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Good evening, This tasting may seem a little confusing...let me explain...In France they call their wine Bordeaux (Bore-doe) which refers to the region and the blend of grapes that are in Bordeaux wines. The grapes include Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet France, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Carmenerre the first four being the predominant grapes.

Dinner Special: Hanger Steak

Reservations are welcome: 503-589-0775

Full pour \$36 Half Pour \$20

Chateaux De Pez Saint-Estephe Bordeaux, France \$58

The 2015 Château de Pez is a blend of 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 51% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot, matured in one-third new oak, the rest in one- and two-year-old barrels. It has a bold and generous nose of kirsch and blueberry, quite high-toned, but perhaps lacking some complexity underneath. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannin. It is nicely balanced, gently grippy in the mouth with a harmonious finish, but what it lacks is the persistence on the finish that would have nailed it as a great wine. Drink this over the next 10-15 years." -NM

2016 Joseph Phelps Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$83 (Bordeaux Blend)

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is made up of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec and 2% Cabernet Franc aged for 18 months in 48% new French and American oak and bottled in May/June of 2018. Deep garnet-purple colored, it sings of crushed blackcurrants, blackberry pie and blueberry compote with suggestions of cigar box, menthol, rose hip tea and baking spices. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with vibrant black fruit laced with plenty of spicy sparks, framed by grainy tannins and oodles of freshness and finishing long with a menthol kick. **93 Points Wine Advocate**

2011 Paradigm Merlot Oakville \$58 Paradigm Merlot 2011 is made from 98% Merlot - 2% Cabernet Sauvignon 20 months in French Oak and 14 more months in bottle before release. Deep ruby color with aromas of black cherry and plum, a hint of cedar and soft touch of toasty French oak. Seamless and silky across the palate with a nice mouthcoating texture and nicely balanced acidity for many food pairings. Flavors are similar to the aromas, dark plums and cherries, pomegranate, spice and complimentary sweet vanilla toasty oak. Flavors linger making you want another sip.

Paradigm Winery is located in the Oakville District of Napa Valley just west of Highway 29 and south of the Oakville Grade. The winery is owned and managed by Ren and Marilyn Harris, winegrowers with extraordinarily deep roots in Napa Valley. Marilyn is a third generation grower in Napa Valley and Ren has been farming here since the 1960's. They purchased Paradigm in 1976 and began producing wine with the 1991 vintage. They farm sustainably.

Immediate neighbors of Paradigm Winery are Harlan, Martha's Vineyard, Dominus, an Opus Vineyard, and a Quintessa Vineyard. Heidi Peterson Barrett has been making our wine since the first vintage in 1991. Heidi's philosophy in making wines for Paradigm is simple: she feels that she is working with an extraordinary vineyard site that has been farmed impeccably for years. She lets the fruit from this vineyard express its quality and unique terroir with minimal intervention.

2017 Owen Roe Cabernet Franc Rosa Mystica \$27 The 2017 is tasting great now but will continue to shine for many years in the cellar. An uplifting nose is bursting with aromas of strawberry, cocoa powder and spice. The palate is very soft and textural with dried fruit notes and subtle hints of oak and vanilla. The dried fruit notes linger with hints of baking spices, velvety mouthfeel and firm tannins. Drink now through 2029+. Aged 16 months in French oak barrels.

2017 Tamarack Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley \$25 Crushed gently and dropped into 1.5 ton bins, cold soaked for 24 to 72 hours, then inoculated with a variety of yeasts, hand-punched and pressed directly to barrel where the wine finishes both primary and secondary fermentations. The individual lots of wine that comprise the Cabernet Franc are kept separate for at least one year before they are blended.

Tasting Notes Aromas of strawberry, rhubarb and seasoned London Broil lead to a streamlined palate of with notes of cherry, chocolate and coppa-wrapped dates that finishes with tranquil tannins.

2014 Helix by Reininger Merlot Columbia Valley \$16

Our Helix 100% Stillwater Creek Merlot exhibits a bright dark ruby color with a touch of magenta. Red plum, red currant, and a mild potpourri of violets, rose petals and wood spice. A glossy mouthfeel, supported by abundant fruit elevating acidity and fine tannins, mirrors the nose while in addition cedes black raspberry, dark cherry, boysenberry, and dark chocolate with wisps of loam and tobacco.

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