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Cabernet Sauvignon

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Good Evening,

Father Day weekend! We are doing this tasting for them...be sure to bring them in! We have an exciting line-up of Cabernet Sauvignon from Washington and California.

Wine & Dine with us! Just arrived; fresh, local organic lettuce that we are now using in our amazing Greek Salad. We also have our Crab & Corn Chowder and always Lasagna- Italian Sausage or Wild Mushroom Lasagna, served with a side Caesar and breadstick. Always a favorite!!!

The Wines: Cabernet Sauvignon

Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro 1555 12th SE Ste 130

Time: 4-8 PM

Date: Friday, June 14th

Pricing:

Full pour of all six wines: \$27

Half pour of all six wines: \$16

THE WINES:

2010 Seven Hills Columbia Valley Cabernet Walla Walla WA \$25

"Supple, focused and appealing for the floral, vaguely meaty overtones to the nicely detailed blackberry and dark plum fruit. Finishes with finesse. Drink now through 2016. 1,260 cases made." - HS (2013) - 90 Pts Wine Spectator

2005 Kiona Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain, WA \$25

The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Reserve was sourced from a parcel planted in 1975. It reveals a nicely developed nose due to its extended time in bottle. Oak and earth notes intermingle with assorted black fruits and a hint of chocolate. This sets the stage for a nicely proportioned, concentrated, lengthy Cabernet that has the structure to evolve for another 1-2 years. Its drinking window extends through 2020+. **89 Points Robert Parker**

Kiona Vineyards and Winery has been producing wine since 1980 (and growing grapes for considerably longer than that). It has long been a puzzle because its grapes are in great demand but Kiona itself has had difficulty taking advantage of their superior farming. Over the past 1-2 years it appears that significant improvements have been made.

2010 Abeja Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla WA \$45.

This is the varietal that we believe will increasingly be recognized as the icon varietal of Washington State and comprises the majority of our production. This Cabernet is stylish, elegant, and impeccably balanced. We accomplish this by meticulous viticultural management, utilization of a rare sorting system, gentle handling of the fruit and the wine, customized practices for every lot no matter how small, and carefully selected French oak.

2010 Stepping Stone Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon CA

\$33.50

The 2010 Stepping Stone

Cabernet Sauvignon by Cornerstone offers beautiful notes of fresh blackberries and black cherries backed by secondary notes of mocha, dried herbs, anise and even pretty floral making an appearance. It's followed up by a gorgeous smooth and soft texture with plush round tannins and a mouth-watering finish. This is a delicious Cabernet with no hard edges and should provide drinking pleasure for years to come. (Best 2013-2020)

2009 Dominus Napanook Red Napa Valley, CA \$60

The 2009 Napanook is simply glorious. Sweet dark cherries, mint, tobacco, wild flowers and licorice all jump from the glass. The 2009 is a juicy, extroverted Napanook that impresses for its sheer pleasure and total harmony. Layers of fruit continue to build to the huge, creamy finish. As good as the 2009 is today, I have a hard time thinking it won't be better in another few years. If anything, this is too serious a wine for an entry-level offering. The 2009 is 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024. **93 Points Robert Parker**

2009 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, CA \$78 (Stunning Wine!)

Cathy Corison's 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Corison is surprisingly deep, powerful and tannic. An exotic melange of dark cherries, plums, grilled herbs wraps around the palate. The 2009 is endowed with serious depth and tons of pure, unbridled energy. Mocha, espresso, menthol, and sweet spices all inform the warm, resonant finish. Readers will need to be patient with the 2009. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2029. **94 Points Robert Parker**

These are two drop-dead gorgeous wines from Cathy Corison, one of Napa Valley's most overlooked winemakers. Stylistically, the 2009s are a bit bigger and richer than has typically been the case here. The 2009s may surprise long-time Corison fans for their size, but wines are impeccably balanced and pure.

Cheers!

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