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Good Evening,

Attached you will see our Mother's Day brunch menu (You choose what you want)...Bring the important women in your life...bring the whole family~ Great food, great wine you'll have a great time! Saturday, May 9th from 10-2 (Mother's Day is Sunday May 10th)

Friday night we are tasting some amazing wines! Read on....

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

When: Friday, May 8th

Time 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full Pour: \$30 Half Pour \$15

The Wines:

2012 Mullan Road Red Blend \$42

Mullan Road Cellars is a new project by Dennis Cakebread in Washington State. Dennis is a 40+ year wine veteran of the prestigious Cakebread Cellars in Napa Valley, CA, who landed in Walla Walla, WA in 2010 in search of another winery venture. Upon arrival he connected with winemaker Aryn Morell, a Washington native with extensive experience in the Columbia Valley and Napa Valley, and Mullan Road Cellars was born.

"Mullan Road Cellars focuses on small-production, age worthy Bordeaux-style red blends. We select fruits from prime vineyards in the soon-to-be-recognized Royal Slope appellation along with the famed Seven Hills Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley appellation, one of the most recognized locations in Washington", explains Dennis Cakebread. "I was drawn to Washington State for its consistent wine quality, friendly personalities, and camaraderie. Mullan Road Cellars has been a journey, from learning the area and getting to know the people and communities, to the continuous exploration for great areas and vineyards. We are thrilled to finally launch a project that has been in development for years."

The winery's namesake, the historic Mullan Road built in 1859, was a 611-mile wagon trail into eastern Washington via the Rockies and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mullan Road Cellars' illustrated label was inspired by photos of the actual Mullan Road, conveying adventure and a pioneering spirit. Mullan Road Cellars' first release, Columbia Valley Red Wine 2012, is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc.

Wine Advocate

An impressive barrel sample, the 2012 Red Blend checks in as a mix of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot and the balance Cabernet Franc, that will all spend 16 months in 40% new French and American oak. Giving up plenty of creme de cassis, licorice, toast and raspberry-like qualities on the nose, this medium to full-bodied, juicy effort has a supple, soft mid-palate and building tannin that comes through on the finish. It has good potential and could possibly be outstanding if everything comes together once bottled. It should drink nicely for 5 to 8 years. Score: 89-91. —
Jeb Dunnuck. July 201

2012 Faust Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, CA. \$48

Faust Winery celebrates a legend which has inspired many great minds, among them the German poet Goethe, from whose masterpiece the Huneus' drew their inspiration. In Goethe's most famous work, the aging scholar Dr. Faust barter his soul in the afterlife in exchange for another chance at youth. He gets his chance, yet ultimately his soul is saved by love. A balance of ancient art and contemporary technology transforms the finest grapes grown in the Faust vineyard into a bold, California-style wine that will harmonize with fine food.

Wine Advocate

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Faust is designed as a second wine so that only the top lots end up in the Quintessa. It exhibits a dense ruby/purple color, sweet crème de cassis fruit, chocolate, licorice and underbrush characteristics in a delicious, fruit-forward, open-knit style. Enjoy it over the next decade or more. This beautiful winery adjacent to the Silverado Trail south of St. Helena boasts Michel Rolland as its consulting winemaker and he is undeniably responsible for increased quality. Score: 90. —Robert Parker, October 2014.

2012 Caravan Napa Valley \$52 (Darioush)

Caravan is made with the same meticulous skill and quality Napa fruit as the Darioush "Signature" wines, but it displays a somewhat more fruit-driven palate and forward profile. A blending of 14% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, and 4% Malbec add finesse to the Cabernet and complexity to the finish. Fruit was hand-harvested into small baskets before being sorted twice before pressing. The wine spent 22 months in 70% new French and other European oak before bottling. From the winery: "A fabulous vintage produced a stylish and substantial 2012 Caravan with a firm, structured palate and sleek, polished tannins. Offering saturated flavors of dark cherry and blueberry as well as notes of chocolate and white truffle; this is a round, supple and thoroughly approachable wine ready to be open and enjoyed."

2012 Browne Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$34.

This Cabernet Sauvignon is inky plum in color, rich and viscous. Vanilla bean and sweet tobacco aromatics are carried on an amply structured wine with big fruit flavors of ripe cherries and black figs. The wine finishes with notes of fresh-tilled earth and spiced currants. Pair with charred rare steak or enjoy on its own. Blend: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

2012 Abeja Cabernet Sauvignon \$48 Very Limited! Just released

The nose leads off with plum, bright blackberry, and dark bing cherries. A touch of dried blueberry rounds out the fruit profile. Floral notes and cocoa, with nuances of cedar and spice, are sprinkled throughout. All of these characters follow through on the palate and, with a pleasant minerality and continuity, weave a tapestry of complexity and youthful exuberance.

2011 La Storia Merlot Alexander Valley (Trenadue) \$19.50

Our 2011 La Storia Merlot, Alexander Valley Estate, is a fine example of the ability of this classic Bordeaux variety to make a solid, tasty and age worthy wine. The main aromas and flavors are of dark cherry, plum, black licorice and herbs. The new oak contributes a touch of vanilla, brown sugar, cocoa dust and toast. On the mouth, the wine is almost heavy, with balanced tannins and acidity for such a young wine. This wine will age well and will reward your patience is stored well in the next 3-6 years