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**Good evening~ Time to knock it out of the park! These Cabernet Sauvignon will get the job done! Make your plans is visit us at Santiam Wine & Bistro on Friday, January 13th (no snow allowed day!) Join us we have some snow days to make-up for!**

**Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro 1555 12th Street Suite 130**  
**When: Friday, January 13th is might be bad luck not to attend!**  
**Time: 4-8 PM**  
**Cost: Full pour \$42 Half Pour \$23**

**Special Dinner Entrée: Wild Mushroom Stroganoff with Rice or Noodles**

**The Wines:**

**2013 Gramercy Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla, WA \$47**

Offering a pretty, elegant, dare I say Margaux-like bouquet of lead pencil shavings, spice-box, tobacco leaf, black raspberries and blackberries, the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon is medium to full-bodied, utterly seamless, elegant and layered on the palate, with no hard edges, sweet tannin and a great finish. It puts on weight (and deepens in color) with time in the glass, is impeccably balanced and beautifully concentrated, with tons of character. A blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot that spent 22 months in just under 40% new French, it will benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and knock your socks off through 2040. It shines more for its elegance and purity than overall power and richness, but don't let that stop you! **94 Points Wine Advocate**

**2012 Cliff Lede Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$82**

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon is a beauty, showing all the generosity of the 2012 vintage. Composed of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec and 3% Merlot, its dense purple color is followed by copious aromas of crème de cassis and spring flowers, supple tannins, and an opulent, fleshy style. A total intellectual and hedonistic turn-on, it is loaded with fruit and complexity, and reveals beautiful harmony among all the component parts. It is a terrific introduction to what Cliff Lede has achieved at such a high quality level. Consume it over the next 10-15 years. **93 Points Wine Advocate**

One of the best-run wineries in Napa Valley, Cliff Lede Vineyards has surged into the top hierarchy of quality in a relatively short period of time. It is located on the Yountville Crossroads, directly across from another budding superstar, the Kapcsandy Family Winery.

**2013 Woodward Canyon Artist Series Walla Walla Valley, WA. \$52**

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Artist Series is straight up terrific, with tons of black currants, plums and spice to go with background smoked herbs and toasted bread nuances. Incorporating 11% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc, aged 20 months in 50% new French oak, this full-bodied, rich, layered beauty has a great mid-palate, a silky texture and ripe tannin, all suggesting it will have a graceful evolution. Give bottles 2-3 years and enjoy over the following 10-15 **94 Points Wine Advocate**

**2013 Owen Roe Dubrul Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley, WA. \$69.**

Ultra silky. Opening with currant, cedar, and eucalyptus, transitioning to a gorgeously satin-like body of red plum, currant, and bottom notes of blackberry mingling with milk chocolate through

body of red plum, currant, and bottom notes of blackberry mingling with milk chocolate through the finish, accented by fried sage leaf (so good!). Super inviting when first opened, but even silkier on day two. I recommend holding for a couple years to add textural richness - I'm certain it will have a long cellar life well past that. Winery Notes

**2013 L'Ecole Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla, WA \$40**

More complex than the Columbia Valley Cabernet, the 2013 Walla Walla Cabernet Sauvignon (100% Cabernet aged in 40% new French oak) reveals a healthy ruby/purple color as well as perfumed cedar, spice-box, crushed flowers and cassis and black raspberry like fruit. The oak is present, but nicely integrated. This medium to full-bodied, beautifully polished 2013 has solid mid-palate depth and enough tannin to keep it evolving gracefully for another decade or more  
**91 Wine Advocate**

**2013 Stonestreet Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$32**

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate from Monument Ridge is 98% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 18 months in 37% new French oak. It is an outstanding wine, with the oak pushed to the background. Notes of crushed rocks, spring flowers, blackcurrants, plums, and Asian spice are followed by a rich, full-bodied, pure and impressive Cabernet. It should drink well for at least 15 or 20 years." **90 Points Wine Advocate**

**2013 Mercer Horse Heaven Hills Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley, WA.\$23**

Broad, open-textured, spicy and appealing, with pure plum and cherry fruit, sailing above a layer of sandy tannins. The flavors prevail on the long and expressive finish. Best from 2018 through 2023. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

**Saturday, we are tasting six wines from the January Cheap & Cheerful! From 12-4 Attached are the White Notes at well as the January Newsletter. I feel like starting this month over!**

Cheers,

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