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**Picture perfect was the morning... Now its just wet and windy!
Come and warm up to these famous, high scoring, elusive, voluptuous Syrah's!
Just in time for the holidays...indulge yourself, you deserve it!
We changed things up...2 from Washington, 2 from California and 2 from Australia
When: Friday December 9th
Time: 4-8 P.M.
Cost: Full pour \$38 Half Pour: \$21
Entrée Special: Lamb Ragu...perfect pairing!**

The Wines:

2013 Melville Estate Syrah Santa Rita, Santa Barbara, CA. \$34

Another wine that represents one of the top values around, the 2013 Syrah Estate offers incredible notes of liquid smoke, ground pepper, olive tapenade and tons of black fruits. Medium to full-bodied, ripe, textured and concentrated, it still has remarkable purity and precision. Coming from the Sta. Rita Hills and aged 10 months in neutral oak, it's a gorgeous wine that readers shouldn't miss. **93 Points Robert Parker**

Greg Brewer is the genius behind these brilliant wines from the Sta. Rita Hills in California's Santa Barbara County. I am continually blown away by what they are able to put in bottle.

2014 DuMol Syrah Russian River Valley \$65

A fabulous appellation-level wine, DuMol's 2013 Syrah is deep, dense and explosive, with the fruit pushed forward and plenty of supporting structure to back things up. Blue and black stone fruits, grilled herbs, lavender, smoke, menthol and graphite flesh out effortlessly. Drink this big, meaty Syrah over the coming years. The balance here is simply compelling.

This is plush, rich and impeccably structured, with floral blueberry and raspberry aromas accented by smoky pepper and complex, expressive flavors that combine mineral-tinged tannins with plump fruit. Best from 2018 through 2030. **94 Points Wine**

Spectator

Wine Spectator Top 100: 2016, Rank: 24

2013 K Vintners Rock Garden Walla Walla (Oregon Fruit!) \$65

More Northern Rhone in style, with lots of red and black fruits, olive, peppered meats and sweet fruit, the 2013 Syrah Rock Garden is seamless, downright sexy and layered on the palate, with a voluptuous, yet classy and focused texture. Like all of the Rhone blends from this estate, it was fermented with 100% whole clusters and aged mostly in neutral barrels and puncheons. Give bottles a year or two and enjoy over the following decade. **95 Points**

Wine Advocate

2012 Andrew Will Prometheus Syrah Washington \$29

Bright, deep red-ruby. Pure, deep aromas of blackberry, violet, bitter chocolate, smoke and rock. Then concentrated but reticent on the palate, showing serious density and subtle sweetness to the fine-grained flavors of dark berries, spices and bitter chocolate. Most

expressive today on the long, ripe, tongue-dusting tannic finish, where flavors of dark raspberry, blackberry, licorice and spices mount slowly and linger long. This youthfully unevolved Syrah should gain in complexity but it's already a lot of wine for the price. **91**

Points Vinous

2014 Two Hands Lily's Garden McLaren Vale Australia Syrah \$57

Notes of espresso and toasted hazelnut are rich and thick, with mocha-accented tannins that lend a velvety backdrop to the polished blackberry, licorice and black cherry flavors, lingering generously on the long finish. Drink now through 2030.

94 Points Wine Spectator Top 100: 2016, Rank: 71

2015 Mollydooker Blue Eyed Boy Australia \$53

Ripe and generous, with toasty cedar notes adding spicy accents of sarsaparilla and cinnamon to the jammy raspberry and candied cherry flavors. Drink now through 2027. **91**

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