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Good Evening and Happy Mother's Day weekend!!

If you are looking for fun for mom this Mother's day weekend, we are having a Merlot tasting Friday night!

And, Saturday we are open for dinner until 8 PM no reservations necessary just come on down. MUSIC, FOOD & WINE no cover!

**Wine Tasting: Friday, May 6th**

**Time: 4-8 PM**

**Cost: Full pour \$28 oz. of each- Half Pour \$16 1 oz of each wine**

**Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro**

**Special Entrée: Chicken & Mushrooms**

**The Wines:**

**2013 Woodward Canyon Columbia Valley Merlot \$48**

Wood spice and vanillin are out in front on the aromas followed by mocha, raspberry and dark fruit. The palate brings lush, concentrated flavors and a finish with lots of hangtime. It drinks beautifully out of the gate, but should have a long life ahead of it.

**Editors' Choice 93 Point Wine Enthusiast**

**2012 Paradigm Merlot Napa Valley \$56**

The 2012 Merlot is medium dark ruby in color with clean aromatics of ripe plums and cherries layered with light touches of spice and sweet French Oak notes. Truly a yummy Merlot across the mouth it is soft and silky, truly a seamless wine. Nice purity of flavors here with an exciting flavor profile, lively but with a nice finish. I love the mouth feel and ripeness we were able to get from our vineyard in 2012. This is an easy wine to love. 96% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot

**2012 Browne Estate Merlot Walla Walla \$32**

Dense, fruity aromas with flavors of ripe berries and sweet cherries are layered with hints of espresso, followed by a sweet, caramelized oak finish. Medium-firm tannins integrate for viscous, focused and approachable wine. 90 Points DB

**2013 Trentadue La Storia Merlot Alexander Valley \$19.50 (we are now pouring the La Storia Zin by the glass! YUMMY)**

The black/purple-colored 2013 La Storia Merlot Estate Block 500 offers blackberry and cassis, soft tannins, a juicy, full-bodied mouthfeel and loads of sex appeal. This delicious, plump, opulent Merlot is pure and best drunk over the next decade or more. **91 Points Robert Parker**

Trentadue is one of the most reliable wineries in Sonoma. They consistently make not only great values but top, world-class wines as well. Under their La Storia label, I tasted these five offerings.

**2012 Novelty Hill Merlot Columbia Valley, WA. \$19**

An aromatic wine with notes of market-fresh cherries, cocoa, currant and vanilla. Medium-full on the palate with a wonderful backbone of ripe cherry, berry and subtle notes of spiced chocolate that carry through on the elegant, satisfying finish. Blend: 97% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

**2014 Seven Falls Merlot WA \$14**

Inspired by a series of seven waterfalls that once flowed through the region, Seven Falls Cellars is sourced exclusively from the rolling hills of the Wahluke Slope. An exemplary sub-appellation of the Columbia Valley, Wahluke Slope is carving out a reputation for big, bold wines rich in flavor and body. Fueled by a warm dry climate with ideal soils, Wahluke vineyards are cooled by the wind and nourished by water of the mighty Columbia River flowing nearby, creating a perfect balance. Seven Falls Cellars is proud to call the Wahluke Slope home to its wines.

CHEERS!

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