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I'm getting this email out to you early! What a grand tasting we have for you tomorrow night~

I've been working extra hard to bring you these amazing wines! Come and enjoy the fruits of my labor! Great wine and food... Let's celebrate Equinox together!

Dinner special: Classic Steak Oscar-5 oz beef tenderloin, dungeness crab, asparagus, hollandaise sauce with saffron rice

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

When: Friday, March 9th

Cost: Full pour \$40 Half Pour \$22

The Wines:

#### **2014 Mount Brave Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$72**

The top score, though, has to go to the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, which is 90.5% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest small quantities of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Malbec. This wine has an opaque purple color, a big, sweet kiss of blueberry and blackberry liqueur, some graphite, a juicy, full-bodied, savory mouthfeel, and excellent purity and underlying balance. This seamlessly rich mountain Cabernet Sauvignon should age effortlessly for two decades or more. **95 + Points Wine Advocate**

#### **2013 Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley \$60**

"What began as one of the warmest, driest and earliest growing seasons on record, 2013 had moderate weather throughout summer, allowing the grapes to develop very intense, concentrated flavors with lots of structure. 2013 is the richest, most complex Jordan I've tasted upon release." Rob Davis Winemaker

#### **2015 Quintessa "Faust" Cabernet Sauvignon \$58**

A barrel sample, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon is deep garnet-purple colored, with a decadent cassis, baked blackberries and plum preserves-scented nose, plus hints of spice cake, cedar and Marmite toast. Full-bodied, rich, concentrated and wonderfully spicy in the mouth, it has velvety tannins and just enough freshness, finishing long. **94 Points Wine Advocate**

#### **2014 Darioush "Caravan" Cabernet Sauvignon \$54**

A classically-styled round, supple and sleek red blend – 2014 Caravan is the first vintage to highlight higher proportions of Merlot. The resulting profile is ripe and decadent with palate-pleasing notes of juicy plum, raspberry and flourless chocolate cake. Cabernet Sauvignon, the lion's share of the blend, adds layers of complexity and an ideal balance between sweet and savory elements. It's supple yet firm and polished tannin is complemented by dark, spicy notes of black currant and cinnamon; Caravan has a youthful energy that would reward several years of aging.

#### **2014 Paul Hobbs "Cross Barn" Cabernet Sauvignon \$53**

Blended of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon with 9% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County has a deep garnet-purple color and is scented of red and black currants, black cherries and cloves with hints of vanilla, cinnamon stick and lavender, plus a touch of Provence herbs. Medium-bodied, it has a solid backbone of grainy tannins and lively acid cutting through the intense fruit and spice flavors, finishing with an herbal lift. **90 Points Wine Advocate**

#### **2016 DAOU Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$28**

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon reveals a nose of crème de cassis, plum preserves, cigar boxes, and garrigue with dried herbs and sandalwood in the undercurrent. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers tons of ripe black fruits, licorice and dried herbs with a chewy frame and good balance. **89**

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