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**Good Evening, We are living large tomorrow night! great wines, great food, great friends!**

**Join us for a wine experience that might be hard to turndown!**

**Special dinner menu: Prime Rib, Garlic Mashed, Green salad, French Bread**

**When: Friday, November 4th**

**Time: 4-8 PM**

**Cost: Full pour: \$34 Half Pour: \$19**

### **THE WINES:**

#### **2013 Quilceda Creek Red Wine \$75 (Quilceda Creek Cabernet is in the Top five of the Wine Spectator Top 100 almost every year)**

2013 Quilceda Creek Columbia Valley Red Wine is a medium to full-bodied, ripe, sexy 2013 that has tons of plums, licorice, lead pencil shavings and spice to go with a rounded texture, ripe tannin and a great finish. Drink it over the coming decade.

**92 Points Robert Parker**

**Winemaker Notes-**A blend of declassified lots that did not make it into our flagship wines. Having this strict selection allows our best wines to compete at the highest level on a global scale. The resulting wine is filled with red fruits, smoke, spice and minerals. This blend of 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot and 3% Malbec will best be enjoyed over the next 15 years.

#### **2013 Spring Mountain Uriah Walla Walla \$50**

Broad and expressive, playing red plum, black cherry and peppery spice flavors against lightly prickly tannins, coming together on the long and generous finish. Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2017 through 2023.

**93 Points Wine Spectator**

#### **2013 DeLille Cellars D-2 Washington \$45**

Billed as the second wine of the estate, the D2 Proprietary Red Wine is nevertheless a fabulous, outstanding Bordeaux blend that's brought up all in new French oak. Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by solid notes of black currants, lead pencil, damp herbs and licorice, and while it might not have the complexity of the top cuvees, it has beautiful purity. Medium to full-bodied, balanced, with ripe, polished tannin and solid mid-palate depth, drink this beautiful 2013 anytime over the coming two decades.

**92 Points Robert Parker**

**2013 Mercers Horse Heaven Hills Washington \$23**

Broad, open-textured, spicy and appealing, with pure plum and cherry fruit, sailing above a layer of sandy tannins. The flavors prevail on the long and expressive finish. Best from 2018 through 2023 **90 Points Wine Spectator**

**2013 Browne Family Tribute Walla Walla Valley \$\$28**

The 2013 Tribute checks in as a rock-solid mix of 38% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Malbec and the balance Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Syrah. Brought up in 35% new French oak (the balance in second and third fill barrels), it offers lots of plum, mulberry and incense in a fruit-forward, ready to go, textured style. Drink it over the coming 3-4 years. **89 Robert Parker**

**2015 Nelms Road Red Blend Columbia Valley \$26**

In 1998, Woodward Canyon Winery began producing wines under a second label, Nelms Road. Nelms Road offers a red blend and cabernet sauvignon from Walla Walla Valley and Washington State grapes. It was developed to produce delicious and affordable red wine from young vineyards and surplus lots of Woodward Canyon Winery production. While these wines may be cellared for several years, they are truly ready for enjoyment now.

This new bottling of 2015 Nelms Road Red Wine reflects the vintage well. Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard is the predominant vineyard for this new red blend which is primarily Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Add to that some truly phenomenal press wine from some of the oldest and most celebrated vineyards in Washington State and we can produce a truly remarkable red wine at a moderate price point.

The very warm 2015 vintage gave beautifully ripe yet balanced fruit with enticing flavors of black cherry, mocha and baking spice. Complex aromas of roasted meat, black fruits and tobacco integrate, leading to a soft generous finish. The wine is purple in color and has lovely texture; and though it was bottled early to retain fruit, is quite enjoyable now. This red blend will improve substantially with additional time in bottle and with proper storage should age well for five years or more.

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