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**Good Evening,**

**Join us Friday, December 4th for our Chilean Red Tasting with mostly Carmenere! These reds are very popular here in Salem and for good reason, we all have great taste for good red wine! Bring all your friends and make a night of it.**

**Special menu entrée: Our famous Beef Short ribs, garlic mashed and Brussels \$16**

**When: Friday, December 4th**

**Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro**

**Time: 4-8 P.M.**

**Cost: Full pour \$24 Half pour \$14**

**The Wines:**

**2012 Viña Montes Purple Angel 92 % Carmenere 8 % Petite Verdot \$72**

Suave and plush, with a broad, open texture that transmits a spicy array of dark cherry, currant, blackberry and cocoa powder notes. Very creamy, with silky tannins on the finish of Asian spice and chocolate. Drink now through 2022. **93 Points Wine Spectator**

Purple Angel has a distinctive intense purple colour with delicate hints of chocolate and cigar box aromas. The wine is a blend of 92% Carmenère and 8% Petit Verdot from the Colchagua Valley. The Carmenère grapes are sourced in equal parts from our Apalta and Marchigue vineyards. The Carmenère from Apalta adds sophistication and subtlety to the blend, providing chocolate, vanilla and tobacco aromas, due to the combination of dark fruit flavours and the spiciness typical of the variety while the grapes from our Marchigue estate, provide potency and colour to the wine creating a fine balance of power and elegance. The blend is finally enhanced with Petit Verdot to provide structure and at the same time wild flavours of black berries. On the mouth, it is full bodied, with a generous amount of ripe tannins giving grip and depth to this lovely wine.

Winemaking: Grapes are carefully hand picked. Clusters go through a grape by grape selection made by hand with a team of 14 people, in which only good fruit is allowed into the tank. During the 18 months of barrel aging, the wine is raked 3 times to get rid of lees, and allow some oxygen to interfere in the evolution and maturation of this wine.

**2013 Viña Alcance Carmenere Grand Reserve Maule Valley \$19**

Carmenere, the nearly lost grape of Bordeaux (unless you happen to be at the vineyards of Haut Bailly) has risen to star status in Chile, where it not only has roots established in the Colchagua Valley (see: Casa Lapostolle's Clos Apalta) but also in other regions, including the beautiful Maule Valley. Alcance's gran reserva bottling shows rich, spicy aromas of dark cherry and kirsch. The wine's nicely dry, purely fruited yet savory palate delivers the goods.

**2012 Viña Terranoble Cabernet Sauvignon Colchagua Valley Gran Reserva \$18**

Savory and richly spiced, this complex red offers open-textured flavors of cherry, sandalwood and

roasted plum. Unctuous and creamy midpalate. Finishes with notes of dark chocolate, mint and licorice. Drink now through 2017. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

### **2013 Viña Carmen Carmenere Reserve \$15**

Dark purple. Spicy, oak-accented dark berry and cherry aromas are complicated by notes of smoked meat and cigar box. A sappy, chewy midweight that displays ripe cherry/berry flavors and a bitter chocolate quality. Closes warm and gently sweet, with smooth tannins carrying through the finish.

### **2012 Viña Errazuriz Max Reserva Carmenere \$17**

The 2012 Max Reserva Carmenere seems to be a little riper than the 2011, and somehow misses some punch, as the palate feels flatter. Yes, the herbal, spicy tones are there, but the wine is less vibrant. Drink now. **88 Points Robert Parker**

### **2013 Viña Errazuriz Max Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon \$17**

Previous Vintage review

The 2012 Max Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend from different plots in their Aconcagua property with alluvial and colluvial soils with different contents of clay and stones. It has the classical Bordeaux nose from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon with 10% or so of Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc, with typical aromas of raspberry leaf, black berries, tobacco, cassis, cedar wood, paprika and black pepper as well as hints of mint, but absolutely no eucalyptus aromas. The palate is medium-bodied, with sophisticated, fine and grainy tannins, good acidity and freshness, despite the balsamic character for a warm vintage. Drink 2014-2018.

**88 Points Robert Parker**

**Cheers,**

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