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Preview of June Wine Club

Our first red wine for June 2017 is the **2013 Howard Park Cabernet Sauvignon** from the Margaret River in Australia. A superlative vintage for this wine, it shows plenty of approachability and supple fruit style. Red cherry and blackberry show up on the nose. Vanilla, tobacco and cherry notes start things off on the palate and extend through the long finish. Wine Enthusiast has it rated at 91 points with a Best Buy designation. Wine.com has it on sale this week for \$23.99. It comes to Wine Club members at the very reasonable price of **\$17.50**.

If you have been waiting for summer, we have a great wine for the warmer weather and outdoor dining. The **2015 Opta Dao Branco** was another wine for June that rated a Best Buy from Wine Enthusiast. The nose is floral and aromatic due to a good percentage of Malvasia and the aroma had me hooked at the first whiff. The Branco is delicious, citrus- and yellow fruit-flavored, crisp and intensely fruity. With layers of acidity, a zesty texture and a bright aftertaste, it's already to drink now. Like many Portuguese wines, it is relatively low in alcohol, has less than .5% residual sugar and the mouthwatering acidity makes it a perfect pairing for summer fare. **(\$11)**

Our second red is the **2009 La Cuna de la Poesia Reserva**. It is a classic Rioja Reserva with lifted notes of black fruits, figs and vanilla on the

nose which lead in to a palate that is packed with rich, ripe fruit flavors along with hints of spice and a smooth and long-lasting finish. It is made from hand selected grapes, spends over a year in oak and over two years in the bottle. This supple red offers dried cherry and sweet berry flavors, backed by vanilla, candied orange and tobacco notes. Light tannins and citrusy acidity keep this lively through the vanilla-soaked finish. **(\$14.50)**

Cavatappi is the Italian word for corkscrew as well as the eponymous spiral pasta. It is also the name of our second white, the **2016 Cavatappi Pinot Grigio**. This Walla Walla Pinot Grigio has fragrant nose of lime and grapefruit with a touch of stonefruit character perfectly balanced by the crisp acidity and just a touch of spice. It boasts vibrant bright citrus, fresh grass, and river rock minerality on the finish. **(\$13)**

Millennium Club members will be treated to the **2015 Day Sonoma County Zinfandel**. This Zin is the first release from Ehren Jordan, the famous wine-maker of the renowned Turley Zinfandels and the owner of the highly regarded Failla wines. The 2015 Vintage was extraordinary for a number of reasons. Four years into a drought, vine stress among these old head trained vines was intense. The vintage was early and compact with more even-ripening than is typical for the variety. This provided the winemaker with tremendously fresh, healthy and concentrated fruit--- leaving Jordan with blessed little to do in the cellar. The **2015 Day Zin** came out bold and rich, with a lively, structured core, plus black raspberry and pepper aromas, and ripe, zesty black cherry and sweet black licorice flavors. You can drink it tonight or cellar it for 10 years. For those of you keeping score at home, Wine Spectator had it rated at 92 points. **(\$32)**

Last minute Father's Day suggestions:

I know this will sound like a bunch of generic suggestions, but if you come down to the Wine Gallery, you can find some pretty good Father's Day gift selections.

A nice bottle of wine is a good way to show your appreciation for Dad. Wine is meant for sharing and sharing a good wine with family is a celebration in itself. We have 1600 labels in stock and Bozeman's best selection. There has to be a wine that Dad will like on our shelves.

If Dad loves to cook over fire, you might want to check out some of the great marinades, rubs, barbeque sauces, and spicy concoctions we have at the Wine Gallery.

On a similar note, we have picnic back packs that hold glasses, plates, silverware and other accoutrements to take on a hike or share a picnic sometime this summer.

Dad isn't just a Father on Father's Day so think about a Wine Club membership. You can show him how much you appreciate and care about him with a monthly reminder of good wine, and a weekly newsletter.

If your husband or father just likes to putz around looking at cool stuff, just send him down to look at what we have. Send him armed with a Gift Certificate and you may find out how much he really loves to shop.

Summer Solstice Wine Dinner

For the last few years, the Food Studio has hosted a **Summer Solstice Wine Dinner**. This year it will be on Friday, June 23rd which was the closest we could arrange to coincide with the actual celestial event. We have waited a long time for summer and now the beautiful sunsets and warm days are upon us. Chef Wendell at the Food Studio has put together a stunning array of locally sourced and decidedly delicious small plate recipes to stir your soul and provoke a little appreciation for Montana in the summer.

It wouldn't be complete without the wine pairings. We have whites, sparklers, rose' and some delicious red to accompany our mid-summer feast. Food, wine and gratuity are included in the **\$89 ticket price**.

There will be 40 seats available so give us a call at 586-8828 or send an e-mail to bozemanwinegallery@gmail.com to reserve your seats. If you would like a preview of the menu and the wine pairings, check our website in a week or so.

Bozeman Art Walk at Miller's Jewelry

Every summer Bozeman hosts its downtown Art Walk on the second Friday of the summer months. The Art Walk officially starts **at 6:00 PM next Friday, June 9th**. The weatherman says it will be a beautiful night so plan to come to Downtown, see great art and sample some great wines. The folks at Miller's are artists in their own right creating beautiful rings, necklaces and bracelets from precious metals and precious stones.

This month, take a look at their array of pearls. Miller's has pearl earrings, bracelets, and necklaces. The pearls come as freshwater, South Sea, yellow pearls and black Tahitian pearls. Imagine the different and beautiful configurations they have created! You might even check out the extensive estate and heirloom jewelry to find a pearl in a one of a kind setting.

As is our tradition, I will be at Miller's Jewelry in the heart of Downtown at Tracy and Main. We plan to sample 6 different wines to kick off summer in Bozeman. Come on downtown and join the Art Walk.

New face at the Wine Gallery

This summer **Madison Wittich** will be joining us at the Wine Gallery as our summer intern. Madison has extensive experience in the wine business with stints at Soter Vineyards in Oregon, and Ferrari-Carrano in Sonoma County, California. She received her B.S. in Wine and Viticulture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2016. That bit of her resume' will be of great use to our staff and customers as she shares her expertise. Please say "hello" to Madison the next time you are in the Wine Gallery.

While we welcome Madison, I am sad to say that **Tiffany Olson** will be leaving the Wine Gallery to pursue graduate work in her field of Nutrition. I kid her that she paid off her student loans just in time to go back to school.

As you can imagine, this was a very difficult decision for her to make after her 10 year career in the wine business (seven years at the Wine Gallery.) The good news is she will be attending MSU so we will probably see her at wine tastings and other events. Our sales reps, drivers, customers, and friends will miss her. I know I have grown accustomed to thinking of Tiffany as my "daughter" so I wish her the very best in her new adventure.