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Here we go! Fall... time to drink some serious wine! Come on down to your favorite Wine & Bistro shop and indulge yourself in these amazing wines and you be the judge on who is the rock star Washington or California.

Did you know? Red Mountain has established itself as one of America's finest wine regions.

When: Friday, October 3, 2014

Where Santiam Wine & Bistro

Time: 4-8 PM

Cost: Full Pour \$30 Half Pour \$18

The Wines:

2012 Napa Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$24

Vineyard Notes

Fruit for the Napa Cellars 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon is carefully hand-selected from a collection of prime Napa Valley vineyards, including Atlas Peak and Spring Mountain. Winemaker Joe Shirley's unprecedented commitment to sourcing fruit from the best regions results in a beautiful blend that captures the essence of quintessential Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

Winemaker Notes

The Napa Cellars 2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is elegant with concentrated aromas of dark fruit, juicy black currant, elderberry, bay leaf and hints of clove and sea salt. A lush core of ripe blackberry, black currant, slate and dried cocoa coat the palate. Plush and enveloping fine-grained tannins and subtle hints of dried herbs lend to a velvety and long finish. Joe recommends pairing the Napa Cellars 2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon with rosemary pepper beef roast and braised lamb.

2012 Twenty Rows Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$23.50

Our 2012 Vintage is crafted from carefully selected grapes to yield an intense, deeply colored wine of concentrated aromas and flavors. The wine is approachable and delicious and full of dark cherries and black currants and has notes of cedar, sandalwood and coffee. Twenty Rows Comments:

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is a perfect expression of the vineyards where we have sourced the grapes for the 2012

2012 Gilbert Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Yakima Valley \$34

Just Released and this winery is great! Indicative blend: 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Petit Verdot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 9% Merlot and 9% Malbec The super 2012 Vintage!

2010 Cadence Taptail Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain \$46

Showing more spice box, graphite, resin, dried flowers and both red and black fruits, the 2010 Ciel du Cheval Vineyard (39% Cabernet Franc, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Petit Verdot and 11% Merlot) is medium to full-bodied, rich and mouth-filling, with solid mid-palate depth, juicy acidity and ample tannin. Possessing the richness and texture that's present in all of Ben's wines

acidity and ample tannin. Possessing the richness and texture that's present in all of Ben's wines, it can be enjoyed now or cellared for 5-7 years. Drink now-2022+. 92 Points Robert Parker

Started by Benjamin Smith and Gaye McNutt in 1998, this Bordeaux-blend focused estate is located just outside of Seattle and pulls all of their fruit from Red Mountain. They produce five different cuvees, with their entry level Coda being made from declassified lots and the other four focusing on single vineyard efforts from Red Mountain. They all show the Red Mountain tannic/savory side, yet balance it with plenty of texture, solid aromatics and overall classy, age-worthy profiles. In addition to his Tapteil and Ciel du Cheval Vineyard designates, Ben's two reserve bottlings both come from his estate Cara Mia Vineyard which consists of 10.5 acres (8.3 under vine) which was planted to 40% Cabernet Franc, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot and 10% Petit in 2004.

2012 Mark Ryan Dead Horse Red Mountain, WA \$57 (Limited)

Much more rich and voluptuous, the Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Dead Horse Ciel du Cheval Vineyard boasts knockout aromas and flavors of blueberries, blackberries, licorice, spring flowers and toast to go with a full-bodied, rich and structured profile on the palate. Despite all of the richness here, this puppy stays nicely focused, has superb purity of fruit and notable tannin that frame the finish. It's another effort that will benefit from 4 to 5 years of cellaring and have over two decades of longevity. **94-96 Points Robert Parker** This Wine will be decanted

The team of Mark Ryan McNeilly and Mike MacMorran (of Manu Propria and Force Majeure) continue to step up their game and produce some of the most impressive wines in the state. The style here falls mostly in the classic, structured and age-worthy category, yet they don't skimp on fruit or texture either. If you're looking for classic Washington State Rhone and Bordeaux blends, don't miss these guys.

2010 Paradigm Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$78

The 2010 is dark blackberry jam in color with wide open aromas of berry, dark cherry, plum, coffee and spice. It has very pure clean aromas that lead you to a lush and mouth coating beautiful Napa Valley Cabernet. This is Classic Paradigm at its best. The consistency of what these vineyards produce never ceases to amaze. Purity of flavors match the aromas and light silky tannins with an extended long finish, a wine immensely enjoyable at release but will age well too! *95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot*

Paradigm Winery, located in the Oakville appellation of Napa Valley, hand-crafts small quantities of estate-bottled red wine. We're known for our Merlot and our Cabernet Sauvignon, though we also produce a tiny amount of Zinfandel, Cabernet Franc and Rosé. Regardless of the varietal, our wines are a rich expression of the vineyard we've been farming now for twenty-nine years.

CHEERS!

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