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Join us at Santiam Wine & Bistro for our Washington Red Wine Tasting!

When: Friday, September 12th

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full Pour \$24=2 oz of each Half Pour \$14=1 Oz of each

2012 was an exceptional vintage for Washington state and here is a chance to taste, enjoy and buy a few.

Feel free to forward this message to your friends who may be interested!

The Wines:

2012 Woodward Canyon Artist Series \$52

The 2012 vintage was substantially larger than the winter damaged 2011 vintage and the quality was exceptional. We achieved beautifully mature fruit through shoot thinning, leaf stripping and improved viticultural practices. It is rare to see production numbers this large and still see wine quality so high.

All grapes were harvested by hand, sorted and de-stemmed. This Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented in small stainless steel tanks and was punched down or pumped over twice a day. Aging in French Chateaux barrels has produced a well proportioned, complex and generous red wine. We have consciously chosen to use slightly less new French oak as these vineyards have gotten older; thus allowing the wine to express varietal typicity and a very distinct sense of place.

This "Artist Series" Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from many of the finest and most highly regarded vineyards in Washington State. Each produces fantastic wine in their own right; when blended they produce extraordinary wine.

This enticing and deeply colored red wine shows a complex nose of baking spice, black olive and graham integrated beautifully with aromas of ripe black cherry. In the mouth the wine is rich and elegant, showing classic notes of pepper, herb and berries. Integrated tannins enhance the texture and give proportion; the finish is complex, generous, and long. While this wine can be enjoyed now it will benefit greatly from additional cellaring and, with proper storage, should develop for ten years.

2012 Seven Hills Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$26

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley is a rock-solid value that gives up plenty of lead pencil, new leather, black currants and subtle herbal notes to go with a firm, structured, medium-bodied profile on the palate. A blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot and the balance Cabernet Franc

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot and the balance Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec that spent 16 months in 25% new oak, it too will have over a decade of longevity. **90 Points Robert Parker**

2012 Fidélitas 4040 Red Mountain \$32

54% Cabernet Sauvignon 33% Merlot 8% Cabernet Franc 5% Petit Verdot

The acreage of the Red Mountain AVA, is a dedication to the region we call home. The nose expresses intense dark fruit aromas of blackberry, black cherry, and plum, along with layers of baking spice, dried tobacco and hints of violet. The palate is very juicy with flavors of raspberry and kirsch, expressing soft rounded tannins, and finishing with hints of toasted oak and cocoa.

2012 Saviah Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon \$29

The well-drained- mineral-rich soils and unique climate of the Walla Walla Valley provide the perfect environment for growing world-class grapes. This exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon was crafted from fruit grown at McClellan 30% Anna Marie 30% Summit View 18% Dugger Creek 11% and Seven Hills 11%

2012 Januik Red Blend Columbia Valley \$20

The nose is brimming with blackberries, currants, and rich dark chocolate. Medium full on the palate with an elegant, lively mouth-feel and a long finish packed with fresh berry and cherry flavors. 39% Malbec, 18% Syrah, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc

After two cooler than normal vintages, the 2012 vintage more closely resembled what is typical of the Columbia Valley. Though Spring 2012 temperatures were relatively cool, summer temperatures were warm and remarkably consistent. The ideal weather continued through harvest and allowed us to produce aromatic, flavorful wines with good acidity. Expect the wines from this vintage to be long-lived and incredibly well-balanced.

2011 Zerba Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley \$30 Double Gold Walla Walla Wine Competition!

Wenatchee Valley native Doug Nierman continues to shine as winemaker for Cecil and Marilyn Zerba, and this stunning Cab serves as yet another example of the work he did to help Zerba Cellars earn its 2011 Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year award from Wine Press Northwest. The fruit source is primarily from the estate Jon Cockburn Ranch Vineyard, but Kelly, LeFore, Summit View and Winesap also played roles. Beautiful aromas include black currant, allspice, clove, horehound and walnut. The drink is rich, dark, bold and exotic as black fruit and baking spices push from beginning to end in this remarkably balanced wine. It earned a double gold at the 2014 Walla Walla Valley Wine Competition. Rating: Outstanding! Production: 793 cases

Best Regards,

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