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Great wine, great food, make for a great tasting~! Join us on Friday, June 24th

Time: 4-8 PM

Where? Santiam Wine & Bistro

Cost: Full pour \$28 Half Pour: \$\$!6

Our Special: Slow cooked Pork Sliders with Slaw & Sauce!

The Wines:

**2012 Cadence Ciel du Cheval Red Mountain, WA \$47**

“A blend of 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot and 12% Petit Verdot that spent 18 months in 40% new French oak, the 2012 Ciel du Cheval Vineyard has lifted notes of black raspberry, black cherry, violets, spring flowers and vanilla bean. This gives way to a full-bodied, thrillingly balanced and concentrated palate that has building tannin, a stacked mid-palate and a great finish. Short-term cellaring is advised here, and it will have two decades or more of longevity”. **94+ Points Robert Parker**

“These latest releases from Ben Smith at Cadence are the best I’ve tasted from him. They all have classic Red Mountain characters, yet also have lots of finesse and elegance as well. While I normally don’t find much qualitative differences between his estate-vineyard releases (Cara Mia and Bel Canto) and his other two single-vineyard releases, in 2012 I thought the estate vineyard wines excelled. Lovers of Bordeaux variety wines need to get on this estate’s bandwagon ASAP” Robert Parker .

**2012 Spring Valley “Fredrick” \$49**

Slightly darker in color than the Uriah release, the 2012 Frederick checks in as a blend of 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec and a splash of Petit Verdot. It’s another classically styled, age-worthy wine from this estate that offers lots of tobacco leaf, lead pencil, currants and damp earth-like aromas and flavors. Elegant, ripe, medium to full-bodied and with fine tannin, enjoy it anytime over the coming 15 years. **94 Points Robert Parker**

Spring Valley Vineyard lies 12 miles northeast of Walla Walla and the wines are made by Serge Laville. The style here is always classic, with textbook aromas and flavors in all the cuvees. In addition, they always excel on their balance and purity.

**2013 Guardian Cellars “Chalk Line” \$27.50**

Heck yeah, Chalk Line is back! For this vintage of our classic table blend, we’re all about the dark notes and spice. This wine features notes of black cherry, blackberry and black pepper on the nose, as well as notes of savory meats, black coffee, vanilla and tobacco. The mouthfeel is

harmonious; simply push and velvety. + Blend: 35% Cabernet, 32% Syrah, 25% Merlot and 8% Petit Verdot. + Vineyard: Klipsun, Obelisco and Ciel du Cheval on Red Mountain; Conner Lee and Stillwater Creek, in Columbia Valley; and StoneTree, in the Wahluke Slope + Barrels: Seguin Moreau, Sylvain, Taransaud, Tonnellerie Quintessence, Le Grand and Orion + Percentage of new French Oak: 25% new French oak and 20% new American oak for 17 months + Alcohol: 14.4% + Release Date: March 2016 + Production: 1,300 cases

### **2009 Market Vineyards “Basic Points” Columbia Valley \$25.50**

The 2009 Basis Points Red Blend delivers a full complement of flavors and aromas in a wine that brings together the best of what our vineyard sources can offer. A true Bordeaux-styled wine, the 2009 Basis Points blends Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc with exquisite style and depth. Flavors of raspberry, black licorice and cinnamon are sure to please. This wine will age with grace and will continue to develop for years to come.

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon 60% Merlot 20% Cabernet Franc 20%

### **2012 Intrinsic Cabernet Sauvignon WA \$22**

Firm in texture, brimming with raspberry, black cherry, violet and herb flavors that come together harmoniously on the finish against refined tannins. Has presence and persistence. Best from 2018 through 2024. **92 Points Wine Spectator**

### **2013 Brian Carter “Abracadabra” \$21.50**

This enchanted wine uses the same carefully selected vineyard sources and French and European oak barrels as the rest of the Brian Carter Cellars wines. The magical properties vary each year depending on Brian’s whim, but always in balance, making this the best value in our artistic collection. Be careful, or you might fall under the spell of Abracadabra

**Cheers!**

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