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**Good Evening, Please join us Friday night for these delicious wines from California-Zinfandel and Petite Sirah.**

**Good news~ I'm almost finished with my June Newsletter. I'll send it this weekend. Just a reminder...Graduation starts soon and we are still having our wine tastings on Friday nights. We can help you with graduation food, wine and space. Please let us know if we can help. Our dear Sarah is in the kitchen making the most amazing Cinnamon Rolls they will be available Friday and Saturday only from now on. We offer them for \$4 each or \$22 for 6. The smell is amazing! They are huge, homemade and delicious!**

**Where Santiam Wine & Bistro**

**When: Friday, May 29th**

**Time: 4-8 P.M.**

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

**The Wines:**

**2012 Terra d'Oro Petite Sirah Amador, County \$16**

The Terra d'Oro Petite Sirah is bold and spicy with terrific mineral details and refined tannins. A dark and opulent aubergine color in the glass, the wine has a powerful nose of sweet oak vanillin and bright, juicy fruit. The palate is focused with crisp and captivating flavors of ripe blueberry and jammy blackberry cobbler, with a warm oaky spice note on the finish. For a delightful and mouth-watering pairing, serve this wine with roast tenderloin of wild Boar, or baked root vegetable lasagna.

**2012 Trentadue La Storia Petite Sirah \$22**

This is a fruity wine showing intensely ripe aromas and flavors of blueberry, blackberry and plums, which are typical for Petite Sirah. The color is intense dark purple, suggesting deep extraction and full body with a long, juicy and viscous finish. Further aeration reveals deeper, complex aromas of leather, cocoa powder, molasses and maple. This is a well endowed wine that will get better with age, but is very enjoyable now

“Our 2012 Petite Sirah has a very dark, opaque color, beautiful nose of concentrated blue berries and blackberries that leads to a full body mouth feel with engagingly soft tannins. After short aeration the nose opens up with the addition of cocoa, slight earthiness followed by brown sugar and a touch of vanilla-contribution of the new oak barrels. Overall the aromas are of fresh dark fruit and very attractive. The Winery

**2013 Force of Nature Zinfandel \$20**

The Mossfire Ranch Zinfandel opens with a striking bouquet of wild strawberries and orange blossom intermixed with Marion berry pancakes drizzled with melted chocolate. The palate presents a meaty, savory entry with crisp tannins and racy acidity. It displays superb structure towards the finish where one finds notes of rhubarb, elderflower and sage. Delicious! Drink now-2025+.

**2013 Saldo Zinfandel California \$30**

Loaded with toasty oak, this jammy Zin offers aromas of dark cherry, caramel and cracked pepper

that lead to zesty flavors of dried sage, espresso and licorice. A bit tannic on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 90 Points Wine Spectator

**2012 Rombauer Zinfandel Napa Valley \$31**

This classic California Zinfandel is deep purple-red, with a bright, youthful red hue. Lifted aromas of raspberry and cranberry waft from the glass, followed by a wave of licorice and spice. On the palate, the wine is lush and concentrated. Flavors of ripe cherry and vanilla converge toward blackberry and spice. Very fine tannins and great length make for a satisfying finish.

Blend: 95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah

**2012 Biale Petite Sirah Royale Punisher California \$40**

The 2012 Petite Sirah Royal Punishers reveals an inky/blue/purple color as well as a distinctive bouquet of eucalyptus, blueberries and blackberries. A minty character blows off with air. This big, full-bodied, husky Petite Sirah may be controversial given the green edge that shows up initially, but it subsides with aeration. Drink it over the next decade. **90 Wine Spectator**

**Cheers!**

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