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Good Evening, We are excited for the tasting tomorrow evening. I said we were going to do all blends and here I through in a couple 100% Cabernet's. I'm sure you won't mind. Its been I rough week...not really~

By the way....The June Newsletter will be completed and sent to you tomorrow and Saturday we will taste six wines from the Cheap & Cheerful Six-pack
Try our new Pesto Pasta Salad or The Melting Pot...Crab & Artichoke Dip w/Demi French Loaf

More about the tasting:

What: Red Blends and Cabernet Sauvignon

When: Friday, May 30th

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full Pour (2oz of six wines)\$22 Half Pour: \$13 (1oz of six wines)

The Wines:

2012 Sharecropper's Cabernet Sauvignon WA \$15 100% Cabernet Sauvignon Great Vintage we love this wine!

Spicy aromas of jalapeno and cassis lead to flavors of plum, blackberry, olive and brioche. The mouth-feel is balanced with bright acidity, tart berry fruit notes and firm tannins. We recommend opening this wine now and enjoying it at a young age, however, this will age well for 4-6 years when properly cellared.

2011 Provenance P Wave Red Blend \$31.50

"The p-wave is the primary wave in an earthquake. We named this wine PWAVE because it shakes up the traditional blend of Bordeaux-heritage grape varieties," says Winemaker Chris Cooney. "We've added non-traditional varieties to a solid core of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, bringing lively, bright red-plum and raspberry to the rich, black cherry and blackberry profile. A nice dose of new oak barrels adds spice, while the cool 2011 vintage gives complex herbal nuances. The tannin structure is firm, yet extremely supple, giving the wine notable elegance."

Vineyard

Both earthquakes and volcanoes have shaped Napa Valley's complex terroir, which includes more than 30 different soils types. We sourced the grapes from sites where each type of vine bears its best fruit. The Merlot was grown in heavier soils located in the cooler, southern part of the valley, while the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc come from well-draining, rocky soils in the mid-valley. Each of the other varieties was also selected from vineyards with the appropriate climate and soils.

While the steadily cool temperatures made us anxious and gave us gray hair, our P-Wave proves—with its depth of flavor and ripe, supple tannins—that this temperamental vintage produced many exceptional wines.

2010 Scarborough "The Royale" Washington \$26.50

Bright and brambly, with hints of volatile acidity, the 2010 The Royale checks in as a blend of roughly equal parts Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Travis' take on a right bank Bordeaux, it delivers plenty of mulberry, blackberry, underbrush, mint and toast

aromas and flavors as well as a full-bodied, voluptuously textured palate profile. A total crowd pleaser, with a pure, seamless feel, it will drink nicely over the coming 5-6 years. Drink now-2019. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

2011 Rodney Strong Reserve 100 % Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley \$50

Full bodied and richly textured, this vintage displays intense aromas and flavors of black currant, roasted herbs, licorice and cocoa, with a smooth, lingering finish. If you have access to a cool dark place, lay some bottles of this 2011 Reserve down for three to six years and patience will reward you. This wine is drinking like a true gem right now! DR

2011 Mark Ryan Long Haul Ciel du Cheval Vineyard Red Mountain, WA. \$48

A step up and comprised mostly of Merlot, but with 13% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Petit Verdot as well, the 2011 Long Haul is a big, rich effort that will need a handful of years to come together. Aged 21 months in 73% new French oak and showing notions of red plum, currants, cedar, spice and sweet oak on the nose, it has a medium to full-bodied, rich and layered mouthfeel. Give bottles 2-3 years and plan on drinking over the following decade. Drink 2016-2026. **92-94 Points Robert Parker (We will decant early in the day)**

An estate that's getting up into the creme de la creme of Washington State producers, Mark Ryan Winery was founded by Mark Ryan McNeilly in 1999. Mark now gets assistance in the winemaking from the talented Mike MacMorran (of Manu Propria and Force Majeure), and the wines have overall classical profiles, with bright acidity and tannin, that never lack for fruit or depth. If you haven't tried these wines, now is great time to check them out.

2009 Chateau Dutruch Grand Poujeaux Moulis-en-Medoc Bordeaux \$38

Ripe and direct, with toasted spice framing the core of black licorice and roasted plum fruit. There's a nice fleshy edge on the finish. Drink now through 2015.

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Cheers!

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