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**Hello Wine Lovers! Come and Zin with us... tomorrow night! Bring your friends and be ready to have a blast! These wines are always exciting this time of year. Many of the new releases available in the early Fall! Enjoy them while we can! Bring your friends!**

**Special Entrée: Beef Stroganoff, Salad and French Baguette \$14**  
**Special Soup: French Onion Soup Bowl \$10 Cup \$8**

**Where:** Santiam Wine & Bistro  
**When:** Friday, October 9, 2015  
**Time:** 4-8  
**Cost:** Full Pour \$26 Half Pour \$15

## **The Wines:**

### **2012 Ridge Lytton Springs \$40**

The 2013 Lytton Springs has really come together over the last year, far exceeding my early expectations. Powerful and explosive in the glass, the 2013 boasts tons of inky blue/purplish fruit, mocha, spices, new leather, lavender and licorice. Readers will have to give the Lytton Springs at least a few years to shed some baby fat, but it is nearly impossible to resist, even at this early stage. Once again, the team at Ridge has produced an absolutely compelling Lytton Springs. The 16% Petite Sirah in the blend adds an unmistakable air of gravitas. **95 Points Vinous**

### **2013 Biale Black Chicken \$45**

"Sourced primarily from Biale's estate vineyards in the Oak Knoll district. Round, plush, a gentle grip of perfectly ripe tannins, a spectrum of red and dark fruits - raspberries, cherries, blackberries, watermelon, bright vivid aromas, fine-grained texture, star anise, cinnamon, cumin, coriander, black and white pepper, cocoa, subtle nuanced oak. Age worthy, compelling, decadent: a beautifully proportioned Napa Valley Zinfandel.

### **2013 Seghesio Sonoma Zinfandel \$25**

A lively, zesty red that offers bright cherry and tarragon aromas and sleekly layered flavors of briary raspberry, nutmeg and fresh-cracked black pepper. Drink now through 2021. 92 Points Wine Spectator

### **2013 Michael David Earthquake Zinfandel Lodi \$25**

Michael David Winery also scores impressively with their moderately priced Zinfandels. The 2013 Zinfandel Earthquake is 100% Zinfandel, a 30,000-case cuvée aged in American oak. It is no wimpy Zinfandel at 15.5% alcohol, but is full-bodied, offering briary, peppery, meaty and herbal black fruits and some red fruits. The wine is pure, deep, fleshy, and ideal for drinking over the next 3-4 years. **91 Points Wine Spectator**

**Year in year out, this is one of the best value wineries in the entire world. Working from grape sources in Lodi, they offer an assortment of wines, but their top cuvées are always the**

rather soft, full-flavored and savory dry red wines

### **2013 Cline Ancient Vine Contra Costa Zinfandel \$15**

Supple and jammy, with baked cherry and spice aromas and lively flavors of raspberry jam and licorice. Drink now through 2020. **88 Points Wine Spectator**

### **2012 Boneshaker Zinfandel \$18**

This big, bold and intense Zinfandel is the fourth vintage in line to earn the name Boneshaker. Grown from sustainably farmed vineyards in Lodi, this Zinfandel was fermented in new French oak barrels for an additional layer of complexity, while a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon enhances the structure of the final blend. This wine boasts flavors ranging from macerated blackberry and plum jam to sweet dark chocolate set against a velvety mouthfeel and a richly satisfying finish. This wine's virtues are evident on its own, but it ascends to new heights when paired with a roast porchetta sandwich or Texas style chuck chili.

Cheers!

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