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Happy Father's Day weekend! This is the place to start your weekend off with a big bang! We have plenty of wines for purchase!

Wine Tasting: Cabernet Sauvignon

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro 1555 12th st SE

When: Friday, June 13th Full moon and all!

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full Pour \$28 Half Pour \$16

The Wines:

2012 Andrew Will Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon WA \$30

The fruit for this wine is from our own Two Blondes Vineyard. We use three clones of Cabernet Sauvignon at the vineyard which are included in this wine. Chris Camarda is a proponent of clonal variety and we have French, Washington and California Cabernet Sauvignon clones planted. The wine spent 12 months in 35% new French oak

The 2012 vintage marked a return to more historical averages in terms of temperature after two successive cool vintages in 2010 and 2011. A notable aspect to the growing season was a 100-day spell with no measurable precipitation from July through mid-October Amazing Value!

2011 Rodney Strong Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon CA \$41

Deep and richly fruited this is dripping with plum jam, cassis, bramble, jalepeno jelly and sweet baking spice tones. The herbal and oak tones gain the upper hand here with some pine and green tomato tones but this remains attractive on the nose. Upon opening this is lovely in the mouth with tons of ripe fruit tannins, fine acidity and good density that is just a touch chewy. Perhaps a touch monolithic today and while the acidity begins to be more apparent this retains good harmony in the mouth. It's pure cassis, olive and bitter spice notes on the backend and the finish as classic Cabernet. Elegant yet intense. 90pts

2010 Chapelet Cabernet Sauvignon "Cervantes" Mountain Cuvee CA \$37

The nose offers beautiful layers of baked cherry, black-berry, cassis, chocolate, cola and anise, with hints of cedar and fresh herbs adding Bordeaux-like complexity. On the palate, plum and cherry flavors mingle with sweet oak, cocoa and baking spices. While supple tannins and a smooth, lingering texture make this wine immediately pleasurable, its mountain roots give it the structure to gain additional depth and complexity with cellaring.

2011 Darioush Caravan Napa Valley CA \$53.50

A terrific bargain in Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, this blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, and the rest equal parts Petit Verdot and Malbec offers a subtle toasty oak note intermixed with espresso roast, chocolate, black currants, and black cherries. It possesses soft, velvety tannins, medium to full body, and beautiful purity, texture, and length. Approachable now, it should evolve easily for 15 or more years

2009 Heitz Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon CA. \$53

Tasting Notes: What an exciting Cabernet packed with vibrant layers of flavor that are so expressive of this stunning vintage!

Heitz Cellars 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and lush with a striking garnet hue. The wine is immediately captivating with its delicious aroma of crushed blackberry and notes of cassis.

Deep berry flavors explode in the mouth in a delightful integration of varietal complexity. This is a big wine to linger over, impressively balanced with velvety tannins on the finish

“From the quality of our fruit to the execution of every detail in our cellar, we set the highest standards for our Napa Valley Cabernet from the beginning. That level of excellence is at the heart of our winemaking philosophy.” David Heitz, Winemaker

Our Napa Valley Cabernet has impressed wine enthusiasts since we produced the first bottle in 1961. Superbly crafted from estate-grown grapes, this popular wine is consistently noted for incredible flavor that exemplifies 100% of the varietal.

2012 Caymus 40th Year Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford CA \$65

With a special bottle and label for their 40th Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon, Caymus is ready to celebrate with this epic 2012 vintage. Charlie and Lorna Wagner, with their son Chuck, launched this winery's legacy as a Napa Valley icon in 1972. Chuck is now the owner and winemaker, and has this to offer: "This wine exemplifies our style of Cabernet out of a great vintage: deep color, rich, concentrated and balanced. 2012 celebrates 40 years of producing our pride and joy, Caymus Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon."

Over Forty years ago, Charlie and Lorna Wagner embarked on an incredible journey with their son Chuck - starting a family winery in the center of Napa Valley. Now in its third generation, Caymus continues to produce world class Cabernet Sauvignon.

- Chuck Wagner, Owner/Winemaker

Hope to see you here!

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