and, in this case, producer Joan Sangenis, the 2010 Black Slate Porrera, a blend of 60% Grenache (60+ years of age) and 40% Carignan (80-year-old vines), is another stunning value from Priorat. Consumers can thank the horrible Spanish economy for the low price of such a high quality wine from this prestigious appellation. Sweet raspberry and black cherry fruit notes intermixed with notions of crushed rocks, spring flowers and a slate-like component are broad, savory, impressively pure, dense and full. This round, generous, opulent red can be consumed over the next decade. There are 2,000 cases available for the American market. **93 Points Robert Parker**

2011 Orin Swift Cellars “D66” Grenache Sausalito, CA \$40

Ink black in color with a shade of crimson on the band, the wine suggests a powerful tasting experience. Dark dried fruit, cocoa, spring flowers, and Mediterranean herb aromas are framed by seasoned French oak resulting in stunning aromatics. The entry is rich with exotic spice notes leading to mouth filling flavors of blackberry, licorice, blueberry jam, and espresso. The finish has a velvety texture that lingers indefinitely with enough minerality to remind you of this special region. Blend Grenache, Syrah, and Carignan .Maturation 30% new French Oak for 18 months Bottle aged 5 months prior to release Alc/Vol 15.2% AMAZING!

2011 Yangarra Estate Grenache McLaren Vale South Australia \$30

Medium ruby-purple in color, the 2011 Grenache is redolent of red cherries and black raspberries with wonderfully spicy / black pepper nuances plus whiffs of lavender and dusty earth. Medium-bodied and generously fruited with spiced red berry flavors, the opulent flesh is well structured with a medium level of velvety tannins and seamless acid lending just enough lift, finishing long. Drinking nicely now, it should cellar to 2018+

91 Points Robert Parker (reviewed in January of 2013)

2011 Gramercy Third Man Rhone Blend Walla Walla, WA. \$50

Third Man is a blend of 55% Grenache, 40% Syrah and 5% Mourvedre that saw 30% whole cluster during fermentation and roughly 13% new French puncheons and 225-Liter barrels. A beautiful GSM blend, it delivers classic southern Rhone-like aromas of spiced blackberries, underbrush, pepper and earthy nuances to go with a medium to full-bodied, balanced and beautifully textured palate. It should round into form with a year or two of bottle age and drink well for 8-10 years. Drink 2015-2021. **19-93 Points Robert Parker**

May your glass and your heart, forever be full!

Cheers!

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