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**Good afternoon, I decided to go grand with this tasting! These wines are sure to please, join us on Friday, June 21st from 4-8 P.M.**

**All day Special Appetizer: Anderson Farms Lamb Sliders with Tzatziki Sauce & French Fries**

**Dinner Special: Slow Roasted Washington Prime Rib**

**Reservations welcome! Call 503-589-0775**

The Wines:

**Full pour \$34 Half Pour \$19**

**2016 Bosquet des Papes Tradition Chateauneuf-du-Pape \$55** Transparent gold. Intense citrus and tropical fruit scents are complemented by smoky mineral and honeysuckle nuances. Taut, focused and energetic on the palate, offering vibrant lemon pith and bitter pear skin flavors that slowly deepen and open up on the back half. Finishes with solid, minerally cut, a touch of fennel and impressive, floral-driven persistence. **93 Points Vinous**

**2016 Chateau Fortia Chateauneuf-du-Pape Tradition \$46** Ruby-red. Smoke-accented aromas of red and dark berries, licorice and candied flowers, along with a subtle hint of *garrigue* that builds in the background. Sweet, seamless and broad on the palate, offering nicely concentrated raspberry and floral pastille flavors that turn spicier with air. Rich but energetic as well, delivering solid closing thrust and supple tannins that build steadily. **92 Points Wine Advocate**

**2015 Domaine Raspail Ay Gigondas \$40** Saturated ruby. Highly perfumed red fruit liqueur, incense and Asian spice scents show impressive clarity and pick up a smoky element with air. Sappy, sweet and concentrated, offering juicy black raspberry, cherry and floral pastille flavors and a hint of spice cake. Closes on a zesty mineral note, displaying excellent focus, building tannins and emphatic, floral-driven persistence. **94 Points Vinous**

**2017 Chateau de Saint Cosme Gigondas \$48** More concentrated and tannic than the 2016, the 2017 Gigondas shows outstanding potential. Marked by hints of charred wood and mocha, it's nevertheless rich, ripe and fruity, with a long finish. **93 Points Vinous**

**2015 Domaine De la Charbonniere Vacqueyras Special Cuvee \$30** (made with 25% whole clusters and aged in large oak casks and *demi-muids*) Mineral-laced red berry liqueur, spice cake and floral pastille aromas are complicated by smoky minerals and succulent herb flourishes. Juicy, sharply focused raspberry and bitter cherry flavors show excellent depth and become sweeter with air. The penetrating, impressively long finish is given shape by supple, slow-building tannins that fold smoothly into the wine's energetic red fruit. **93 Points Vinous**

**Xavier Vignon Cairanne Rouge \$19** A new addition to the portfolio and from very old vines, the 2015 Cairanne looks to be outstanding, with terrific notes of lavender, *garrigue* and flowers grounded by a core of darker berry fruit. Rich, seamless and downright polished, it's a no-brainer purchase that will offer tons of pleasure through 2025. The blend is 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre, aged all in concrete tanks. **93 Wine Advocate**

**Cheers!**

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