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Good Evening,

We have an amazing line-up...hard to resist, you might say! Check-out the wines and then call your friends. Make your plans to come see us for the most exciting tasting of this year, to date!

Tasting: Reds from Tuscany

When: Friday, February 19th

Time: 4-8 PM

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

Cost: Full Pour \$30 Half Pour: \$17

Special Menu: Prime Rib French Dip, creamy horseradish, Fondant Potatoes, green salad \$16

The Wines:

2013 Camigliano Rosso di Montalcino \$21.50

The 2013 Rosso di Montalcino is a surprisingly big wine with bold extract and a dark, impenetrable color. It only sees six months of oak and you can taste the youth of the fruit and those just-fermented tones (carbonic like) of soda and raw cherry. It glides smoothly over the palate and would undoubtedly make an excellent pairing companion to oven-roasted lasagna or cheese and spinach-filled ravioli. This is a simple, clean and quintessentially Italian red wine. **90 Points Robert Parker**

2013 Polziano Vino Nobile Di Montepulciano \$29

A profound red with plenty of regional character and floral notes with heightened acidity that adds brightness. Polished and firm tannins carry the round and ripe red fruit flavors through to a balanced and elegant finish.

2012 Felsina Castelnuovo Berardenga Chianti Classico \$25

The 2012 vintage was less problematic in the Castelnuovo Berardenga sub zone compared to other parts of the Chianti Classico appellation. Felsina's 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva Berardenga is full, generous and reflects the house style of this celebrated estate. Fruit is sourced from 35-year-old vines and the harvest takes place at various intervals in order to ensure optimal ripeness. Soft cherry and spice give the wine an elegant approach. **92 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Castiglion Del Bosco, Brunello di Montalcino \$50

“The 2010 Brunello di Montalcino is a ripe and fruit-forward expression that bursts with energy and red fruit intensity even at this young stage in the wine's life. Thick layers of cherry, blackberry, cassis, vanilla and cinnamon give the wine a bold, opulent personality. The tannins are super tame and docile, even for this more structured vintage. The wine boasts a medium build with bright garnet and ruby highlights. I think Castiglion del Bosco does a great job of executing and delivering this softer style of Brunello that works so well as a companion to the hearty, wintry foods we love most. You can drink it in the near or long term. It has that level of aging flexibility. The 2010 vintage is a great one to taste and buy. Massimo Ferragamo's Castiglion del Bosco shows the fruits of hard labor and major winery investments with the 2010 vintage. This stellar vintage shows us what his vineyards are capable of because the quality of fruit is so good. I can't wait to try the vineyard-designate Campo del Drago Brunello that was not ready at the time

of my tasting. The house style favors softness and opulence, but this vintage adds the structure and brightness for truly great wines and longer drinking windows. “ **94 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate**

2009 Siro Pacenti Brunello Di Montalcino \$50

The 2009 Brunello di Montalcino is comprised of fruit from the northern half of the appellation harvested between October 5 to the 10 and fruit from the southern half harvested the last week of September. This range proved essential in maintaining the balance – especially between sweet fruit and acidity – that defines this beautiful wine. The use of wood (24 months in barrique) has also been executed with care and restraint adding more to the overall texture and richness of the wine than it does to the nose per se. Drink: 2016-2025. **93 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Felsina Chianti Classico Reserva Rancia \$54.50

The 2010 Chianti Classico Reserva Rancia is chiseled and focused. It offers a full spectrum of Sangiovese characteristics with balsamic herb and medicinal tones followed by crushed stone and delicate clove or nutmeg. Rancia is equally impressive in the mouth with firm structure and enduring fruit flavors. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2030.

95 Points Robert Parker

This is one of the nicest collections of new releases by Giuseppe Mazzocolin's Felsina. At the edge of the Chianti Classico and Chianti Colli Senesi denominations, the estate counts 475 hectares, of which 61 are planted with vineyard

Cheers!

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