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The sunshine feels great, we all need the vitamin D. Tomorrow night we are going to be tasting Vitamin W aka WINE and we know we all need that! Rhone Rangers, some top producers in Southern and northern Rhone.

When: Friday, April 20th

Time: 4-8 PM

Cost: Full pour \$36 Half Pour \$18

Dinner special: Beef Tenderloin & Mushroom Risotto

The Wines:

2015 Chapelle St Theodoric La Guigasse Chateauneuf du Pape \$80 Comes from the lieu-dit of the same name, a cool, sandy site. This 100% Grenache features anise and cinnamon on the nose, lush fruit, a silky mouthfeel and a long, slightly warm finish sizzling with pepper and licorice. I'm not sure how long it will age, but it's delicious now, so why wait **95 Points Wine Advocate**

Vieux Donjon Chateauneuf du Pape \$72 These days, Vieux Donjon is one of the few estates in the region making only a single cuvée (Close des Papes is another). The 2015 Chateauneuf du Pape is a floral, violet-scented wine that's supple and ripe. Only medium to full-bodied, it showcases complex garrigue and licorice notes rather than oodles of red fruit and comes to a long, silky finish.

2015 Lou Coucardié Costieres de Nimes \$34 The full-bodied, richly tannic 2015 Costieres de Nimes Lou Coucardie is a blend of 50% Mourvèdre, 30% Grenache and 20% Syrah aged in 600-liter demi-muids. At the moment, it's a bit dark and monolithic, resembling black cherry liqueur, but given its makeup, I expect it to develop additional complexity over the next 5 years. Certainly, the long, velvety finish suggests at least a bit of ageability. **91 Points Robert Parker**

2015 Domaine Durand St Joseph "Les Coteaux" \$30 The 2015 Saint Joseph Les Coteaux is another winner. Plums, blackcurrants, lots of pepper, and smoked meat notes all emerge from this classic, ripe, full-bodied 2015. Coming from the younger vines of the estate, drink this front end-loaded, hedonistic fruit bomb over the coming 7-8 years. **Jeb Dunnick 91 Points**

2015 St Cosme Crozes-Hermitage \$30 The 2015 Crozes Hermitage shows how good this vintage was for the Crozes appellation. It offers gorgeous notes of plum sauce, blackberry jam, crushed rocks, pepper and violets in a medium to full-bodied, fresh, focused, impeccably balanced style. I love its fruit and this rocking effort will drink nicely in its youth and keep through 2025. **92 Points Wine Advocate**

2015 Bastide Miraflores Cotes du Roussillon \$16

This wine is almost too good to be true. A blend of 70% Syrah and 30% Grenache that was brought up in concrete tanks (Grenache) and demi-muids (Syrah), the 2015 Bastide Miraflores Vieilles Vignes reminded me of a mini Syrah from California's Manfred Krankl (yes I just compared a \$14 Syrah to Sine Qua Non). It's a ripe, sexy, heady beauty that exhibits a deep, purple color as well as killer notes of smoked meats, chocolate, blackberry and black raspberries. Deep, unctuous, open knit and layered, it continues to change in the glass, has a seamless and silky profile, and not a hard edge to be found. It's a sensational value that needs to be tasted to be believed. Drink it anytime over the coming 2-4 years. **94 Points Robert Parker**

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