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Que Syrah, Syrah that's the grape for Friday, September 29th a perfect way to start Fall!

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Our Special pairing...Flank Steak w/Chimichurri Sauce, Steamed baby Red Potatoes with Rosemary & butter, Green Beans, bread.

The Cost of the tasting: Full pour \$34 Half pour \$19

Time: 4 to 8pm

The Wines:

2013 Dunham Syrah Columbia Valley WA. \$42

Notes of jammy black raspberries, baking spices and crushed flowers, with just a hint of vanilla, emerge from the 2013 Syrah, and it's 100% Syrah from a variety of sites in the Columbia Valley. Ripe, rounded and supple, with terrific purity and freshness, drink this classy beauty over the coming 7-8 years. **92 Points Wine Advocate**

2014 Samsara Syrah Santa Babara \$32

"A powerful, dense wine, the 2014 Syrah Santa Barbara County packs a serious punch. The flavors are dark, bold and super-expressive. Black cherry, plum, menthol, licorice and dark spices are some of the signatures. I especially like the wine's aromatic energy and overall vibrancy. The 2014 is a blend of fruit from Verna's and Kimsey done with 10% whole clusters and aged in 20% new oak. If this is the appellation wine, I can't wait to taste the vineyard designates." **92 Points Vinous**

2014 Gramercy Cellars The Deuce Syrah \$58

The estate's Walla Walla Valley Syrah, the 2014 Syrah The Deuce sports a deep ruby color to go with classic Walla Walla notes of plums, blueberries, leafy herbs and peppered meats. Ripe, supple, medium to full-bodied and elegant, it has considerable polish and purity, and shines more for its finesse and elegance than power or impact. It's going to drink beautifully for a decade. **93 Points Wine Advocate**

2013 Va Piano Syrah Columbia Valley WA \$40

This blend of Les Collines (60%), Lewis (20%) and Porteus (20%) vineyards, which saw 25% new French oak, offers blueberry and huckleberry along with herb and dark chocolate accents. It's supple and soft in feel, deft but with depth to the fruit flavors.

2013 Tensley Santa Babara Syrah CA \$29

A killer value in Syrah, Tensley's 2013 Syrah Santa Barbara is basically a blend of all the single-vineyard Syrahs. While you'd think this is would be a second wine, the reality is that they only produce a limited amount of their single-vineyards, so this base Santa Barbara County release gets quite a bit of first-tier juice. It offers gorgeous blueberry and black raspberry notes to go with lots of pepper, licorice and violet characteristics on the nose. Just as good on the palate, with full-bodied richness and tons of texture, this is a no-brainer to enjoy over the coming 5-6 years. **91 Points Wine Advocate**

2015 Bedrock North Coast Syrah CA. \$27.50

Inky blue and purplish fruit, bacon fat, licorice, smoke, exotic spice and black pepper are some of the many notes that run through the 2015 Syrah North Coast. A huge, richly textured wine, the 2015 North Coast Syrah offers unreal quality for the money. The 50% whole clusters are pretty much buried by the sheer intensity of the fruit. **91 Points Vinous**

2014 L'Ecole Columbia Valley Syrah \$24

"I loved the 2014 Columbia Valley Syrah (there's 20% Grenache in the blend) from this estate and it's a great

value. Blueberry, pepper, crushed rock and plenty of spice all give way to a rich, textured, flavorful red that's ideal for drinking anytime over the coming 4-5 years, if not longer. 91 Points Robert Parker

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