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Someone turn down the heat~ can't you see I'm trying to enjoy my wine! Thankfully the AC is working well here at Santiam Wine & Bistro. We are tasting Reds from Chile tomorrow night and I found some very interesting wines. Make plans to come down, keep cool with us and taste these wines.

We will be featuring our new "Beet the heat Slaw" w/shrimp deliciously refreshing and light.

Don't forget to pick-up your weekend wine supply purchase any six and save 10%

When: Friday June 27th

Time: 4-8 P.M.

Cost: Full pour \$20 Half pour: \$12

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The Wines:

2010 Concha Toro Terrunyo Carmenere \$40

Mossy, lightly herbal aromas of blackberry and marzipan are attractive. This is rich, loud and racy in the mouth, with vanilla, tobacco, plum and berry flavors that finish long and ride elegantly on a beam of slightly sharp acidity. Drink this fine Carmenère through 2016." **92 Points Wine Enthusiast**

Terrunyo is born in a specific lot of the Peumo Vineyard, Block 27, where the microclimate, selected soil and man's expert hand have come together to express the best of Carmenere. Chile's very first ultra premium Carmenere has become a standard for the national wine industry. It has an intense, deep red color and complex, elegant aromas with plum, red fruit, spice and black cherry notes. The wine has great body and sweet, mouth-filling tannins and graphite.

2011 Clos des Fous Cabernet Sauvignon Alto Cachapoal \$18

The 2011 Grillos Cantores Cabernet Sauvignon uses grapes from the Grillos Cantores (singing crickets) vineyard in the Alto Cachapoal on calcareous gravels, the blend of four different micro-terroirs, fermented and aged in cement vats. It has a pure, Graves-like aroma, without interference from wood. It is delineated and pure, with bright notes of cassis, raspberry leaf and black pepper, with a strong stony, mineral sensation, with a fine texture with polished tannins with no edges. An everyday Graves-like red at a superb price. Drink now-2017. **91 Points Robert Parker**

Since 2008, Clos des Fous has been the playground for Pedro Parra outside his consulting work, together with Francois Massoc and a couple of new partners that joined them in 2009. The philosophy is to produce wines from stony soils in a very Burgundian style, without any corrections, all fermented with indigenous yeast, mostly in cement vats. They are developing new wines – so the best is yet to come. They produce a total of 120,000 bottles for now. I tasted the Pais component of the 2013 Itata blend, a light red that smells of chamomile and cola nut – very juicy and fresh, akin to drinking cotton candy. I also sampled the Malbec for the new future super-Cauquenes wine, which comes from a dry-farmed, head-pruned vineyard planted in 1914. Almost black, it had an alluring nose of violets and an electrifying palate. I look forward to tasting the bottled wine! This is a name to follow, one of the

most exciting new projects in Chile.

2011 TerraNoble Gran Reserva Carmenere \$18

Deep, rich and intense, with good cut to the concentrated cherry tart and dried raspberry flavors. Offers lively minerality midpalate, showing notes of graphite and white pepper. The zesty finish is well-spiced. Drink now through 2020. 25,000 cases made. –*KM 91 Points Wine Spectator*

2012 Cousino Macul Antiguas Reservas Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Valley \$19

Showcasing a dark ruby color, this wine offers intense fruit aromas of berry, delicate cocoa, fresh herbs and light toast followed on the palate by harmonious flavors of ripe black plums and blackberry fruit. Medium-bodied, this wine has a persistent and complex finish and a structure that allows it to be enjoyed now or left to age for up to a decade." ~ Winery notes

2012 Mayu Carmenere/Syrah \$13

The 2013 Carmenere-Syrah is an unusual blend, where the Syrah is grown on a very chalky slope at high altitude, and the Carmenere grows on gravel soils. The wine aged in used oak, but the wood is imperceptible, adding hints of spices, with the herbal side of the Carmenere complementing the richness of the Syrah. It has some peppery notes, all of it in a fresh and delineated style that is elegant, quite straightforward and very drinkable. A bargain red for the table. Drink now-2018. 90 Robert Parker

The Elqui Valley is the northernmost appellation in Chile. Giorgio Fressati is a wine consultant in Italy and has family in Elqui who are grape producers. They are related to Falernia, the owner's father's winery. They have two calcareous slopes where they grow Pedro Ximenez grapes at 2,500 meters altitude on the magnetic center of the earth. The Elqui Valley is one place to keep in mind. These wines offer mindboggling quality and character at unbelievable prices.

2013 Montgras Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon Colchagua Valle Chile \$11

Truly great value, this offers a twist of black pepper combined with a juicy core of refreshing red fruit. Its texture is round, but there are enough tannins and acidity to keep the tension. Perfect now with Charcuterie. **90 Points Decanter**

Cheers,

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