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### “You had me at MERLOT”

Congratulations to the CLASS OF 2019 Well done, way to go...Now go get out there and make this world a better place!

Join us for Merlot tasting tomorrow June 7th We are starting this tasting and dinner early

3 PM until 8 PM We want everyone to join us!

Dinner Special: Tender, tasty, Beef Stroganoff with egg noodle or Zoodles

**Full Pour: \$30 Half pour \$17**

**Reservation welcome: Call us at 503-589-0775**

The Wines:

**The varietal that Walla Walla was founded on and still rivals the world in terms of quality. Merlot holds its own in both quality and complexity in the wide wine world and we're proud to present our latest bottling of this noble grape.**

**2014 Mayacamas Mt Veeder CA \$65** The 2014 Merlot is bright, punchy and vibrant in the glass. The purity of the flavors is striking, but the wine needs quite a bit of time to come together. That won't be an issue, as the wine probably won't be released until spring 2018. Picking on the early side, along with mountain tannins contribute to the wine's overall feel. The 2014 is going to be a fascinating wine to follow and could turn out to be one of the surprises of the vintage. 92+ Vinous reviewed in 2016

**2017 Watermill Merlot Walla Walla, WA. \$31** Ripe, generous deep blueberry fruit is framed by an enticing, savory aroma of tea leaf, tobacco, herbs and a hint of cardamom. Bright blueberry and chocolate dominate the playful front and dense mid-palate, accompanied by notes of caramel and loose tobacco on the sultry and prolonged finish.

**2016 Duckhorn Merlot Napa Valley, CA. \$36** There is a reason why Duckhorn Vineyards is synonymous with Merlot. Aside from placing this grape variety on the map with the winery's first release: the 1978 Three Palms Vineyard Merlot, Duckhorn Vineyards has been consistent with its Napa Valley Merlot. The 2016 vintage is sturdy, well-structured; and firm. TASTING NOTES: This wine is beautiful and well-framed. Its aromas and flavors of lively and bright red fruit, a shading of blackberries, and an accent of oak should match it beautifully with a juicy grilled T-Bone steak. 91 Points Wine Enthusiast

**2013 Northstar Merlot Walla Walla Valley, WA. \$35** “The 2013 vintage has rich concentrated aromas of cherry, raspberry and vanilla that lead into flavors of spice and chocolate. It is subtle and soft with a lingering toasted oak finish. This wine was created to enjoy now, or for many years to come as it will age gracefully. Enjoy!”

**2016 Ancient Vines Merlot Paso Robles, CA. \$20** Merlot excels at our estate Margarita Vineyard and has been a mainstay in our small family of wines since day one. Here, ancient sea bed soils combine with a long growing season to yield a Merlot with silky dark fruit flavors and a luscious texture, resulting in what has become one of the Paso Robles region's most notable Merlots.

**2017 Milbrandt Traditions Merlot Columbia Valley WA. \$15** The Milbrandt family has been farming the vast, windswept landscape of eastern Washington for nearly six decades. It's here in the Columbia Valley that brothers Butch and Jerry Milbrandt cultivate their estate vineyards using sustainable methods tailored to the unique terroir. Native cover crops are planted to encourage beneficial wildlife and each block is farmed independently to guarantee the character and authenticity of the wines. The Merlot is filled with aromas of Bing cherry, red cherry, cranberry and pomegranate. It has a juicy, ripe entry and a soft, round, fruit driven palate followed by a very long finish.

Saturday we are tasting the June Cheap and Cheerful from 11-4

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