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Oregon vintners, chefs to host dinner at NYC's James Beard House

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Suzanne Bozarth and Aaron Solley (pictured) of North Portland's James John Cafe will prepare food to go with wines from Stephanie LaMonica and Scott Elder's The Grande Dalles label Thursday at an event at the James Beard House in NYC.

Chris Carriker of Gilt Club **isn't the only Oregonian invited to appear at the James Beard House** in New York this month.

Vintners Stephanie LaMonica and Scott Elder will pour wines from their **The Grande Dalles** label as Suzanne Bozarth and Aaron Solley of North Portland's **James John Cafe** prepare a five-course meal Thursday at an **event labeled "Columbia Valley Terroir."**

LaMonica and Elder were invited to set up a dinner after visiting the house in June, **according to the blog of the vineyard based in The Dalles**. The couple asked Bozarth and Solley to join them after holding a tasting for their inaugural wines at the St. Johns cafe -- you know, the one that serves Stumptown coffee, poached-

egg brunches and the **occasional prix-fixe dinner**.

So, if you happen to be in New York City tomorrow with \$170 burning a hole in your pocket (\$130 for **James Beard Foundation** members), stop by Beard's old Greenwich Village townhouse, 167 W. 12th St., at 7 p.m. Eastern. Or, better yet, call 212-627-2308 to check for reservations. (Oh, and congrats and good luck to all involved.)

Check out the **menu over at the foundation website**.

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