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Happy Novmeber, we have some exceptional wine tastings for you this month. We are starting with this curious selection of Grenache, Garnatxa or Garnache they are all the same grape from around the globe.

Dinner special: Flank Steak Roulade -Stuffed with herbs, pounded out,rolled and tied-up then roasted, poached potatoes, green salad Dinner: \$18

Date: Friday, November 2nd Time: 4-8 PM

Reservation welcome: 503-589-0775

**Tasting cost: full pour \$30 half pour \$18**

**2012 Chateau Saint Cosme Gigondas Magnum \$100**

Inky ruby. Powerful, deeply pitched aromas of black and blue fruits, garrigue and licorice, with a spicy top note. Densely packed and chewy in texture, offering smoky cassis and cherry flavors that coat the palate. Closes sweet and long, with lingering smokiness and smooth tannins. 92 Points Vinous

Another great traditional cuvee, the 2012 Gigondas shows the house style with its savory dark fruits, ground herbs, pepper and mineral-like bouquet. Medium to full-bodied, voluptuous and gorgeously textured, it can be drunk now or cellared for a decade. **92 Points Wine Advocate**

Without a doubt, the leading estate in Gigondas is Louis Barruol's Chateau Saint-Cosme. Located just outside the village, he releases an assortment of world class Gigondas, as well as a number of value priced, negotiate-styled Cotes du Rhone efforts that always deliver high-quality (these are normally released under his Saint-Cosme label and do not say Chateau Saint-Cosme). Both 2011 and 2012 are incredibly strong here and readers should not miss these wines! The three single vineyard releases are basically 100% Grenache, from unique terroirs, that are brought up all in Burgundy barrels, 30% being new, 40% 1-year-old and the balance 2-3-year old. In addition to these wines, I review a number of Barruol's northern Rhone releases in Issue 210 as well, and covered his Chateauneuf du Papes in Issue 209.

**2015 Alto Moncayo "Veraton" Old Vine Garnache \$32**

Round and juicy, this lively red shows ripe flavors of kirsch and mulled plum, with chocolate and licorice accents. Heady but not heavy, with bright acidity and spicy and floral notes on the finish. Drink now through 2022. **92 Points Wine Spectator**

**2015 Vall Llach Embruix, Spain- Priorat \$36**

Sourced from estate vines primarily 15- to 25-years-old, Vall Llach's Embruix (pronounced *Embroosh*), means "bewitching" in Catalan and the name, along with the symbol of a full moon on the wine's label, is testament to the winery's interest in biodynamic winemaking.

Focused and lively, this lithe red delivers bright flavors of cherry, berry, mountain herb, vanilla and mineral, mingling harmoniously and supported by light, firm tannins and orange peel acidity. Not muscular, but has depth. Garnatxa, Merlot, Samsó, Syrah and Cabernet. Drink now through 2025. Blend: 30% Garnatxa, 27% Merlot, 20% Samsó, 18% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon **92 Points Wine Spectator**

**2015 Domaine Les Chenes Blancs Gigondas, France \$30**

The rich, concentrated 2015 Gigondas Les Chenes Blancs is a stellar effort. Full-bodied and fully packed with raspberry fruit and tannins, this has the stuff to age up to 10 years. Aged entirely in tank, this blend of 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah is one to stock up on. **92 Points Wine Advocate**

**2015 Gramercy Third Man Grenache Columbia Valley \$38**

This wine is three-quarters Grenache, balanced by Syrah (15%), Mourvèdre (5%) and Carignan. Lighter in color with a reddish tinge, dried and fresh herb, raspberry, plum, dried orange-peel, smoked-meat and mineral aromas are at the fore bringing a delightful sense of nurtiv. The palate is all about delicacy of the red-fruit

aromas are at the fore, bringing a delightful sense of party. The palate is an exact doorway of the red fruit flavors, showing a reserved styling. An extended juicy finish caps it off. **92 Points Wine Enthusiast**

### **2015 Tres Picos Garnacha Borsao \$18**

I was surprised by the balsamic, minty, hinting-on-eucalyptus nose of the 2015 Tres Picos Garnacha to the point that I thought I was smelling the Syrah Zarihs. But no, this is a ripe and heady Garnacha aged in French oak barrels for five months. There are intense roasted aromas and a rich, meaty palate with herbal and smoky flavors, a bit heady, reminiscent of the nose. A very showy Tres Picos. **91 Points Wine Spectator**

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