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Good evening from the Addams Family at Santiam Wine & Bistro! The night before Halloween and Cousin ITT showed up just in time to help out, we are as busy as Bats removing all the cobb webbs to make room for some monster wines. The bad news is Lurch can't make it to the party I guess he is all tied-up! You don't have to be in Costume to enjoy the creepy and the spooky bit of fun here tomorrow night! The wines won't know the difference so come join us! Morticia has been in the kitchen all day making food for tomorrows celebration! You don't want to miss the Beef Brains Soup (AKA French Onion) Eye of Newt Soup (AKA Minestrone) and for dessert our special Blood Clot Souffle (Ice-Cream with Cherries & Brownie)

We are voting for the best dressed and a super gift certificate will be given to the best dressed by popular vote!

When: Friday, October 31st

Time: 4- 8:30

Cost: Full Pour \$25 Half Pour: \$16

The Wines:

2012 Orin Swift Papillon Napa Cellars CA \$70

BA vibrant crimson is present in the glass with a claret fringe on the rim. Luring aromas of currants, mulled blackberries, French vanilla, and exotic spices serve as an intriguing precursor to tasting. The opening is dense and powerful with extracted blue and red fruit flavors which leads to beguiling cassis, plum, and a hint of mocha later. The tannins are already so soft and suave which lends to early appeal and cellaring if one so chooses.

Blend-Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc

Aged 16 months in French oak 40% new 15.1% Alc./Vol.

2012 Prisoner Red Blend CA \$40 The best Prisoner EVER! DR

There are 20,000 cases of the 2012 The Prisoner, which is an interesting blend of 46% Zinfandel, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Petite Sirah, 12% Syrah, and a small amount of Charbono. Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by a big, peppery, meaty, Rhone-like bouquet with hints of bay leaf, unsmoked cigar tobacco, black currants and sweet jammy cherries. Medium to full-bodied and explosively fruity, this is a lovely, hedonistic, seriously endowed red to drink over the next 3-4 years. **90 Points Robert Parker**

These offerings, which are the products of Quintessa's Huneus family, are interesting wines, especially the proprietary blends. I hope consumers embrace these blends as they give winemakers lots of different options. Even more important, they are a lot of fun to taste.

2012 Clayhouse Petite Sirah Paso Robles \$22.

Dark brambly blackberry liqueur, coarse cracked black pepper, savory spice and saddle leather aromas. Hints of Mexican style hot chocolate and rine mulberries/blueberries begin to evolve

aromas. Hints of Mexican style hot chocolate and ripe mangoes/cherries begin to evolve, enhancing complexity after some time in the glass. The wine is balanced, complex and elegant in the mouth meandering between earthy dark fruits and lingering mocha/vanilla laced spice elements. The tannins are tame and the wine has a silky and smooth texture that will continue to evolve, and mellow with bottle ageing.

2012 Ghost Pines Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County \$20

Bold and intensely flavored, our Ghost Pines Cabernet Sauvignon was crafted with grapes from Sonoma and Napa. The blend of these two regions creates an expansive palate that offers dark fruit flavors, round tannins and an enduring finish. Sweet vanilla nuances and the occasional savory note make this Cabernet a truly unique wine.

VARIETAL CONTENT: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon; 4% Merlot; 2% Petite Sirah, 2% Cabernet Franc

2013 Cronic Cellars “Purple Paradise” Paso Robles \$15

70% Zinfandel, 14% Syrah, 11% Petite Sirah, 5% Grenache

Newly released, 2013 vintage Purple Paradise! Beautiful, dark purple hue with intense smoky vanilla, ripe cherries, white pepper, all spice, nutmeg, and cinnamon on the nose! Super rich tastes of ripe, juicy cherries and strawberries, chocolate, mocha, leather and marzipan! Mild Tannins and balanced acidity! The ultimate paradise!!

2012 Michael David “Freak Show” Graton CA. \$20

Known for taking the road less traveled, Michael David Winery has always stood apart from the crowd. Whether it be their outlandish brands and packaging or their quirky personalities, Michael and David are definitely on a stage of their own and this wine showcases just that.

This wine is FREAKing amazing! Over each vintage, the intensity has been kicked up exponentially. This 4th incarnation has more of everything...more depth, more ripe fruit, more pizzazz! Nicely balanced with fruit (pomegranate) and oak (showing some smoke). Warning—it's gulpable!

Good night!

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