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**Good Evening, If you like Argentina Reds then don't miss this tasting! Bring your friends! Fabulous Wines for you to taste and great food too!**

**When:** Friday, August 12, 2016

**Time:** 4-8 PM

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

**Special:** Flatiron Steak with Chimichurri Sauce served as an appetizer of entrée

**The Wines:**

**2012 Sol Vida Malbec Mendoza \$29**

This gorgeous Malbec gets it right. Compact, minerally aromas of blackberry are deep and a bit feral. The palate is juicy and pulses with ribald berry fruit and acidity. Blackberry flavors are beefy, salty and a touch roasted, while the finish is baked, rich and perfectly oaked. Drink through 2020. **94 Points Wine Enthusiast**

**2012 Luca Malbec \$34**

Very suave and polished, with ripe, pure flavors of blackberry, hoisin sauce and black pepper. Finely textured, this is packed with tar and roasted plum notes, showing plenty of licorice snap and dark chocolate accents on the powerful finish. **92 Points Wine Spectator**

**2013 Susana Balboa Ben Marco Expresivo \$35**

This offers an interesting mix of dried berry and brambly flavors that feature notes of dried ginger and white pepper. Shows savory accents midpalate, with dried beef details on the finish. Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now

**2013 Bodegas Escorihuela Gascon Malbec Reserva \$22**

Offers a violet-infused aroma, with lush flavors of dark plum, blackberry and dark currant, accented by Asian spice hints. Medium-grained tannins give this a refined allure. Creamy, presenting chocolate mousse details on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 18,000 cases imported. **92 Points Wine Spectator**

**2012 Famigila Bianchi Cabernet Sauvignon \$17**

Currant and spice aromas are subdued and solid. A strapping tight palate with strong tannins delivers roasted plum, cassis, spice and chocolate flavors prior to a dry spicy finish that holds its own. **88 Points Wine Spectator**

Bodega Valentin Bianchi is one of the oldest and most important wineries in South America. It is a symbol of tradition, nobility and quality in Argentine wines. Started in 1928 by Don Valentin Bianchi, they have won world attention and acclaim since 1934 starting with the "Maximum Quality" honor in Mendoza. On August 12, 1968, Don Valentin Bianchi passed away. However, the tradition that he firmly established continues to live on in his successors.

**2012 Bonarda Old Vine Reserve \$17**

The 2012 Bonarda Old Vine Reserve is about as good an example of this varietal that one will find. Its saturated purple color is accompanied by an exceptional bouquet of mulberry, spring flowers and loads of berry fruit. Although it was aged 12 months in

blackberry jam, spring flowers and loads of berry fruit. Although it was aged 12 months in French oak, there is no hint of oak, only super fruit, medium to full body, and a terrific mouthfeel as well as aromatics. This crowd-pleaser should drink nicely for another 2-3 years. **91 Points Robert Parker**

**Cheers!**

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