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Good Evening, Time to go down under and taste some reds from Australia join us!
Join us!

Attached is our Valentine Secret Menu....only for you our friends of Santiam Wine & Bistro. You won't see this advertised in the newspaper!!

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

Date: Friday, January 23rd

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost Full Pour \$23 Half Pour \$13.50

What: Wonderful big juicy wines from Australia

Wine Pairing! Our Lamb & Beef Meatballs served lollipop style and Pita Meatball open-faced sandwich was so well received last Friday night that we ran out! We are serving it again tomorrow night. Not only because it is great! It will be great with the wines!

The Wines:

2013 Mollydooker Blue Eyed Boy South Australia \$48

Ink-dark, with a savory edge to the layers of black cherry, red plum, raspberry and licorice that rise up from the velvety tannins, forming a generous, plush finish. Best from 2016 through 2020. 92 Points Wine Spectator

2013 Mollydooker "The Boxer" South Australia \$27

This Boxer is astounding, so rich and so smooth and so powerful. Succulent berry flavors with luscious chocolate layers as well as licorice and spice. The deep dark color of the wine matches the deep flavors of the wine. 2013 Boxer is rounded and full on the pallet and the perfect balance of tannins and fragrant oak support the impressive fruit. The Shiraz brings so much character and complexity that it will be applauded by all who drink it.

The 2013 Boxer is a knockout for sure. This wine continues to be a fan favorite which my friends keep asking me for more. Once in a glass, the room fills with aromas of red berry fruit, fresh plum, dark chocolate and hints of Christmas cake. Once in the mouth, an explosion of blueberry fruit, coffee, toasty oak layer with a chocolate cream finish. A rich yet decadent wine, I could easily drink a bottle of.

2012 Wirra Wirra Church Block Cabernet Sauvignon McLaren Vale \$19.50

49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Shiraz 16% Merlot Bright purple. Spicy and expansive on the nose, displaying scents of blackberry, blueberry, vanilla and lavender along with an exotic hint of fruitcake. Fine-grained, open-knit dark berry flavors are complicated by floral and oak spice notes that fan out on the back half. Finishes smooth and long, with supple tannins coming in late. **90 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2011 Yalumba The Cigar Cabernet Sauvignon Menzies, Coonawarra \$24

Saturated ruby. Smoky cherry and blackcurrant aromas are complemented by licorice, black tea,

pipe tobacco and cedar. Spice-accented dark fruit flavors are brisk and focused, with zesty acidity adding lift and spine. The youthfully taut, long, mineral-tinged finish is shaped by fine-grained tannins. **90 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2013 Glaetzer Wallace Barossa Valley \$26

(70% shiraz and 30% grenache from old bush vines): Inky purple. Powerful aromas of blueberry, blackberry, woodsmoke and violet. Displays supple, open-knit flavors of smoky dark fruits, mocha and candied flowers, with a peppery element adding lift. Shows very good clarity for its richness, with a sweet floral pastille note carrying through the long, smoky, gently tannic finish.

91 Points Vinous

2012 Tait Ball Buster Shiraz \$20

A blend of 78% Shiraz, 12% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, the deep garnet-purple colored 2012 The Ball Buster has a pronounced nose of crème de cassis, mocha and dried plums with underlying hints of yeast extract and licorice. Rich, expressive and well-balanced, this full-bodied wine is bursting with black fruit flavor and velvety textured goodness. It finishes with great persistence. Drink it now to 2017+. **90 Points Robert Parker**

Cheers mate!!!

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