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Top Scoring amazing Red Wine from around the globe! Join us..

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

When: Friday, December 17, 2015

Time: 4-8

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

Special Entrée: Comfort food...Gourmet Meatloaf, garlic mashed, green salad, French baguette \$16

Bring all your friends and family... It's Christmas Time! You might even get a little shopping done...

The Wines:

2013 Mas Alta Black Slate Grenache Priorat, Spain \$21.50

This is a joint venture between famed Rhône négociant Michel Tardieu, his oenologist Philippe Cambie and importer Eric Solomon. From the area of Priorat known as the Vilella Alta, these are high-density vineyards planted more than 1,000 feet above sea level. The vines average between 15 to 60 years old. The final blend of the 2013 Black Slate is 60% Grenache, 35% Carignan and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, all aged for one year in French oak (60% new and 40% one-year-old). The color is inky/bluish/purple. The wine offers up notes of blueberry and blackberry liqueur mixed with wet rocks, spring flowers and graphite, followed by a full-bodied, dense, multidimensional wine with fabulous intensity, loads of burgeoning complexity and a precise and lush feel to the palate. Tannins are present, but silky and well-integrated. This is a seamless, beautifully made wine that sells for a song, considering the quality and complexity it possess. Drink over the next 5-8 years. **95 Points Robert Parker**

2013 Saint Roch Cotes du Roussillon Chimeres France \$19

A joint venture between Jean-Marc Lafage and Eric Solomon, the 2013 Cotes du Roussillon Chimeres is just another example of the brilliance of the 2013 vintage in the Roussillon. Coming all from the schist soils of Maury and a blend of 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 10% Carignan that spent 8-12 months in 500-liter barrels and concrete, it possesses a deep purple color to go with savory notes of kirsch and assorted darker berry fruits, pepper, truffle and damp earth. Full-bodied, thrillingly textured and with incredible purity of fruit, this knockout effort stays lively and elegant, with fine tannin, terrific length and no hard edges. It will knock your socks off over the coming 4-6 years. **93 Points Robert Parker**

2012 Colleen Clemens Adriane, Oregon \$47.50

The 2012 Pinot Noir Adriane comes from five blocks in the vineyard and was harvested October 8-11 at just 1.25-tons per acre. Matured in 40% new oak, it has a gorgeous bouquet with vibrant black cherry and mulberry fruit interlaced with stony scents. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, good depth of blackberry and bilberry fruit with a fine, focused structure on the finish. This is a top-notch Pinot Noir. Excellent. **93 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Altosino Brunello di Montalcino Italy \$60

2010 ALTESINO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO Italy \$92

Altesino's 2010 Brunello di Montalcino stands proud among its peers. No other wine I tasted among the new releases in Montalcino achieves this unique level of aromatic finesse and distinction. The bouquet is almost purely floral in character with a strong emphasis on pressed rose petal, dried violets and potpourri. The fruit tones are less emphatic and include bright cherry and red currant. In the mouth, the wine's compressed texture is accented by fennel seed and licorice. The 2009 vintage had more power and heat, but this version shows elegant restraint. **93+ Points Robert Parker**

2012 Woodward Canyon Artist Series Walla Walla, WA. \$51.50

A beautiful Bordeaux blend, the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Artist Series checks in as a blend of 100% Cabernet, from a number of vineyards (mostly Woodward Canyon, Champoux and Spring Creek), that spent 21 months in 50% new French oak. It's a classy, full-bodied, seamless and sexy 2012 that exhibits lots of black cherry, black raspberry, toasted spices, licorice and dried herbs. The most approachable and forward of the Bordeaux blends, it will still have two decades of longevity. **93 Points Robert Parker**

2013 Gramercy Lower East Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$35

Amazing Cabernet Sauvignon from one of the prestigious producers in Washington State. This Columbia Valley appellation Cabernet Sauvignon is full-bodied with dark cherry, cassis, toffee, bell pepper, and clay minerality. Structured and powerful. Not yet Scored you be the judge!

Cheers.

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