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Good Evening, Another fantastic night at Santiam Wine & Bistro we are tasting reds from Argentina and one ringer from Washington State.

Dinner Special: Hanger Steak with Chimichurri

Friday, September 6th from 4-8 PM

Reservations welcome: Call us at 503589-0775

Full pour \$34 Half pour: \$19

2013 Corazon del Sol 'Soleado' Red Wine \$50 A brief jaunt south to Argentina today on the blog, Corazon del Sol focuses on high quality Malbec wines from the Uco Valley, a cool climate region. Founded by Dr. Madaiah Revana, who also owns Revana and Alexana, he was enamored by the climate and terroir of the Uco Valley and founded an estate vineyard based winery, Corazon del Sol. The 17 acre estate vineyard is planted at the base of the Andes at an elevation of 3,000 feet. The winery has a stunning backdrop, as the vines are set on deep, alluvial soils, comprised of rock and sand which has eroded from the Andes Mountains over thousands of years. Consulting winemaker Santiago Achaval and winemaker Cristian Moor craft some great wines sourced from Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre plantings.

This is primarily a Malbec wine, blended with Merlot and Cabernet Franc. This inky wine opens with a bouquet of black cherry cough syrup, rose petals, blackberry preserves, tarragon and spicebox. There are rich flavors of black cherry, coffee grounds, blackberry syrup and suggestions of baking spices and blueberry compote. This shows lovely depth, grip, structure and richness. Drink 2017-2027- **92**

2016 Broncho Malbec Stoneridge Vineyard WA State \$75 I got to taste this wine this week and could not resist adding it to our taste of Argentina! It is made by Charles Smith of K Vintners and I love it! The 2016 Malbec Broncho Stoneridge Vineyard shows the more seamless, elegant side to the variety nicely and is loaded with classic Malbec character. Deep purple-colored with ripe red and black fruits, notes of spice and dried herbs, medium to full body, and integrated acidity and tannins, it's brilliant today yet should evolve nicely for at least 7-8 years. 95 Points Jeb Dunnuck

2011 Flechas de la Andes Gran Corte \$35 There is a big jump to the top of the range, in all senses, making, quality... and price. The 2011 Gran Corte is a blend that is more or less replicated each vintage. This 60% Malbec, 20% Syrah and 20% Cabernet Franc wine aged for 24 months in brand new French oak barrels. This feels more like a Bordeaux than its siblings do. It has plenty of influence from the élevage (still at age four) with toasty oak, sweet spices and smoke enveloping a core of ripe berry fruit. The palate is medium to full-bodied with abundant, grainy tannins that need more time in bottle to get polished. The acidity is enough, and the wine feels quite fresh, but you still notice the faint bitter flavors of the oak in the finish. It should develop in bottle for some time. **91 Points Wine Advocate**

2012 Valle Las Nencias Malbec Mendoza Argentina \$25 Full ruby. Blackberry and bitter chocolate aromas are perked up by a whiff of violet. Juicy, brisk and penetrating, with strong peppery acidity enlivening the middle palate. In an essentially cool style but with a sexy touch of sweetness and a fine-grained texture. Finishes with a firm tannic spine and repeating pepper and herb notes. Less giving but more structured than the 2013 Malbec Reserva

2015 Domingo Vicente Catena Historico Red Blend, Argentina \$20 Black fruit and flowers from Uco Valley Malbec laced with spicy Petit Verdot. Malbec lends freshness and smoothness, while Petit Verdot grants volume and persistence, conferring a lush, rich attack and wonderful length to the blend. Through decades of study and exploration within Mendoza's high altitude mountain terroirs, the Catena family has identified special locations for its Estate vineyards. From the marriage of these historic vineyards emerges a wine of unique character that has natural balance, concentration and a distinct varietal identity.

2017 Durigutti Bonarda Mendoza, Argentina \$13 A lovely blueberry and morello cherry nose. Ripe with generous, supple tannins and a long, rather complex finish that has some mineral character. Drink or hold. – **92** Points James Suckling

Cheers!

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