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This will be an interesting tasting! We have it all going on! Top scoring wines from both states, Washington and Oregon! Bring all your friends and let's taste some spectacular wines.

Our special: Sausage Stuffed Red Bell Peppers & Spanish Rice & Beans \$12 Comfort Food!

When: Friday, January 15, 2016

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

Time: 4-8 PM

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

The Wines:

2012 Alexandria Nicole Cabernet Sauvignon Horse Heaven Hills Alderdale Destiny Ridge Vineyards \$30

Dense and chewy, but not heavy, with jam-packed ripe blackberry and currant flavors wrapped in firm tannins. Finishes on a violet note. Needs cellaring to soften the texture. Best from 2017 through 2022 **92 Points Wine Spectator**

2013 Girardet Baco Noir Umpqua Valley, Oregon \$29

The Baco Noir vine originated in Bordeaux in the late 1800s and was named after its creator, Francois Baco. It is a hybrid of Folly Blanche and Vitis riparia. The vine was pioneered in Oregon in the 1970s by Philippe Girardet, Founder of Girardet

This wine displays a dense, garnet color and opens with rich aromas of ripe blackberry cobbler, clove, and cinnamon. Dense, multi-layered flavors of cassis, blueberry, and plum are mingled with silky elements of spice and mocha. A long, lingering finish with smooth tannins and bright acidity keeps the taste fresh. Excellent with traditional Italian and French Cuisine, also try with dessert of dark chocolate or rich berries. **Gold Medal! Newport Seafood and Wine Festival**

2012 Spring Valley Vineyards "Frederick" Walla Walla, Washington \$49.00

Broad and expansive, though not weighty, this features a focused mouthful of ripe cherry, blueberry and dusky spice notes that whirl through the long and expressive finish. The lightly prickly tannins are unobtrusive. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Best from 2017 through 2022. **93 Points Wine Spectator**

2012 Elizabeth Chambers Lazy River Pinot Noir Oregon \$45

Polished, refreshing and expressive, layered with peppermint accents that run through the black cherry and spice flavors. Presents a plush frame, showing transparency and persistence as the finish lingers. Best from 2017 through 2025. 372 cases made. **94 Points Wine Spectator**

2012 Dunham Cellars XVIII Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla, Washington \$45

Broad and expressive, with toast and coffee notes around a supple core of black currant and licorice flavors, extending into the long, graceful finish. Drink now through 2020.

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2012 Mercer Cabernet Sauvignon WA. \$21

This chunky style has solid blackberry, black pepper and licorice flavors, playing against crunchy tannins on the long, expressive finish. Needs cellaring. Best from 2017 through 2022 **90 Points**

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Cheers!

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