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Good Evening. This is truly a tasting not to be missed!

Our specials: Braised Chicken Thighs with artichoke and mushrooms

Salad: Blueberry Spinach Salad

When: Friday, August 11th

Time: 4-8 PM

Cost: Full pour \$30 Half pour \$17

The Wines:

#### **2014 Cenyth Red Napa Valley \$50**

The 2014 is a beauty, with plenty of finesse, forest floor, floral blueberry notes, silky tannins, medium to full body, high energy, a vibrant mouthfeel, and a long crisp finish with loads of blue and black fruits. It should drink nicely for 15 or more years.

Dominated by 60 % Cabernet Franc, having 25% Merlot. The grapes come primarily from Chalk Hill, but with smaller quantities of fruit from the Jackson Estate vineyards in Bennett Valley, Knights Valley and Alexander Valley **93 Points Robert Parker**

#### **2012 Robert Sinskey Vineyards Napa Valley \$58**

The Winery Notes: "Certified Organic ""The 2012 Vintage was as close to idea as we have seen in our thirty-plus years as winegrowers. Optimal weather patterns at flowering led to a healthy set and the long, cool growing season let the fruit ripen evenly. Everything in the vineyards was gorgeous in 2012... a situation that almost never happens"

Tasting notes: "Cabernet Franc wines produced from average vintages are a thrill, but wines from a great vintage like 2012 have the structure to gracefully develop in the bottle for long-term relationship. Fruity yet restrained, this Cabernet Franc has aromas and flavors of mulberries and/or violets backed by leather and peat. The wine is full and complex with youthful tannin and a great mouthfeel. A decant while young or a nap in the cellar will reveal a hidden gem."

Truly! This is one wine that will continue to linger in my memory for years to come... as I wait to awaken it from my cellar, with pure anticipation! DR That's me!

#### **2011 El Enemigo Cabernet Franc Mendoza \$28**

The 2011 El Enemigo Cabernet Franc is a little bit of the reverse blend of the Malbec, as it packs 92% Cabernet Franc and 8% Malbec also from Gualtallary in Tupungato in the Uco Valley. However, this is sourced from plots planted with 10,000 plants per hectare on schist soils. Very little SO2 was used in the production of this wine. It has some notes of black fruit and violets, but remains closed, austere, lineal and straight with very high acidity. It is very much about the soil, not much about the fruit, but its youth is revealed in the notes of the elevation that are still there: that is cedar wood, peat and graphite. Summarizing, this is an austere, serious, long, tight red that has great potential to age. Drink 2015-2020. **92 Points Robert Parker**

#### **2012 Saviah Cabernet Franc Walla Walla \$29**

A blend of Dugger Creek, Summit View and Watermill fruit, this wine shows pleasing aromas of herb, flowers and dried tobacco. The flavors are silky and palate coating, showing a very pretty sense of precision. **90 Points Wine Enthusiast**

#### **2015 Hence Cellars Cabernet Franc Walla Walla \$25**

**The mysterious one!**

## 2012 Don Carlo Vineyards Cabernet Franc Milton-Freewater, Oregon \$30

Don Carlo Vineyard produces estate wines from grapes grown in Milton-Freewater Oregon located in the southernmost part of the Walla Walla Valley, located in the "Rocks District of Milton-Freewater AVA". Grown here are Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Don Carlo Vineyard Estate produces award winning wines that are demonstrated by the distinctive and expressive cobblestone terroir of this area. Owned and operated by Tim and Lori Kennedy the vineyard was established in 2007. Our dreams did come true of owning a vineyard and making our own wine from this amazing terroir, with every new vintage we embark on the loving process it takes to get our grapes into your glass. This is a symphony of flavors that truly showcase the "rocks" terroir from the vines grown in this soil. It is a dry red wine with some hints of raspberry, strawberry and plum; the mouth feel is rather smooth, soft and spicy all at the same time. 14% alcohol 0% I RS Harvested | October 2012

Thank you,

Debbie

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