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August Newsletter attached

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Good Evening! This weather has encouraged this big red wine tasting tomorrow night! I hope you are in town and can come around! This tasting will mostly be big Cabernet from Napa Valley and a couple of blends one from Washington from our good friend Andrew Rich!

Attached you will find our August Newsletter, I must admit, I am a little behind schedule, Yes, a busy month! yahoo!

Wine Tasting Friday, August 2nd

Time: 4-8 PM

Pricing: First Five \$22 Super Pour \$8 FULL POUR: ALL SIX \$30/HALF POUR all six \$18

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro Invite all your friends

FYI We have a big pot of Crab & Corn Chowder waiting for you.

THE WINES:

2009 Andrew Rich Columbia Valley Mésalliance \$21.50

48% merlot, 24% cabernet franc, 20% Syrah and 8% Malbec): Bright medium ruby. Slightly candied aromas of black cherry liqueur, licorice, bitter chocolate and violet. Sweet and smooth but a bit youthfully stunted; not a thick wine but densely packed and fine-grained, with firm acidity keeping the dark berry flavors under wraps today. Finishes with firm, suave tannins and good subtle length. I'd hold this for two or three years before pulling the cork or twisting the cap!

90 Points Stephen Tanzer Oct/Nov issue 2011

2009 Kuleto Estate Indian Ink \$34

There's lots to admire in this ripe, rich, gutsy effort, which is dense, rustic and marked by crushed rock, ripe plum and berry, ending with chewy tannins. This may always be on the chunky side, but enjoyably so. Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Drink now through 2020. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

2009 Rodney Strong Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$40

Full bodied and richly textured, this cabernet displays intense aromas and flavors of black currant, sandalwood incense, white pepper and cocoa, with a smooth, lingering finish. People often ask what "Reserve" It's simple. Reserve means the winemaker's careful blend of individual wines made from time-tested, meticulously farmed sections of some of the very best vineyards in Alexander Valley. Select areas within each vineyard are hand harvested individually, fermented separately and aged in the finest French oak barrels. After about six months, each lot is tasted and graded. Only the highest graded wines that display depth, concentration and age worthiness are considered for Reserve

Cabernet. The blend is then assembled and the wine is returned to barrels to facilitate flavor integration. The wine is aged an additional 12 to 18 months, depending on the vintage, before bottling

2010 Round Pond Estate Cabernet Sauvignon \$53

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate is full of freshly cut flowers, violets, menthol crushed rocks and dark red cherries. There is a level of freshness and pure vibrancy in the 2010 that previous vintages don't have, most likely the result of the long, cool growing season. The balance of fruit, acidity and tannin is first-class. Nothing is out of place. In short, the 2010 Estate is gorgeous. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023. **92 Points Robert Parker**

20011 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon \$74.50

Caymus Vineyards was established in 1972 when a mother and father and their son embarked on a family winery. From the onset, they concentrated on the production of Cabernet Sauvignon, which produces the most superlative wine in the Napa Valley region. Often considered "trendsetters" in the style of Napa Valley Cabernet, Caymus has continued to forge new techniques in both vineyards and winery. Selected lots are blended to make wines that best express the vineyards and vintage. This may seem young, I just tasted this wine and it is epic Cabernet Sauvignon

Super Pour: \$8-2 oz pour or \$6- 1 ounce pour (Optional)

2009 Pine Ridge Stag's Leap Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$80

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District is a gorgeous wine. Black cherries, spices, licorice and mint are some of the notes that first take shape in the glass. There is a lovely white flower note that runs through the wine that adds freshness and vibrancy. Plums, tar and smoke wrap around the firm finish. This is one of the few 2009s here that could use another year or two in bottle. It is a fine effort. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024. **94 Points Robert Parker**

Good night!

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