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**Good Evening, What a day; thunder, lightening, pouring rain, lights flickering, it was exciting...but not as exciting as our wine tasting we have lined-up for you tomorrow night! Cabernet Franc and a few fun blends. Tell all you know!**

**Special Entrée: Flank Steak Salad with Blueberry Chutney, Gorgonzola creamy dressing, French cheesy bread. \$16**

**Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro**

**When: Friday, December 11th**

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

**Time: 4-8 P.M.**

**The Wines:**

**2012 Sleight Hand Archimage Red Blend \$54**

The best vintage for this cuvee to date, there are 775 cases of the 2012 The Archimage (49% Cabernet Franc, 48% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon). It offers classic blackcurrants, graphite, leafy herbs and hints of charred meats to go with a full-bodied, supple, layered and beautifully pure profile on the palate. Seeing 20 months in 39% new French oak, it has enough mid-palate depth and fine tannin on the finish to evolve for 10-15 years. **93 Points Robert Parker**

Trey Busch continues to show his wine making talent with these latest releases, and I was impressed with the entire lineup. Don't let the whimsical names fool you, these are top-notch wines. In addition, there's some killer value here as well.

Lively and expressive, rich in texture and lifted in structure, brimming with ripe blackberry, coffee and spice flavors that glide easily over polished tannins. Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2020. 750 cases made. **92 Points Wine Spectator**

**2010 Kennedy Shaw Cabernet Franc \$45**

Aromatic with flowers Licorice, earth, caramel and ripe sweet blackberry. On the palate the wine is fresh, deep, straightforward and long in the finish.

Ratings

- 91 POINTS - San Diego Wine Competition

Awards

- GOLD MEDAL- San Diego Wine Competition ● GOLD MEDAL - Seattle Wine Awards

Production Notes 98% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

Production Cases Produced: 150

**2014 Sineann Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley \$35**

Dark, full-bodied and of great length-bursting with exuberant fruit- an outstanding example of a noble varietal.

**2011 Hence Cabernet Franc Washington \$25**

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**2013 Nine Hats Red Blend \$20**

The nine renowned winemakers who make the Long Shadows' signature wines always have a bit of wine left in their barrels after creating their own final blends. Nine winemakers each throw their hat in the mix, so to speak, to create Nine Hats wine. These wines have a complex and distinctive character.

**2014 Sineann Red "R" Table Wine \$16**

A fun blend of Pinot Noir, Cabernet, Zinfandel, Cabernet Franc and Merlot

This wine is a sensational value. Fun for parties the **R** is for Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer!!

Enjoy!

## **Ho, Ho, Ho Merry Christmas!**

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