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Good Day,

Rain, Sleet or Snow this tasting is happening Friday, February 3rd at Santiam Wine & Bistro.

I have access to some great Cabernet and Cab Blends from Washington and many have never been in our wine tasting!

When: Friday, February, 3rd

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full pour \$36 Half Pour \$20

Our Special Entrée: Duck Confit (Bone-in)

Reservation welcome! 503-589-0775

The Wines:

2013 Pepper Bridge Pepper Bridge Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla \$58

Broad and spicy, layering clove and saffron overtones through the rich currant and mineral flavors, lingering with terrific presence. Has depth, focus and length. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Best from 2018 through 2023.

420 cases made. **93 Points Wine Spectator**

2014 Amavi Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla, WA \$29

Winery Notes:

*smells like: raspberry, black cherry, baking spices, vanilla bean

*tastes like: blackberry compote, toasted hazelnuts, wet stones

*mouthfeel: rich mid-palate, velvety tannin structure

*drink with: steak; cassoulet; grilled portobello mushrooms

The weather of 2014 was close to ideal for grape growing. Spring was quite temperate, and as is typical in the Walla Walla Valley, bud break occurred in mid-April. Summer was the warmest on record! The warm days continued into fall and were coupled with cool nights, allowing for the perfect development of our trademark acidity. The wines of this vintage are beautifully structured, ripe and expressive.

Varietal(s): 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 8% Merlot, 5% Malbec

Vineyard(s): 30% Pepper Bridge, 19% Seven Hills, 16% Summit View, 14% Les Collines, 11% Octave, 10% Goff

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Oak Program: 96% French, 4% American; 76% neutral, 24% new

Finished Alcohol: 14.5%

2012 Pamplin Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain/Horse Heaven Hills \$46

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon from Pamplin Family is a beauty. Blended with 4% Merlot and aged 21 months in 34% new French oak, it offers beautiful black and blue fruits, violets,
cassis, plum and a hint of cumin that in a medium to full bodied elegant, powerful and

sappy flowers and a kiss of menthol in a medium to full-bodied, elegant, graceful and impeccably balanced package. It will have 10-15 years of drinkability. **92 Points Robert Parker (This winery is located in Sherwood Oregon)**

2013 DeLille Cellars D-2 Woodinville, Washington \$40

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc

Ruby-red. Complex, perfumed aroma of blueberry, licorice and cocoa powder. Plush, sweet and deep; this round, seamless, fruit-driven blend boasts terrific immediate appeal. There's a hint of intriguing salinity here but not quite the umami richness of the outstanding richness of the 2012 vintage, even if this wine possesses riper fruit. Velvety and delicious right now and long and lush on the aftertaste. **93 Points Vinous**

2013 Abeja Colubia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$54

14.7% alcohol; mostly from Bacchus and Dionysos vineyards): Healthy dark red. Nicely ripe, nuanced aromas of black- and redcurrant, blueberry, licorice, fresh herbs and tobacco leaf. Deep, spicy, chewy Cabernet with lovely acidity giving shape and clarity to its flavors of blueberry, blackberry, cassis and bitter chocolate. Very nicely balanced, long wine with firm tannins that avoid dryness. **91+ Vinous**

2012 Watermill Cabernet Sauvignon \$25

Supple, generous and open-textured, offering mint-accented black cherry, plum and floral flavors that unfurl elegantly on the long, expressive finish. The tannins are nicely submerged. Drink now through 2022. **92 Points Wine Spectator**

Reservations welcome!

Cheers!

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