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The weather is cooling down just in time for this amazing tasting! Join us for Southern Rhone reds tomorrow night!

Mike and Karen just returned from Chateau Saint Cosme in Southern France they had an marvelous time! Maybe they will attend this tasting and share some stories and pictures!

Special menu items: BEET the heat specials-Beet, Shrimp Slaw, Carrot Crunch, Summer Salad Rolls and Gazpacho soup

We are also serving: Stuffed Anaheim Poppers wrapped up in bacon...bet you can't just eat one! We are looking forward to this tasting and seeing you!

When: Friday, July 10, 2015

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

Time: 4-8 PM.

Cost: Full Pour \$26 Half Pour \$15

The Wines:

2012 Domaine St Theodoric Châteauneuf du Pape le Grand Pin \$82

Coming from sandy soils next to Rayas, the 2012 Châteauneuf du Pape le Grand Pin is a fresher, more focused and linear example of this cuvee. Showing sappy pine bush, Christmas spice and mint in its core of kirsch and blackberry fruit, it flows onto the palate with a seamless, elegant profile that carries fine tannin and bright acidity. It's a finesse-drive effort it should evolve nicely through at least 2022. **92 Wine Advocate**

These terrific Châteauneuf du Papes are the baby of importer Peter Weygandt, with the wines made by Baptiste Grangeon of Domaine du Cristia. They focus on two terroirs, La Guigasse and Le Grand Pin, both of which are comprised of pure sand soils. The winemaking is as traditional as it gets, with no destemming and aging all in older barrel

2012 Chateau de Saint Cosme Gigondas Rouge \$43

Another great traditional cuvee, the 2012 Gigondas shows the house style with its savory dark fruits, ground herbs, pepper and mineral-like bouquet. Medium to full-bodied, voluptuous and gorgeously textured, it can be drunk now or cellared for a decade. **92 Points Wine Advo**

2012 Domaine Janasse Reserve Cotes du Rhone \$20

A custom cuvee for Eric Solomon made by Christophe Sabon, the 2012 Cotes du Rhone Cuvee Reserve comes from older vines on the estate and is a blend of 55% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 10% Carignan and the balance Mourvedre and Cinsault. Aged 12 months in foudre, it's another superb value from this estate, and since 2011, the Cuvee Reserve has been a significant step up over the estate's classic Cotes du Rhone release.

Drinking well past its humble price point, this 2012 exhibits notions of kirsch, blackberry, smoked meat, graphite and copious licorice nuances to go with a medium to full-bodied, pure and layered feel on the palate. It shows the purity of the vintage, as well as the richness and texture that this estate is known for. It should continue to thrill for another 4-

5 years. **92 POINTS ROBERT PARKER**

2012 Chateau de Saint Cosme Les Deux Albion \$24

A wine that come all from estate vineyards (mostly Plan de Dieu and Cairanne) since 2008, the 2012 Cotes du Rhone Les Deux Albions is mostly Grenache and Syrah, yet also includes a tiny amount of Clairette and other permitted varieties. It exhibits knockout notes of dark fruits, chocolate, smoked meats and pepper. This is followed by a ripe, textured and beautifully pure effort that has both richness and freshness. Drink it anytime over the coming 7-8 years. **91 Points Robert Parker**

2012 Domaine Gallety Cotes du Vivarais \$28

A beautiful effort that comes from the Ardeche region of the Rhone Valley (northern part of the Southern Rhone), the 2012 Cotes du Vivarais's inky purple color is followed by a perfumed, complex 2012 that deliver loads of charm and character with an overall elegant, mid-weight profile. A blend of Syrah and Grenache, it offers up Northern Rhone Syrah-like qualities of blackberry, leather, spice, violets and cured meats as well as a medium-bodied, seamless texture that tightens up nicely on the finish. Shining for its aromatic complexity and overall vibrancy on the palate, it should continue to shine over the coming 4-5 years.

2012 Domaine Berthet-Rayne Côtes de Rouge Vieilles Vignes \$15

Along the same lines, the 2012 Cairanne Vieilles Vignes shows the freshness and purity of the vintage nicely. Soft and upfront, with a supple feel that's geared for near term drinking, offers notions of raspberry, licorice, sugared spices and garrigue-styled aromas and flavors. Delicious all around, enjoy it over the coming 4-5 years. **89 Points Robert Parker**

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