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Good Evening, I worked really hard putting this tasting together...scouting South Africa, to the high altitudes of Argentina all the way to the Stampede pass sliding through the snow as I attempted to climb the rattlesnake hills of the Columbia Valley until finally finding my way home. I was able to put together what some might think a very interesting wine tasting. If you have the chance to come by Friday night from 4-8 P.M. We would love to see you!

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

When: Friday, January 20th

Time: 4-8 P.M.

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

Special Entrée: Lamb Ragu

The Wine:

2012 Paradigm Cabernet Franc Napa Valley \$65

Winemaker, Heidi Barrett's notes: This Cabernet Franc is black cherry red in color with aromas of blueberry jam and white pepper spiciness. With wonderful ripeness in 2012 we were able to make one of our best Cabernet Francs. The wine is very lush across the palate with a silky softness and sweet impression of ripe blueberry fruit. Tannins are very moderate with a nice light texture in the mid palate. This is an easy drinking Cabernet Franc, rich and complete and very enjoyable.

2012 Raats Family Cabernet Franc South Africa \$37.50

Dense and fleshy, with alluring red and black currant fruit that has melded with smoldering tobacco leaf, loam and bittersweet cocoa notes. Shows ample grip, but remains fine-grained, leaving a supple feel overall. Best from 2016 through 2020 **91 Points Wine Spectator**

2012 Soos Creek Wine Cellars "Stampede Pass" Columbia Valley \$30

An outstanding wine, and the first vintage for the cuvee, the 2012 Cabernet Franc Stampede Pass (there's 24% Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend) offers lots of spice, currants and spring flowers, with a touch of underlying volatile acidity. Inky colored, medium to full-bodied, and nicely balanced on the palate, with plenty of texture, it should drink nicely through 2022. **90 Points Wine Advocate**

2011 El Enemigo Cabernet Franc, Mendoza \$27

The 2011 El Enemigo Cabernet Franc is a little bit of the reverse blend of the Malbec, as it packs 92% Cabernet Franc and 8% Malbec also from Gualtallary in Tupungato in the Uco Valley. However, this is sourced from plots planted with 10,000 plants per hectare on schist soils. Very little SO2 was used in the production of this wine. It has some notes of black fruit and violets, but remains closed, austere, lineal and straight with very high acidity. It is

very much about the soil, not much about the fruit, but its youth is revealed in the notes of the elevation that are still there: that is cedar wood, peat and graphite. Summarizing, this is an austere, serious, long, tight red that has great potential to age. Drink 2015-2020. **92 Points Wine Advocate**

2013 Waterbrook Reserve Cabernet Franc Washington \$25

Rich licorice aromas with hints of graphite introduce pie cherry, currant and cola flavors. This medium-bodied wine finishes with fine tannins and chai-like notes of cedar bark, white pepper and caramelized sugar. 90% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

2012 Bonair Rattlesnake Hills Chateau Puryear Vineyard, Zillah, WA \$15

Estate grown and bottled from our vineyards in the sunny slopes of the Rattlesnake Hills, one of Washington's premier growing regions. It is aged two years in 50% French oak and 50% American oak barrels, then barrel -selected and blended with 22% Cabernet Sauvignon for full complexity. Serve with pork, chicken, or sockeye salmon.

Cheers!

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