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Happy New Year weekend. Start your party here with this great tasting of 3 Champagne and 3 Cabernet Sauvignon!

Total Tasting Full pour: \$40 Half pour \$22

Dinner Special: Prime Rib Call 503-589-0775 for reservations if you would like to reserve a spot.

Friday, December 29th

Time: 4-8 PM

The Wines:

Roland Champier Grand Cru Blanc de Blanc \$54

L40): Light yellow-gold. Musky pear and peach pit aromas are enlivened by notes of lemon zest and chalk. Weighty but energetic, offering powerful orchard fruit flavors and hints of candied fig and lemon curd. The pear skin quality comes back strong on the clinging finish. This powerful Champagne is definitely better suited for duty at the table than for serving by itself. **91 Points Vinous**

Andre Clouet Silver \$46

The NV Brut Nature Silver is naturally a very focused, driven wine given the no-dosage style. This shows wonderful nuance and depth all the way through to the long finish, with bright aromas and flavors but less of the toastiness than some of the house's other wines. The mousse and finish are both utterly impeccable in their elegance.

Lanson Black Label Brut \$43

(50% Pinot Noir, 35% Chardonnay and 15% Pinot Meunier, with 11 g/l *dosage*; disgorged in May, 2013): Light gold. Aromas of nectarine, pear and lemon curd, with subtle ginger, lees and floral accents. Sappy orchard and citrus fruit flavors are given spine by tangy acidity and pick up spiciness and a chalky nuance with air. Powerful yet lithe and focused, finishing with very good clarity and length and lingering spiciness.

2015 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$88

Deep purple-black in color, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon springs from the glass with lifted crème de cassis, violets and chocolate box notes plus hints of lilacs, raspberry leaves, anise and cardamom. The perfumed black fruit preserves and chocolate-laced notes completely pack the full-bodied palate, with soft, velvety tannins and just enough freshness, finishing very long and very spicy. Definitely one for hedonists seeking immediate gratification. **Rating: 94+ Robert Parker**

2015 Timbers Walla Walla Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$55

The 2014 pours into the glass dark and foreboding. The nose instantly delivers jasmine and white flowers. A second smell and taste reveal tar, asphalt, cassis, bramble fruit, white fir, and dried florals. The palate is seamless with impressive length, polish, and a plush, delicious finish. I'm incredibly proud of this Reserve vintage.

2015 Roots Run Deep Educated Guess Cabernet Sauvignon \$22

A seductive style highlighted by jazzy oak that casts off vanilla, mocha and hazelnut notes, with a trim beam of zesty blackberry and firm tannins underneath. Ends a bit clipped but is solid from start to finish. Drink now through 2025 89 Points Wine Spectator

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