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Join us for a one-of-a-kind domestic varietal tasting including two blends, all interesting reds.

Dinner Special: Gourmet Beef Stroganoff on egg noodle or zoodles if you choose

Wine tasting cost \$32 Half pour: \$18

Date: Friday, October 19th

Place: Santiam Wine & Bistro 1555 12th ST SE Salem, OR. 97302 (invite your friends!)

Reservations welcome: 503-589-0775

Time: 4-8 PM

The Wines:

2015 B. Leighton Petite Verdot Olsen Brother Vineyard, WA \$43

Offering up brooding aromas of smoky black cherries, crème de cassis and violets, the 2015 Petit Verdot Olsen Vineyard is full-bodied and powerful, with an ample core of fruit framed by rich structuring tannins, and it has a long, savory finish. While it's a very superb standalone expression of Petit Verdot, and certainly the most powerful wine in the range, I gravitated toward the two Rhône bottling reviewed here. **93 Points Wine Advocate**

NV Terra Vina Mourvèdre \$36

"Selecting only the finest fruit from vineyards in Oregon and Washington, we are dedicated to crafting exceptional wines that accompany and complement food. Reflecting our great passion for wine, and our love of the land, we craft wines in the traditional way, naturally. The fruit for this wine was gently and meticulously hand sorted, then fermented in small lots-the resulting wine is elegant, with great intensity, concentration and complexity." Winery notes

2014 Gilbert Cellars Malbec \$29

Distinct in location and elevation, three South-facing slopes invite you to taste the warm rays of the Eastern Washington sun. Long days and cool nights paint the palate of this floral beauty. Made from 100% Malbec that spent 28 months in 38% new French oak, the 2014 Malbec Columbia Valley gives up a deep, inky color to go with terrific notes of blueberries, raspberries, candied watermelon, and spring flowers. It's fresh and lively, yet has a solid core of fruit, ripe tannin, and a great finish. Drink it over the coming 7-8 years. **90 Points Jeb Dunnuck**

2016 Terra Vina Tempranillo \$36

"100% Tempranillo, from 2 different vineyards. A sultry beauty, she reminds me of the raw vitality of an elegant Flamenco dancer. Like the frenetic staccato of her heels as she deftly bounds about the stage, the flavors unfold in rapid succession - chocolate covered cherries, ganache, black pepper and tobacco romancing the palate as they emerge and blossom. Succulent, ballsy and intense, with loads of complexity - she's big and bold without being brash. • **175 cases made**" Winery notes

2014 Matthews Cellars Estate Claret \$45

The 2014 Claret offers more oak, as well as chocolaty dark fruits, licorice and toasted spice. Rich, forward and delicious, drink this chewy, slightly chunky effort over the coming 4-6 years. This cuvee is made from 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec and the rest Petit Verdot, and it spent 21 months in 45% new French oak barrels. **92 Points Wine Spectator**

2016 Sparkman Kindred, Woodinville, Washington \$30

Elegantly complex and polished, with expressive black cherry, mocha espresso and spice flavors that linger on

the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot and Syrah. Drink now through 2024. **92 Points Wine Spectator**

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