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Greetings,

Please join us for a three hour tour on the S.S. Minnow. For your enjoyment we are tasting six amazing wines with Marianne & Ginger too. Make your plans to set sail with us and if you want to join in the fun of dressing up we would love to see your costumes! If you haven't guested by now our theme is Gilligan's Island... we have a trivia quiz just for fun. Hey, Audrey what does the S.S. stand for? Prizes: Gift Certificate for best costume and best Gilligan!

We would love to see you in costume but not required!

**What's cooking in the galley> Beef Tacos, Pico Di Gallo, Chips, Butternut Squash Soup, The Figgie Flat Bread, Panna Cotta, Cake Pops,
Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro
When: Friday, October 28th
Skipper is seating from: 4-8 P.M.
The Cost: Full Pour \$26 Half Pour \$15**

The Wines:

2015 DAOU "The Pessimist" San Luis Obispo, Central California \$29

The 2015 Pessimist is one of the more forward, ready to go and sexy releases in the lineup. Made from 37% Syrah, 27% Zinfandel, 31% Petite Sirah and the rest Tannat and Grenache, it gives up tons of sweet dark fruits, spice box, vanilla bean and sweet oak in its full-bodied, nicely balanced, mouth-filling style. It will be ready to go on release. 92 Points Robert Parker

2014 Cooper & Thief Red Blend CA \$25

The 2014 vintage came in early with loose clusters, small berries, and intense, ripe flavors. The warm summer resulted in even ripening and allowed the seeds to mature in step with the sugar development. The resulting wine shows excellent balance with soft, approachable tannin levels.

Cooper & Thief is a dark and jammy red blend loaded with bourbon-inspired flavors and aromas. Aging for three months in ex-bourbon barrels gives way to soft velvety tannins with a subtle heat. The combined result is a rich flavor with a long lingering finish.

We take quality grapes from vineyards across California and stash them in ex bourbon barrels for three months. Where do we get our barrels...therein lies the mischief and a secret we keep for ourselves. The California appellation allows us the flexibility to continue to source quality grapes from the best regions each vintage.

38% Merlot | 37% Syrah | 11% Zinfandel | 7% Petite Sirah | 4% Cabernet Sauvignon | 3% Other Red Blenders

2013 Mercer Sharps Sister Dead Canyon Red Blend Columbia Valley \$16

This dense, plush style wraps velvety tannins around a core of plum, green olive and licorice flavors that sing a lilting tune as they glide through the finish. Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2019. **88 Points Wine Spectator**

2013 Fidelitas Red Mountain 40/40 Red Blend \$32

4040 Red Wine is named for the 4,040 acres that make up the Red Mountain AVA, where Fidelitas makes its home. This wine serves as an introduction to the Fidelitas line up and to Red Mountain—an approachable everyday wine from this exclusive growing region. The nose presents aromas of bright raspberry, red cherry, and cola, vanilla, sweet tobacco, and brown sugar. These are accompanied by very delicate notes of creme brulee, anise, and violets finished with toasted oak. The palate is medium bodied, with silky firm tannins, and red berries on the finish. 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc

2013 Gorman "The Devil You Don't Know" Washington \$29

True to the winery's style, this wine pulls no punches, with aromas of black licorice, dark cherries and woodsnice. It's rich and full bodied with a grainy feel. **91 Points Wine Enthusiast**

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2013 Earthquake Cabernet Sauvignon California \$25

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Earthquake is another 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, but in this case aged all in American oak and in quantities far less abundant at 35,000 cases. This wine shows sweet blackberry and cassis fruit, with outstanding intensity, purity, a full-bodied mouthfeel and a savory, plump finish. Drink it between now and 2018. This is another winner from Michael David Winery. **90 Points Robert Parker**

Good night my friends,

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