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Good Evening, The tasting Friday night is all about Pinot Noir and we are pouring some very interesting wines so you should join us for a taste of Pinot Noir from around the globe.

When: Friday, September 16th
Time: 4-8 P.M.
Cost: Full pour \$34 Half Pour: \$19
Where: Santiam Wine & Bistro

Invite your friends! Make a reservation

Special Menu Item: Lamb Meatballs served on Sautéed Mushrooms. Entrée or Appetizer

The Wines:

2012 Soter Ribbon Ridge Pinot Noir (Origins Series) Oregon \$54

"This has a floral bouquet with rose petals infusing the bright red cherry and wild strawberry fruit. There is a slight wet clay scent in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with pure red cherry and cranberry fruit, very well-judged acidity and lovely poise on the the finish. This is an excellent Oregon Pinot Noir with elegance and style." **92 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE**

We debut our "Origins" series Pinot Noirs from the tremendous 2012 vintage, considered amongst the finest growing seasons in our region's history. This bottling represents vineyard sources exclusively from within the Dundee Hills AVA. Made in very limited quantities, these "Origins" series wines are reflections of the personality-driven, regional characteristics from which they hail. Widely recognized, the "Red Hills of Dundee" have been planted since the late 1960s. Centrally located in the Northern Willamette Valley, this area's Jory series soils are red-hued, iron rich clay loam of volcanic origin. **THE WINERY**

2014 Marc Colin Santenay Vieille Vignes Champs Claude France \$33

The 2014 Santenay Vieille Vignes Champs Claude, from 110-year-old vines, delivers a "cool" nose with dark cherry and faint marine scents that gently unfold. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, not terribly complex but harmonious and fresh, with a hints of white pepper lending a spicy touch to the laid-back finish. Nevertheless it will give 3-6 years of Pinot pleasure.

2014 Brewer Clifton Santa Rita Pinot Noir California \$42

The polished, elegantly styled 2014 Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills gives up lots of black cherry, crushed flowers, leather and spice aromas and flavors to go with a medium-bodied, supple and nicely textured profile on the palate. This fresh, nicely focused 2014 has nicely integrated acidity, very polished tannin and the balance and depth to keep for 5-6 years. 91 Points Robert Parker

2015 Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir South Africa \$45

Gorgeous, with a silky, persistent and racy structure guiding alluring rooibos tea, blood orange, damson plum and singed wood spice notes along. An iron edge underscores the elegant finish. Already approachable, but there's no rush. Drink now through 2020.

93 Points Wine Spectator

2013 Yealands Awatere Valley, New Zealand \$30

A plush and supple red, brimming with flavors of raspberry coulis, cherry, rosemary, dried rose petal, forest floor and smoky black tea. Harmonious, focused and pure, with nice persistence on the finish, where pepper and citrus peel hints chime in. Drink now through 2023.

93 Points Robert Parker

2014 McPherson Pinot Noir Central Victoria, Australia \$16

Velvety tannins frame robust cherry and rhubarb flavors, with notes of cinnamon and toast on the finish. Drink now through 2023. 87 Points Wine Spectator

Cheers!

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