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**Join us on Friday, May 3rd for Syrah tasting from Washington and California. We have some amazing wines for you to taste!**

**Dinner Special: Deluxe Cheese Burgers & French Fries**

**Soup Special: Gazpacho**

**Dessert Gluten Free Chocolate Cake**

**New Glass pours: Rombauer Chardonnay & Quilt Cabernet Sauvignon & Veuve Cliquot**

**Full Pour \$36 Half pour \$20**

**Reservations welcome: Call 503-589-0775**

**The Wines:**

**2016 Avennia Arnaut Boushey Vineyard Syrah Yakima Valley \$62** Also deeply colored, the 2016 Syrah Arnaut Boushey Vineyard is a sensational, meaty, savory, complex beauty. Full-bodied, with sweet tannin, no hard edges and beautiful purity, it has fine, fine tannin, a bloody, salty character, and a great finish. It's rocking stuff. **97 Points Vinous**

"I continue to consider Chris Peterson's Avennia estate to be one of the best in Washington State and he's been making world-class wines for a number of years now. He releases two white wines: A Sauvignon Blanc called Oliane and a Rhone blend of Roussanne and Marsanne called La Perle. The reds are broken up into a Rhône/Bordeaux groups, with the Rhône's including a Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre blend called Justine, and two single-vineyard Syrahs, the Le Corbeau from Mays' Discovery Vineyard in Horse Heaven Hills and the Arnaut from Dick Boushey's Boushey Vineyard on the western side of the Yakima Valley. The Bordeaux releases are built around the appellation blends and include the entry-level Gravura, Valery (Merlot dominated), and Sestina (Cabernet Sauvignon dominated). In addition, Peterson also makes a pure Cabernet Franc from Champoux Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills and a pure Cabernet Sauvignon from very old vines in the Red Willow Vineyard. As I hope these reviews show, these are brilliant wines readers need to seek out."

**2016 Longshadows SAGGI Columbia Valley \$58** The 2016 Red Wine SAGGI is mostly Sangiovese but has 29% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Syrah. Medium ruby-colored, with notes of ripe cherries, spice box, and dried flowers, it hits the palate with medium-bodied richness, present yet ripe, polished tannins, terrific balance, and a clean, graceful finish. It's certainly one of the best expressions of Sangiovese coming from Washington. **92 Points Wine Advocate**

**2016 K Vintners "The Creator" \$60** The 2016 Cabernet/Syrah The Creator Powerline Vineyard offers lots of bloody black and blue fruit, black olive, beef blood, and pepper herb aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, rich, and concentrated, it has silky tannins and shows surprising elegance and finesse on the palate. It's a "Wow" wine that should be snatched up by readers." **97 Points Jeb Dunnuck**

**2014 Gramercy Columbia Valley Syrah \$32** The straight 2014 Syrah from Columbia Valley is a beautiful, layered and elegant Syrah that a ton of floral character as well as ripe red and black fruits, crushed rocks and a hint of black olive. Reminding me a top Cote Rotie, this elegant, finesse driven 2014 offers medium to full-bodied richness, fine tannin and a great finish. It will have 10-15 years of longevity. **94 Points Wine Advocate**

**2016 La Cuadrilla Red Wine Santa Barbara County, Ballard Canyon CA \$22** A blend of 72% Syrah, 16% Sangiovese and 12% Grenache, the unabashedly delicious 2016 La Cuadrilla is a beautiful wine, jumping from the glass with notes of roses, violets, wild berry fruits and pomegranate. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied with an ample core of juicy fruit, satiny tannins and a pure finish. This is an amazing value. **92 Points Wine Advocate**

**2016 The Pundit Syrah Columbia Valley \$18** The 2016 Syrah The Pundit is more streamlined yet has good complexity in its dark berry fruits, ground herbs, and peppery aromas and flavors. Medium bodied, silky and elegant on the palate, with fine tannins, it offers plenty of upfront charm today but also has the balance and

elegant on the palate, with fine tannins, it offers plenty of upfront charm today but also has the balance and length to evolve nicely for 4-6 years. Blend: 90% Syrah, 4% Grenache, 4% Mourvedre, and 2% Viognier.

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