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Join us for a little Zin. time Friday night! Great wine and fun times!

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

When: Friday, November 20th

Time: 4-8 P.M.

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

P.S. We are stocked-up for holiday wine buying... We are receiving wines from the Spectator Top 100 List in tomorrow too!

Special appetizer: Oven Roasted Brussels Sprouts w/ Pancetta: Double order \$10 Single \$5

The Wines:

2014 The Prisoner Zinfandel \$46 New Release!

Bold aromas of black cherry and plum are heightened by hints of oak and Madagascar vanilla. A soft and velvety palate of anise, dark cocoa powder and roasted sage lead into a dense finish with luscious tannins. The Blend, Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah,,Syrah, Charbono

2013 Ridge Paso Robles Zinfandel \$34.50

Ridge's 2013 Zinfandel Paso Robles, from the Benito Dusi Ranch, exudes Paso warmth and richness. Unquestionably racy and overt, the 2013 offers striking depth and intensity, with a slightly roasted, sweet quality to the fruit. Sweet tobacco, cedar and dried herbs add closing shades of nuance, but the 2013 remains quite opulent in style. Still, all the elements are in the right place. The 2013 could use a few years to soften. It will be appreciated most by readers who enjoy intense, super-ripe Zinfandels. **90 Points Vinous**

2013 Rombauer Zinfandel Napa Valley \$31

This 2013 vintage delivers classic Rombauer Zinfandel. The weight and dimension are immediately apparent by the dark purplish-ruby color. Ripe boysenberry, clove, black pepper and hints of raspberry aromas perfume from the glass. Plush and velvety flavors of dark berry fruits and vanilla flood the palate.

2012 Bucklin Ancient Vine Zinfandel \$37.50

Appealing, with a rustic personality. Wild berry, underbrush and cracked pepper aromas combine with briary flavors of dried cherry, orange zest, bitter chocolate and licorice. The tannins sneak in on the finish. Zinfandel, Grenache, Alicante Bouschet and Pelrousin. Drink now through 2022. 732 cases made 90 Points Wine Spectator

2013 Hartford Court Russian River Valley \$33

The 2013 Zinfandel Russian River Valley is an attractive, boisterous wine to drink now and over the next few years. Dark red cherry, raspberry, spice, and mint inform the juicy finish. The 2013 is gracious, inviting and pretty much impossible to resist. **93 Points Vinous**

2013 Plungerhead Zinfandel Dry Creek \$18

Dark in color with garnet edges, this wine bursts with aromas of toasted spices, black pepper,

brambly fruit, fresh fig, and black olive. The palate shows notes of tart cranberry, fresh leather, blackberry compote, dill nuances from American oak aging, and sandalwood. Hints of caraway seed, and fresh grated nutmeg linger on the finish.

91 Points Tasting Panel

The 2013 harvest was a great growing season. The fruit hung until the acidity of the berries came into balance with the sugar levels in the vineyard. The fruit maintained the true spice of Zinfandel from three different vineyards in Dry Creek. One of these vineyards also had some Primitivo that we co-fermented with the Zinfandel (fermented two varietals in the same tank for homogenization of the fruit). This co-ferment tank gave us a lot of the pepper spice that you see in this blend. The balance of this blend came from a small lot of Russian River Zinfandel added for softness and blue fruit notes. We also added a small lot of Clarksburg Petite Sirah for color and depth as well as pinch of Paso Robles Zinfandel to round out the structure.

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