Chef Ryan Alabaugh of Sergios in University Circle, Cleveland Ohio presents The Great American Cheese Plate paired with Vinum Cellars 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Leaky Lake Vineyard

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb. Lake Erie Ohio Creamery Chevre

1 lb. Windermere 6 yr. Aged Cheddar

1 lb. Roth Kase Buttermilk Bleu

2 Day Old Baguette

1 Stick Melted Butter

Kosher Salt

8 oz. Toasted Almonds

8 oz. Shelled Salted Pistachios

1 Bosc Pear cut in thin strips

4 Mission figs

1 Granny Smith Apple

Medjool Dates Quartered

TO PREPARE TOASTS:

Slice baguette into ¼ inch thick pieces brush butter and toast in a 350 degree oven until golden brown

TO PREPARE PLATE:

Use your imagination - cheese can be enjoyed as a final course with this strong silky cabernet. In addition to these items any of the drizzles or reductions in the previous recipes can be used with the cheese plate. One can also use honey, jams, or preserves with cheeses. Cheese is the best way to finalize an experience. We currently carry 20 cheeses in our restaurant.