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Another all star line-up at Santiam Wine & Bistro!

When: Friday, May 19th

Time: 4-8 PM

Cost: Full pour \$34 Half pour \$19

Bring your friends and come out for a evening of great wine and enjoy a bit of camaraderie.

Special Entrée: Cherry, Red Wine Glazed Pork Tenderloin with roasted Potatoes

Good NEWS! Our Air-Conditioning is keeping it really nice and cool- (Bring a sweater!)

THE WINES:

2014 Betz Family Winery Clos de Betz \$63

The inky colored 2014 Clos de Betz is certainly one of the top Merlot dominated wines in Washington state. Giving up lots of blackberry, plum, bouquet garni and licorice, it's full-bodied and layered on the palate, with a sexy, hedonistic vibe that's common in this big, rich vintage. It has good density through the middle and will keep nicely, but it should also put a smile on your face early in its life as well. **94**

Points Robert Parker

2012 Fidélitas Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain \$50

The classic 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon from Red Mountain is more evolved and open than the single-vineyard releases. Giving up plenty of toasted bread, spice-box, cured meats, vanilla and red currants, it's full-bodied, rounded and textured, with good tannin. Aged in 40% new French and American oak, I suspect it will evolve more rapidly than the more pricey releases, yet it should still have 10-15 years of overall longevity. **91 Points Robert Parker**

2012 Powers Cabernet Sauvignon Champoux Vineyard Reserve

\$30 Rich layered aromatics of blackberries, black currant, and a touch of fennel and cedar on the nose, followed by a complex palate of black cherries, vanilla crème brule, and a ripe plum and dark skin. Lush, dusty tannins are balanced with a touch of oak and sage on the finish. This is a very powerful, yet elegant Cabernet Sauvignon that you would expect from this world-class vineyard site. 90% Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Horse Heaven Hills 5% Champoux Vineyard Merlot, Horse Heaven Hills 5% Champoux Vineyard Petit Verdot, Horse Heaven Hills. Winemaker Notes We have been fortunate to work with Champoux Vineyard fruit since 1992, and we believe it is the most intense and expressive vineyard sites in Washington State. With the Merlot harvested in September, the Cabernet Sauvignon in October, and the Petit Verdot in November, the fruit was picked with near perfect acidity and flavors. We used the pump-under fermentation method on all varietals with 796 yeast used on the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, and DDM yeast used on the Petit Verdot. All components finished 100% malolactic

and FDM yeast used on the Petit verdot. All components finished 100% malolactic fermentation in French Oak barrels. The wine was aged for 30 months in 75% French Oak barrels.

2012 Guardian “The Alibi” Red Mountain \$43

The Alibi is back and this Red Mountain blend is delicious. This lovely wine is primarily Cabernet with some Merlot and Malbec. Get ready for notes of raspberry, cigar box and savory porcini mushroom on the nose. The mouthfeel on this wine is open, plush and silky.

- + Blend: 65% Cabernet, 25% Merlot and 10% Malbec
- + Vineyard: Ciel du Cheval, Obelisco, and Klipsun, in Red Mountain
- + Barrels: Taransaud, Orion and Tonnellerie Quintessence
- + Percentage of new French Oak: 63% for 20 months
- + Alcohol: 14.5%
- + Release Date: December 2015
- + Production: 400 cases

2013 Sineann Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$30

Ripe and expressive, open-textured and appealing, with minty cherry and floral flavors set against nubby tannins. Has presence and persistence. Drink now through 2020. **91 Points Wine Spectator**

sourced 2/3 from Canyons Vineyard in the Red Mountain appellation, and 1/3 from 2 vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills, Champoux and Phinny Hill.

2014 Kiona Red Mountain Lemberger \$15

Vineyards: 97% Kiona Estate, 2% Heart of the Hill, 1% Ranch at the End of the Road

Composition: 96% Lemberger, 1% Carmenère, 1% Merlot, 1% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

Kiona Vineyards and Winery planted our first Lemberger block in 1976. Since then, that original 1.8 acre planting has grown to 13.1 acres. Old vines tend to produce polished, suave tannin profiles, especially on Red Mountain. Lemberger is a varietal more often seen in cooler growing regions, which means ours is stouter and darker than most.

Red Mountain Lemberger produced medium-bodied, spicy, deeply intricate wines that pair well with a wide assortment of foods. We like to describe it as Pinot Noir on steroids, as it exhibits bright red fruit and a pronounced earthy mineralogy; both characteristics shared with top Pinot Noir just ramped up a few levels in intensity).90 Best Buy Wine Enthusiast

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