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Good Evening, I was trying to finish my February Newsletter tonight, it isn't going to happen.

A few things you should know: We are tasting February Cheap & Cheerful this Saturday, January 30th from 12-4

If one of your favorite Spanish wines is the Alto Moncayo Veraton Old Vine Grenache it is now in stock \$30

VALENTINES SPECIAL DINNER and Schramsberg Bubbly Tasting: We are planning to be open for you on **Saturday, February 13th 4-8- Ala-cart Special Menu is almost complete!**

Reservation available. Bring your Sweetheart!

Tomorrow Night we have a super Washington Red Blend wine tasting. We hope to see you and your Valentine here!

Friday, January 29th

Cost: Full Pour \$24 Half Pour \$14

Time: 4-8 P.M.

The Wine:

2012 Lobo Hills Left Bank Red Blend \$35

The 2012 Left Bank Blend from Lonesome Springs Ranch was made via the old-world field blend method, which means that the Sangiovese, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested together, crushed and destemmed together and then fermented and aged in new French oak for 20 months – together. Ten percent merlot from Lonesome was added too. This is a one year, one vineyard expression wine. It smells wonderfully of black plum, olive, anise, bacon and cloves. In the mouth, the wine delivers on our trademark acidity, but lingers with flavors of clove and blackberries drenched in a light caramel-vanilla sauce. Production: 80 cases

2012 Lady Hill Proceso Credenté Red Blend \$35

Crisp and focused, with a juicy feel to the dark berry and floral flavors, playing against firm tannins as the finish lingers. 50% Sangiovese, 20% Cabernet Franc, 20% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2015 through 2017. 243 cases made. **89 Points Wine Spectator**

2012 Soos Creek Sundance Red Blend \$21

Bright, dark red. Currant, tobacco leaf, cocoa powder, menthol, violet and peppery herbs on the nose; reminded me of a Médoc wine. Suave, fine-grained and fresh, with bright framing acidity and a restrained sweetness to the flavors of sour cherry, currant and herbs. A classy vintage for this entry-level blend. Tannins are nicely supported by savory cherry and berry fruit. **89 Points Vinous**

2012 Cougar Crest Dedication Nine \$20

Supple, open-textured and expressive, with juicy cherry, red berry and mocha flavors coming together harmoniously on the fine-grained finish. Syrah, Tempranillo, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Grenache. Drink now. 3,864 cases made. **89 Points Wine Spectator**

2012 Pamplin JRG Red \$20

Cabernet Sauvignon (71%) makes up the majority of this blend, which also includes Merlot (25%) and pinches of Malbec and Petit Verdot. Complex aromas of potting soil, green pepper, graphite, herbs, blackberry, licorice and barrel spices are followed by focused black-fruit flavors with light coffee accents. 91 Points Wine Enthusiast

2012 Hence Cellars Cultivar \$20

Hence Cellars Cultivar. Plum, Red Cassis, Blood Orange, Savory Herbs, Raspberries, Blackberries, Mocha, Asian Spice, Sun Dried Tomatoes. A Cultivar is a cultivated variety of a plant that has been deliberately selected for specific desirable characteristics, such as the color and form of the flower, the yield of the crop, disease resistance, or other desirable characteristics 64% Walla Walla Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 26% Walla Walla Valley Merlot 10% Walla Walla Valley Syrah 275 cases Made

Thank you,

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