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**Good Evening, We are keeping it mellow here Friday night with Merlot from around the globe Chile, Israel, Washington, California, France & Italy! Join the fun here at Santiam Wine & Bistro!**

**When: Friday, February 24th The last Friday in February!**

**Time: 4-8 PM**

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

**Entrée Special: Salisbury Steak caramelized Onions, Mushrooms & our Blue cheese butter sauce...mashed potatoes and you have a pure mellow, comfort food and wine night!**

### **The Wines:**

#### **2012 Browne Family Estate Walla Walla, Washington \$32**

This 100% varietal wine comes from Mirage, Klipsun, Seven Hills and Force Majeure vineyards. The oak (50% new French) takes the lead with aromas of vanilla, coffee and cinnamon in front of plum and berry. Flavors are reserved, showing a mixture of fruit and barrel that continues through the finish. **89 Points Wine Enthusiast**

#### **2013 La Storia Merlot Block 500 Sonoma California \$24**

The black/purple-colored 2013 La Storia Merlot Estate Block 500 offers blackberry and cassis, soft tannins, a juicy, full-bodied mouthfeel and loads of sex appeal. This delicious, plump, opulent Merlot is pure and best drunk over the next decade or more.

#### **2009 Murno Primosic Italy \$23**

100% Merlot Ruby-red in color, more or less intense, full bouquet, fragrant with slight aroma of roses. Light herb flavor, dry, savory, and tends to be more refined and more harmonious with age, flavorsome, almost velvety with blue to garnet-red color.

#### **2013 Santa Ema Merlot Reserva Chile \$14**

This lush and spicy red offers concentrated flavors of dark cherry, plum and dried raspberry that are creamy and rich-tasting. Milk chocolate and loads of Asian spice details fill in on the finish, revealing some savory touches. Drink now through 2019. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

#### **2013 Chateau Saint-Andre Corbin Georges-Saint-emilion, France \$29**

From an estate that claims to date back to Roman times and has been revived by the current owners, this attractive wine features dusty tannins and ripe, juicy blackberry flavored Merlot. A touch of perfume and plenty of acidity at the end will keep it fresh.

#### **2012 Gilgal Merlot Israel \$17**

Gilgal Merlot was produced from Merlot grapes grown in the Golan Heights. The cool climate, rocky volcanic soil, and high altitude are ideal conditions for growing this classic variety. Aging in French oak barrels for 9 months rounds out the berry, floral, and spice characters in this approachable and elegant Merlot. ♦ Kosher For Passover Yes!

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