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Are you ready to have some fun with us? I have found 6 great Cabernet Sauvignon's from around the globe and we are going to taste them blind. You will get the descriptions, you decide where you think they are from. it should be easy! RIGHT? Don't feel any pressure it's only wine and wine is fun!

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

What: Cabernet Sauvignon- The most popular wine grape in the world!

When: Friday, April 24th

Time: 4-8 P.M.

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

Suggested food pairing: Our Wild Mushroom Lasagna! Hard Cheeses-

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The Wines:

2010 Concha y Toro Puente Alto Marques de Concha Cabernet Sauvignon Chile \$18

This compact yet suave red is marked with silky layers of cassis and wild berry fruit that mingle with well-integrated hints of graphite, tobacco and toasty oak. Drink now through 2018. **91 Points Wine Spectator**

2010 Catena Cabernet Sauvignon Argentina \$21.50

The 2010 Catena Cabernet Sauvignon undergoes a five-day cold maceration and is raised for 12 to 14 months in barrel: first, second and third fill. It is a blend of four vineyards and is blended with 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. It has a Bordeaux-like bouquet of blackberry, bilberry, graphite and dry tobacco that is well-defined and classic in style. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins. There is a palpable sense of tension to this Cabernet, which exhibits great precision on the spicy, edgy finish. Full of personality, this comes highly recommended. Drink now-2017. **92 Points Robert Parker**

2011 Pearl South Paarl South Africa \$20

A blend of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Shiraz, the 2011 Oro has a fresh, vibrant nose not dissimilar to a McLaren Vale with ebullient, mint-scented glossy black fruits. The palate is full-bodied and very rich with an almost honeyed texture. Moderately tannic, very forward and opulent with a ravishing, polished finish, this is a very modern, svelte Cabernet/Shiraz that is well crafted by winemaker Mary-Lou.

The Coastal Region is a significant wine-producing area in the Western Cape that forms the heart of the South African wine industry. Stretching from Darling in the north to Cape Point and Constantia in the south, and to Stellenbosch and Paarl in the east, it accounts for nearly half of all the area under vine in South Africa.

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2011 Abeja Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla, WA. \$48

This is the varietal that we believe will increasingly be recognized as the icon varietal of Washington State and comprises the majority of our production. This Cabernet is stylish, elegant, and impeccably balanced. We accomplish this by meticulous viticultural management, utilization of a rare sorting system, gentle handling of the fruit and the wine, customized practices for every lot no matter how small, and carefully selected French oak.

Spicy on the nose with a little green peppercorn notes and lovely dried Chile base note supporting a huge core of black currant fruit with hints of rye bread and roast beef juices adding some detail. Wow this is rich on entry, it's not fat or weighty with somewhat lacy but firm structure restraining lots of black currant fruit, Big, chewy fruit tannins emerge on the midpalate driving the chocolate wafer, tinged blueberry fruit on the finish. This is an impressive wine, tannic and rich but at the same time it is pure and balanced

2010 Ramey Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, CA \$56

Outstanding! 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Winemaker David Ramey was like an artist using Napa Valley as his pallet to make this incredible wine, using fruit sourced from St. Helena (40%), Oak Knoll (30%), Yountville (15%), Diamond Mountain (10%), Rutherford (4%) and Mt. Veeder (1%). It all comes together beautifully, ripe and fresh with aromas of blackberry, cassis, mint, herbs, vanilla bean and graphite, which leap from the glass. This is focused and extremely well made, structured around a firm, yet plush texture. The long finish is filled with dark fruits that linger effortlessly. A remarkable wine from David Ramey and his team, not to mention a fantastic value for the quality this wine brings. (Best 2015-2026) 94 Points-

Surprising Facts About Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Sauvignon is a cross!

Cabernet Sauvignon is actually a natural crossing of Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc that occurred during in the 1600's. Since then, it's evolved to become what it is today. DNA testing at UC Davis discovered this relationship in 1996.

American Cab may contain 25% other grapes.

It's legal in the US to permit up to 25% of another grape to be blended into a wine labeled as "Cabernet Sauvignon." Some producers blend for better flavor – others blend for better value. Why is Cabernet Sauvignon wine so expensive?

Demand. In 2008, Napa Valley grape grower, Piña, said their Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon was ringing in \$6,000/ton whereas neighboring Merlot vineyards were selling at \$1,300/ton. Want to celebrate Cabernet? There's a day for that.

Cabernet Day is held on the Thursday before Labor day at the end of August each year.

#Cabernet Day started in 2010 as a social media stint to celebrate the variety. Since then, it has grown to include grand tastings in major cities from San Francisco to Sydney.

The green bell pepper smell in Cabernet Sauvignon has been linked!

The bell pepper aroma in Cabernet Sauvignon has been traced to an organic compound group called pyrazines. Pyrazines are higher in unripe Cabernet Sauvignon grapes and are noticeable at just 10-20 parts/trillion. Wine growers often prune the canopy leaves to increase sun exposure to the grapes.

Cabernet Sauvignon is high yield.

At Chateau Latour, producer of the world's most expensive Cabernet Sauvignon, they harvest 3.5 tons per acre. Comparatively, the most expensive Pinot Noir in the world, from DRC, harvests just over 1 ton of grapes per acre.

Proven to grow well in a desert!

In Eastern Washington State, a region that gets just 6-8 inches of rain a year, Cabernet Sauvignon wines made from [Champoux Vineyards](#) have received multiple 100 point scores. The [Gobi Desert in China](#) has several wineries growing Cabernet Sauvignon including Chateau Hanson.

A rare Cabernet Sauvignon taint is linked to ladybugs.

Researchers studying Cabernet Sauvignon in Canada discovered that wines made from vineyards infested with Asian ladybugs affect the flavor of the wine greatly. Ladybug taint occurs when ladybugs are inadvertently added into the fermenting wines. *—Ladybugs were originally introduced to North America to reduce aphid populations.*

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