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Good Evening,

We are going to be warming up with six luscious Zins tomorrow night, join us if you can! If you have friends that love Zinfandel spread the email, the more the merrier.

**Special pairing Entrée: BBQ pulled pork shoulder sandwich with Apple, Fennel Slaw
AMAZING!**

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

When: Friday, March 3rd

Time: 4-8 PM

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

The Wines:

2014 Robert Biale Monte Rosso Vineyards Napa Valley \$63

From one of the most iconic vineyard sites in all of Northern California, the 2014 Zinfandel Monte Rosso Vineyard kicks up the level of concentration. It finishes at 15% natural alcohol but has tremendous inner depth and richness. The color is a handsome, dense bluish purple. The wine offers a spectrum of blue and purple fruits along with earth. It is full-bodied, super-concentrated, with adequate acidity and nicely integrated, ripe tannins. This is a beauty to drink over the next 10-15 years. **94+ Points Robert Parker** This is the Grand Daddy of wines! Full of exotic fruit aromatics as well as cinnamon, wild iris, pomegranate, toasted oats, mixed dried fruits, blueberry and ginger bread. A gentle entry with good weight is balanced with minerality and zesty, natural acidity. Mountain tannins assure us of this wine's graceful aging potential.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION Alcohol: 15% Harvest Date: August 31, 2014 Vintage Notes: Warm, dry spring brought early bud break, helped with canopy vigor and berry size and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set under sunny skies. Consistent temperatures for optimal vine activity, resulting in notably healthy vines as fruit went through veraison and ripening. Ageability: Drinks beautifully now and shows 8-10 years ageing potential. FYI The Winery is sold out of this wine.

2014 Seghesio Rockpile Ridge \$42.50

Freshly crushed berry fruit is complemented by richer notes of cocoa and sweet oak on the nose of this gorgeous Zinfandel. The entry is voluptuous, instantly coating your palate in velvety tannins. Fresh raspberry and baked blackberry cobbler exemplify the dichotomy of this wine: it is both lively and subtle, graceful and yet powerful. The broad nature of this wine is indicative of 2014's ideal growing season, allowing for many years of graceful aging. Full-bodied, with balanced acidity, this wine will cellar beautifully for the next 7-9 years. **94 Points Robert Parker**

Winemaker Notes

Our family's Rockpile Ridge Vineyard is located at nearly 1,200-ft. elevation in the Rockpile appellation. This vineyard has sweeping sun exposures from southeast to northwest and consists of nine distinctly different blocks of Zinfandel. The blocks are all harvested at different times and

five distinctly different blocks of Zinfandel. The blocks are all harvested at different times and fermented separately to insure the integrity and uniqueness of the individual blocks. Working with the different sun exposures, soil compositions, slopes and drainages is a winemaking dream come true and what makes our Rockpile Ridge Zinfandel so spectacular.

2013 St Francis Old Vine Zinfandel \$19

I tasted five Zinfandels from St. Francis. The 2013 Zinfandel Old Vines, made from 50- to 110-year-old vines, is a gorgeous Zinfandel – deep ruby purple, with loads of blackberry and black cherry fruit, full-bodied opulence, good purity and richness. Drink it over the next 5-6 years. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

2014 Carol Shelton Wild Thing Zinfandel \$21.50

Bold aromas of briary cherry and cracked pepper lead to zesty, easygoing flavors of smoky raspberry, sage and licorice. A great value. Drink now through 2024. **89 Points Wine Spectator**

2013 Moss Roxx Ancient Vines Reserve Zinfandel Lodi, California \$20

This is not your everyday wine. A big flavorful Zinfandel from Lodi's half to century year-old vines. A dense and dark red wine. Mature round tannins accenting generous cherry, raspberry, chocolate, caramel, and baking spice with a smooth, long finish. This Zinfandel is truly a delectable expression of Lodi's signature terroir. Moss Roxx is a big, robust wine and therefore is best paired with bold flavors such as beef, lamb, venison, and barbequed pork ribs.

2014 Angry Bunch Zinfandel Lodi, California \$16.50

Deep ruby color. Elegant notes of wild violet and rose blend with fresh blueberry, raspberry and concentrated bramble notes. Robust, concentrated fruit with a ripe texture and juicy mouthfeel blends with hints of spice and vanilla to create a powerful yet well-balanced palate. Bright acidity complements hearty tannins and provides for a lasting, complex finish. Pairs well with barbecue, grilled meats, zesty pasta, braised pork, and hearty cheeses.

Cheers,

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