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**Nice day in the valley! Rest up for this Argentina Malbec wine tasting tomorrow night at Santiam Wine & Bistro  
Bring your friends!**

**Friday night Special: Pulled Pork Sliders w BBQ Sauce & our special Slaw**

**When: Friday, August, 21st**

**Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro**

**Cost: Full Pour \$18 Half Pour \$11 Super Value!!**

**Time: 4-8 P.M.**

**Special feature: Come and find out!**

**The Wines:**

**2012 Tinto Negro Uco Valley Malbec \$15**

The 2012 Malbec Uco Valley is a 4,000-case cuvee aged nine months in French oak, of which 10% was new. A beautiful, full-bodied, seriously endowed Malbec, it possesses a dense purple color along with a sweet bouquet of blueberry and black raspberry fruit interwoven with camphor, licorice and spring flowers as well as a touch of oak. This wonderfully endowed, full-bodied, classic Argentina Malbec should drink nicely for 5-6 years. **91 Points Robert Parker**

These three brilliant Malbec from Argentina are made by former employees of the renowned Catena winery.

**2012 Catena Malbec Mendoza \$23**

Bright medium ruby. High-pitched aromas of *kirsch*, licorice, minerals and bitter chocolate. Concentrated, fine-grained and pure on the palate, displaying lovely precision to the flavors of maraschino cherry, licorice pastille and sexy oak. Finishes pure and long, with suave tannins. 90+ Stephen Tanzer

**2013 Durigutti Malbec \$15**

Bright, saturated red-ruby. High-toned, almost liqueur-like aromas of black cherry, blackberry, violet, licorice and mint. Densely packed and nicely delineated, showing a very fine-grained texture to the complex flavors of dark berries and medicinal herbs. Excellent tactile depth here. Finishes with serious but suave tannins and noteworthy grip and length. This very young, rather palate-staining malbec may be even better with a couple years of cellaring. **90+ Stephen Tanzer**

**2013 Vina Cobos Felino Malbec \$14.50**

The grapes come from vineyards in Lujan de Cayo, Maipu and Valle de Uco at 2,306 to 3,927 Feet elevation

Deep, opaque royal purple, leaning to indigo hues. Very expressive on the nose, displaying gorgeous notes of violet flower, dulce de leche and shortbread. On the palate, it carries

gorgeous notes of violet flower, dulse de roche and shortbread. On the palate, it carries vibrant flavors of blueberry, boysenberry, violet jam and a precise note of black cherry pie, with chewy, ripe tannins. The fresh finish introduces pleasant spice tones that harmonize with the fruit.-Winery

**2013 Salentein Reserve Malbec \$19**

Redolent of espresso and mocha, this full-bodied red is filled with Asian spice notes. Hoisin sauce and dried beef accents grace the firm finish. Drink now through 2019. 89 Points Wine Spectator

**2013 BenMarco Malbec Mendoza \$18**

Includes 5% bonarda; aged in 80% new French and 20%% one-year-old American *barriques*): Bright ruby-red. Slightly roasted blackberry, espresso and licorice on the nose, along with a peppery accent. Intensely flavored and nicely dense, showing noteworthy refinement to its dark berry and black cherry flavors. A touch deeper than the cabernet, finishing with serious tannins that spread out to dust the palate. Offers plenty of sex appeal already. 90 Points Vinous

Cheers~

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