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Good Evening,

The snow is coming down like crazy, but the tasting will go on! Yes, we are die-hards around here! It is not my fault my parents raised me to be like this!

I wanted to do Cabernet Franc and blends....we'll see what we get in tomorrow! I do have some in stock already.

If you live within walking distance it might be a fun time to walk! Snuggle up in cozy warm clothes and come on down!

When: Friday, February 7th

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full pour \$20 Half Pour \$12

The Wines:

2011 Edge Cabernet Sauvignon North Coast  
\$15

Blended by a notable winemaker, EDGE Cabernet Sauvignon drinks wonderfully now, and will age well for five to eight years. Edge spent 16 months in French and American oak barrels, of which 30% were new. It is a blend of Cabernet and a small amount of Merlot and Syrah to round out the edges.

2009 Roxy Ann Cabernet Franc Rogue Valley \$25

“Smooth and ultra-rich, with luscious layers of ripe currants and black cherry, our estate Cabernet Franc offers a silky texture of well-integrated tannins, lingering on a polished, elegant finish with distinctive scents of violets, herbs, spice and cassis.”

2011 Stags Leap Wine Cellars “Hands of Time” Red Blend Napa Valley \$29

With a tradition of mentoring that dates back to our founding in 1970, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars has been a springboard for many a storied winemaker's career. This wine, a Bordeaux-inspired blend, is a tribute to our alumni whose unwavering vision of crafting elegant and balanced wines has been passed down from teacher to student, and through the hands of time. The 2011 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars “Hands of Time” Cabernet Sauvignon is an incredible value offering great style and a ripe, fleshy structure, with cassis flavors along with hints of cedar, and fine, well integrated tannins.

2012 Terra Valentine Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$25

Vintage Classic and Perfect” are the two accolades being bestowed upon the 2012 Napa Valley growing season and harvest. Textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months.

Blueberry, ripe black cherry and mulberry jam notes mingled on the nose with cocoa powder, cedar and spices with crushed sage. Bright juicy fruit greets the palate with rich, coating flavors of black fruit and licorice and a soft lingering finish.

2009 Tranche Cabernet Franc Walla Walla Valley \$31

Starting out the trio, the 2009 Cabernet Franc Estate is a serious value and shows classic Cabernet Franc character with plenty of red and black fruits, chocolate, herbs and serious minerality that comes through on the palate. Medium to full-bodied, rich and yet also well-structured and with solid tannic grip, it will drink nicely for 8-10 years. Drink now-2019.

Made by the crew at Corliss, Tranche Cellars consistently delivers serious, impeccably made wines that over-deliver. Located in Walla Walla, they produce three separate series of wines: one focused on Rhone varieties, one on Mediterranean and one on their estate vineyards. Focusing on their estate Blue Mountain Vineyard, they produce limited quantities of single varietal bottling's.

2010 Spring Valley Cabernet Franc Kathrine Corkrum Walla Walla \$54

Smooth and succulent, balancing ripe currant and fragrant floral flavors against lively acidity and a light veil of tannins. Finishes long. Drink now through 2017. 750 cases made **90 Points Wine**

**Spectator**

Tanzer:

Good full red. Inviting, perfumed aromas of cherry, raspberry, violet and rose petal; initially smelled more like pinot than cabernet. A juicy, nicely delineated midweight with very good spicy, floral lift to its red fruit flavors. Little obvious sign of the 14.8% alcohol. Finishes with firm tannins, good grip and excellent retention of fruit. 90 Points Stephen Tanzer

**Thank you,**

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