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Happy Halloween! October is over and here comes Thanksgiving and Christmas! FYI our November Newsletter is under constructions! I'll finish tomorrow!

Join us on Friday, November 1st red wine tasting of Zinfandel. (see the wines below)

Dinner special: Pork Ragu with Penne pasta, Gluten free available

Time: 4-8 PM Reservations welcome! call us 503-589-0775

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Saturday, November 2nd Champagne Brunch from 10-4 PM Menu will include: Lox & Bagels, Eggs Benedict, Crab Cakes, Banana French Toast, Avocado toast & fresh fruit, Deluxe Cheeseburgers w/ Truffle French Fries

Featuring Moet & Chandon Imperial Brut & Rose or Mimosa w/fresh OJ

We will also sample some wines from the November Cheap & Cheerful six packs

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The wines for Friday night

**Full pour: \$32 Half Pour:\$18**

**2016 Frog's Leap Zinfandel Napa Valley, CA. \$36** One of Napa Valley's stalwart red wines, the Frog's Leap Zinfandel has always shown excellent flavors and balance. I have often called it a "claret style Zin." Never an overpowering wine, this is generally good upon release and develops well over a decade's time. **TASTING NOTES:** Medium to dark ruby color; bright very red-fruited in the aroma, with a wild dried leaf streak, excellent concentration, and persistence; medium bodied, perky and alive on the palate. Pair it with a brined rosemary and black pepper-accented oven baked pork tenderloin. **92 Points Wilfred Wong**

**2015 Hook & Ladder Russian River Valley Zinfandel \$29** Hook & Ladder Winery continues the legacy of one of Russian River Valley's most influential wine families. Founded in 2003 by pioneering growers and vintners Cecil and Christine De Loach, and helmed today by their grandson, winemaker Jason De Loach, Hook & Ladder showcases the diversity of the appellation the family helped to define, in a portfolio of limited-production bottling's from their Russian River Valley estate vineyards. The name Hook & Ladder pays homage to Cecil De Loach's 17- year career as a San Francisco firefighter.

This dark plum red Zinfandel displays aromas of ripe currants, red fruit and oak with hints of cinnamon and nutmeg. The bouquet is complemented by a full palate of anise, and pomegranate flavors with a long blackberry bramble and clove finish.

**2017 Hartford Russian River Valley, CA. \$50** Offers a lively beam of crisp acidity, paired with complex and precise blueberry, raspberry, white pepper and licorice flavors that build richness toward a long finish. Drink now through 2026. **93 Points Wine Spectator**

**2015 Klinker Brick Old Ghost Zinfandel \$40** Ripe and broad-shouldered, with perky baked cherry, smoked licorice and spice flavors. Drink now through 2022 **90 Points Wine Spectator**

**2017 Ridge Paso Robles Zinfandel \$38** Tasted from barrel, the 2017 Zinfandel Paso Robles is also very promising, offering up youthful primary aromas of ripe cherries and currants. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, supple and succulent, with melting tannins and a pure, juicy, fruit-driven profile. In 2017, Ridge was able to pick their entire block of the Benito Dusi vineyard in one go, meaning that all the grapes arrived at the Monte Bello winery the day that they were harvested, and that will also be the practice going forward. While the Paso Zinfandel is never the most complex of Ridge's Zinfandels, it's inordinately appealing for its generous expression of Zinfandel fruit. **93 Points Wine Advocate**

**2016 Carol Shelton Cucamonga Valley Monga Old Vine Zinfandel \$28** A distinctive Zinfandel, with floral pomegranate and sweet anise aromas and briary, well-built cherry and spice flavors that linger on a lively finish

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Drink now through 2023. 763 cases made **91 Points Wine Spectator**

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