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Good Evening,  
Hot August nights tasting at Santiam Wine & Bistro...  
We want to cook for you! Our Crab Louie it is the perfect dinner on these warm summer nights or we have our yummy Italian Lasagna.  
For dessert Tami made a new fresh Raspberry Crème Brulee... to die for!

When : Friday, August 8th  
Time: 4-8 P.M.  
Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro  
Cost of tasting: Full Pour \$21 Half Pour \$12.50

The Wines:

**Domaine Pouillon Black Dot Washington \$21.50**

6% Zinfandel, 32% Syrah, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Mourvedre  
6% Dolcetto, 6% Grenache

The blend for Black Dot changes every year. This wine is blended by spirit and flavor, (we're always trying to recreate the first magical vintage that contained grape varieties that no one can seem to remember). An experiment in non-conventional winemaking, Black Dot proudly breaks the rule.

3 Strong flavors of ripe cherries, cassis and licorice with good tannins that linger on your palate. The addition of a smattering of dolcetto, mourvedre and grenache gives this wine a playful demeanor.

**2012 Klinker Brick Old Vine Zinfandel Lodi \$19**

Full, juicy flavors of cherries and plums coupled with the perfect balance of oak and spice. There is a nuance of mint and clove on the nose and a lingering, elegant finish. This wine was aged in American oak for 15 months

**2011 Michael David Petite Petit Sirah Lodi Appelaation \$17.50**

Like elephants whose size is imposing, Petite Petit is large! A blend of 85% Petite Sirah and 15% Petite Verdot. Offering a joyous explosion of color and fun, it is a substantial, dense, full-bodied, whopper style of wine loaded with pure black fruit and vanilla flavors that coat the palate. It reveals remarkable richness with a finish that is slightly dry and seems to linger. This soft, opaque purple-colored wine exhibits impressive density as well as lots of blueberry and blackberry fruit intermixed with graphite, licorice and a hint of tar.

**2011 Moss Roxx Lodi Ancient Vine Zinfandel \$20**

A big flavorful Zin from Lodi's half to century year-old vines.  
Mature round tannins accenting generous raspberry chocolate mocha and spice: This Zinfandel is truly a delectable expression of Lodi's signature terroir.

**2012 Dashe Dry Creek Zinfandel \$26**

From a great vintage. The 2012 Zinfandel Dry Creek boasts a dark ruby color, a big, projected nose of berry fruit, spice, pepper and flowers, and abundant character, Enjoy this sleeper of the vintage over the next several years.

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This boutique producer has one of the more innovative back labels where you can peel off the name and appellation of the wine, much like a postage stamp. I am surprised more wineries haven't utilized this creative technology. In any event, it's what's in the bottle that counts, and Dashe Cellars does a good job on that score as well.

**2011 Robert Biale Royal Punishers Petite Sirah Napa Valley \$40**

The 2011 Petite Sirah Royal Punishers' inky purple color is followed by a big, sweet nose of blueberry and blackberry liqueur, gorgeous volume of fruit, glycerin and power in the mouth, impeccable purity, sweet tannin and enough acidity to provide focus. This is an outrageously delicious and interesting Petite Sirah to enjoy over the next decade.93 Points Robert Parker

Cheers!

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