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**Que Syrah, Syrah! Let it be!**  
**Friday, May 28th**  
**Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro**  
**Time: 4-8 PM**  
**Cost: Full pour: \$30 Half pour \$17**

**Special Appetizer: Prosciutto Wrapped Asparagus with Cambozola**  
**Soup: Hearty French Onion with Gruyere melted French Bread**  
**Entrée: Wild Mushroom Lasagna, Caesar, French Bread**

**The Wines:**

**2015 Two Hands Gnarly Dudes Barossa Valley \$30**

Two Hands are dedicated to showcasing the wide range of styles available from Barossa's many and varied plots. This example is sourced from a number of parcels of mature, gnarly Shiraz vines, and aged in a mixture of new and old French oak hogsheads for 12 months. Intense and complex on the nose, which offers an array of fruit accented by notes of chestnuts, burnt toffee, chocolate and lavender. Full and lush on the palate, with a supple texture and good length. Enjoyable immediately, but will develop nicely for up to 5 years in bottle 15.5% ALC

**2015 Mollydooker "The Boxer" Shiraz South Australia \$30**

Rich and succulent, with spicy clove accents to the plum, apricot and fleshy black cherry flavors at the core. Sarsaparilla and smoke details emerge on the finish. Drink now through 2026. **90 Points Wine Spectator** 16.5% ALC

**2014 K Vintners MCK Motor City Kitty Walla Walla, WA \$45**

014 had an early spring and a wonderful, long summer with cool nights to help maintain great acidity in the grapes. Going into the fall, temperatures cooled down quite a bit throughout the state, and we were able to hang the fruit for a longer period of time before harvest. This combination allowed us to develop more complex flavors, while still maintaining the acidity, to produce bright, focused wines. 14% ALC

**96 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate**

(v2013) "Hold onto your hats with this puppy, the 2013 MCK Syrah comes from the highest elevation parcels in Dick Boushey's Boushey vineyard, from altitude close to 1,300 feet. From three different clones (Phelps, 174 and 383) and aged 23 months in 30% new 400 liter puncheons, it comes screaming out of the glass with notes of gamey meats, black currants, lavender, flowers and black raspberries. Reminiscent of ripe Cote Rotie, it has full bodied richness, fine tannin, solid concentration and a great finish. Count me a fan and this fabulous Syrah will drink well for another decade or more."

**2013 Amavi Syrah Walla Walla Valley, WA. \$29**

The standout of the 2013s is the 2013 Syrah from Walla Walla. Incorporating a splash of Grenache and raised in 10% new French oak, it has terrific notes of black raspberries, blackberries, peppery herbs and violets in a medium to full-bodied, supple, elegant package

that shines for its purity of fruit. It drops off a touch on the finish, but is still an outstanding wine made in a consumer-friendly, charming style. **14.5 % ACL**

**91 Points Robert Parker**

**2015 Bedrock North Coast Syrah California \$28**

Inky blue and purplish fruit, bacon fat, licorice, smoke, exotic spice and black pepper are some of the many notes that run through the 2015 Syrah North Coast. A huge, richly textured wine, the 2015 North Coast Syrah offers unreal quality for the money. The 50% whole clusters are pretty much buried by the sheer intensity of the fruit. **91 Points Vinous**

**2015 Saviah "The Jack" Syrah Walla Walla, WA \$16.50**

If you are looking for a great Rhone-style blend at a great price...the Jack Syrah is your best bet! This wine has appealing aromas of spicy red fruit, raspberries, plum, orange zest, anise and sweet herbs. The Jack is a friendly wine offering a mouthful of juicy fruit flavors that are complemented by silky tannins. 14.4 ACL

**Saturday, April 29th we are tasting six wines  
from the May Cheap & Cheerful! 12-4 PM  
Join us~**

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