



Wines By The Glass

	5oz	9oz	bottle
White			
Columbia Crest, Chardonnay “Grand Est”, WA, USA	9	16.50	43
Cave Spring, Riesling, Niagara Peninsula, ON VQA	9	16.50	43
Vignabaldo, Pinot Grigio, Italy	9.25	16.75	44
Yealands, Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand	9.75	17	45
Red			
Nugan, Shiraz “Second Pass”, AUS.	9.75	17	45
Trapiche, Malbec “Broquel”, Mendoza, Argentina	9.75	17	45
Carmen, Cabernet Sauvignon “Gran Res.”, Chile	9.75	17	45
Aquinas, Pinot Noir, California, USA	10	17.5	48
Sparkles			
Bottega, Prosecco NV, Italy	9 / flute		40

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Sparkles / Bubbles aka the Original Glitterati

Bottega, Prosecco “Vino dei Poeti” NV, Veneto, Italy **\$40**

The famous, easy drinking sparkling wine from northern Italy. Fresh, aromatic with apple and pear notes. Light bodied. Mostly dry.

Codorniu, Cava Rose “Seleccion Raventos” NV, Penedes, Spain **\$45**

A pretty pink sparkler made in the traditional method from just outside Barcelona. Raspberry and strawberry notes. Crisp and dry.

Nicolas Feuillatte, Brut Reserve NV, Champagne, France **\$90**

From a leading producer, this is a nicely rich and complex Champagne. Notes of brioche, baked apple and citrus.

*“My only regret in life is that I did not drink more
Champagne.” - J.M. Keynes*

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White

Ontario

Cave Spring, Riesling “Dolomite” 2015, Niagara Escarpment \$43

A well-known and respected long-time producer of some of the Niagara Peninsula’s finest Riesling. This wine is named for the layers of dolomitic limestone unique to the escarpment. This slightly off-dry Riesling has notes of grapefruit, papaya and green apple with balancing acidity. Stelvin closure.

Southbrook, Chardonnay “Triomphe” 2015, Niagara Peninsula \$50

Certified organic. Full-bodied, rich Chardonnay. Stelvin closure.

13th Street, Pinot Gris 2016, Creek Shores \$45

Absolutely spot on gris (grigio’s sexier sibling) from a single vineyard. J.P. Colas crafts this 100% stainless steel fermented wine to his ever exacting standards and it is lovely. Stelvin closure.

California

Sonoma-Cutrer, Chardonnay 2014, Russian River Ranches, Sonoma \$58

The flagship wine from this serious producer focussing on Burgundian varietals. Intensely fresh and vibrant with green apples and melon. Full-bodied with vanilla spice and that textbook buttery finish without being overly oaky. Lovely balance. Stelvin closure.

New Zealand

Yealands, Sauvignon Blanc 2015, Marlborough \$45

Peter Yealands has recently gone out on his own after being involved in some of New Zealand’s iconic wineries. This is spot on Savvy that hits all the marks. Easy to love. Stelvin closure.

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Australia

Wolf Blass, Chardonnay “Gold Label” 2013, Adelaide Hills **\$54**

“The gold label series is special, focussing entirely on wine that express place and grape. High-altitude Adelaide Hills fruit gives this sleek oaked Chardonnay impressive concentration and tensile strength. Flinty like good white Burgundy, with a thick spread of lemon curd and creme brule flavours, kept fresh and crispy with succulent acidity... very low yields with intense concentration, lending extra richness.” -DJ Kearney. Stelvin closure. Two bottles remaining.

Pikes, Riesling “Traditionale” 2015, Clare Valley **\$54**

A crisp, bone-dry Riesling made in that quintessential Clare Valley style. “Lime blossom, talc, spice and slatey things. Soft and juicy, almost a vanilla perfume, light crunch and flintiness, and a finish that closes firm and slatey. Score - 93” - Gary Walsh, winefront.com.au Stelvin closure. Two bottles remaining.

Italy

Vignabaldo, Pinot Grigio 2016, Umbria **\$44**

Sourced from the hills east of Tuscany, this medium-bodied Grigio is awash in lemon zest. Dry, smooth and happy. Stelvin closure.

France

Laroche, Chablis “Saint Martin” 2015, Burgundy **\$59**

This 100% Chardonnay is produced by the well-known Domaine Laroche. A brilliant entry into the style and region at a modest price point. Stelvin closure.

Greece

Santo Wines, Assyrtiko 2015, Santorini **\$45**

“...renowned for its bright flavours, bracing acidity and elegant, mineral character. These virtue’s give it a wide modern appeal among terroir-driven sommeliers and wine lovers with a taste for refined whites.” - Susan Kostrzewa, Wine Enthusiast. Cork closure.

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Austria

Winzer Krems, Gruner Veltliner “13” 2015, Kremstal, Austria **\$40**

All the ultra hip U.S. somms call this “groo-vee” (Honestly. I couldn’t make this stuff up.) It’s the go-to, food-friendly white when you need to impress someone and also match a wide range of dishes. Pale coloured, citrus and white peach with lovely minerality. Light and crisp. So much sexier than most of the mediocre grigio flooding our market. Stelvin closure.

Rosé

Ogier, Rosé 2015, Ventoux, France **\$43**

This wine from the south of France evokes summer. A very pretty salmon pink. Lovely and dry. Strawberry and pink grapefruit on the nose with more of the same on the palate. Stelvin closure.

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Red

Ontario

Chateau des Charmes, Gamay 2014, Niagara-On-The-Lake **\$44**

This is winning a lot of awards. It recently won a Gold medal at the National Wine Awards. Medium bodied with cherry, spice and a smoky note this stainless steel fermented wine revels in it's local terroir. Fresh and vibrant. Cork closure.

Tawse, Pinot Noir 2013, Niagara Peninsula **\$55**

This lively Pinot sourced from vineyards throughout Niagara, was crafted by Tawse resident winemaker, Paul Pender, who knows a thing or six about making delicious Pinot. Red cherry fruit, cedar and spice all co-exist happily in this medium-bodied wine. Stelvin closure.

Pacific Northwest

Powers, Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Columbia Valley **\$49**

Real crowd pleasing Cabernet from smaller producer. Dark fruit, medium to full bodied. Proper wine in every way imaginable. Stelvin closure.

Erath, Pinot Noir 2015, Oregon **\$55**

Pretty with raspberry and plum, some spice notes and that Pinot earthiness we seek. Medium-bodied and dry. Stelvin closure.

California

Aquinas, Pinot Noir 2015, North Coast **\$48**

A fuller bodied style of Pinot with cherry, plum and baking spice. Nice finish with more fruit and a hint of vanilla. Cork closure.

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Gnarly Head, Zinfandel “Old Vine” 2015 **\$49**

From well known producers comes this classically styled Zin. Terrible name, unattractive label, some really nice wine. Dark fruit, medium body, some lovely spice notes. What’s not to enjoy? Stelvin closure.

Firestone, Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Santa Ynez **\$55**

Full-bodied Cabernet from the well regarded Santa Ynez Valley. Dark fruit aromas with cassis, espresso, vanilla and cedar. Well integrated tannins round out the frame. And yes, the family that owns the winery makes tires too! Cork closure.

Hahn, GSM 2014, Central Coast **\$58**

A deft interpretation of the typical Rhone blend with Grenache leading Syrah and Mourvedre. Medium-bodied, dark fruit, spice, dry with soft tannins make this a food friendly wine that all will enjoy. Wine Spectator just put this wine on their “ Best Value’s of 2016” list and said “Lots of personality for the price, with notes of cherry, pepper and smoky herb. 90 points.” Cork closure.

Rodney Strong, Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Alexander Valley, Sonoma **\$65**

One of the best wines I’ve had from this winery in quite a while. Spot on Cali Cabernet without being pushed into fruit-bomb territory. Dark fruit, cassis. Just a really lovely wine. Cork closure.

Louis Martini, Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Napa **\$68**

Full-bodied Cabernet from the iconic region, it is a fine introduction to the style. Dark fruit, cedar and elegance at a responsible price. Well made. Cork closure.

Stag’s Leap, Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Napa **\$92**

This iconic winery always delivers. Full-bodied, ripe with dark cherry & cassis. Essential. Cork closure.

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South America

Argentina

Doña Paula, Malbec 2015, Mendoza **\$45**

Dark red, almost purple with notes of blueberry, plum and spice. Soft cherry fruit on the palate. Medium-bodied and dry. Cork closure.

Norton, Malbec Blend “Privada” 2013, Mendoza **\$58**

Delicious Bordeaux blend with Malbec leading. Anchored by Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Full-bodied. Cork closure.

Chile

Carmen, Cabernet Sauvignon “Gran Reserva” 2014, Maipo **\$45**

Very well made with a rich mouthfeel, dark fruit and great finish. Previous vintages have been placed on Wine Spectator’s Top 100 list. Cork closure.

Vina Casablanca, Syrah “Nimbus” 2011, Casablanca **\$59**

Packed full of intense black raspberry fruit with notes of peppercorn, graphite and licorice this is both savoury and supple with remarkably well integrated tannins. Medium to full bodied. Cork closure. 3 bottles remain.

Luis Felipe Edwards, Syrah Blend “LFE 900” 2012, Colchagua **\$68**

Chile’s fast-charging Syrah is blended here with Mourvedre, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon. Sourced from a single vineyard 900 metres above sea level. Winner of multiple gold medals all over the world. Full-bodied. Dark fruit, spice, pepper. It’s all here. Cork closure. 2 bottles remaining.

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Australia

Wolf Blass, Syrah “Gold Label” 2013, Adelaide Hills \$54

The Gold Label program at Wolf Blass was created to showcase the regional strength's and terroir's that the company has access to in their large portfolio of vineyards. The cooler, higher vineyards of the Adelaide Hills illustrate this in producing a fresher, plummier Syrah than might be expected. Dark fruit, spice, anise are all present with elegance and intensity as well. Stelvin closure.

Spain

Montecillo Reserva 2010, Rioja \$48

Immaculate Tempranillo from traditional producer. Dusty cherry, sandalwood, spice box with vanilla notes from the American oak. Cork closure.

Franco-Espanolas Gran Reserva “Bordon” 2007, Rioja \$60

Mature red that still offers soft cherry notes with tobacco and vanilla. Finishes with a hint of elusive smokiness. Drinking beautifully now. Cork closure.

Italy

Basciano, Chianti Rufina 2014, Tuscany \$44

Sangiovese from an ancient estate with records of wine production dating back to the 9th century. Now owned by the Masi family. Medium-bodied, sour cherry (in the good way) and violets. Undeniably Tuscan. Cork closure.

Negrar, Valpolicella Ripasso “Le Roselle” 2014, Veneto \$46

The ripasso style, originated by the Masi family, has become firmly entrenched in the region's arsenal of unique production methods. The result has the added complexity and nuances of the Amarone style with brighter acidity. Expect black cherry, herbs and some spice notes. Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara are the grapes here in case you were the enquiring type. Cork closure.

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Piccini Villa al Cortile, Rosso di Montalcino 2013, Tuscany **\$54**

Wonderful bouquet of dark cherry, earth and leather. Dry, with flavours of plum and spice. Often referred to as “baby Brunellos” these wines are made to be enjoyed early whilst the top wines are slumbering away... We also have this wineries Brunello listed in our Brunello Spotlight. Cork closure.

Fassati, Vino Nobile de Montepulciano “Pasiteo” 2012, Tuscany **\$60**

Predominantly Sangiovese from the hills surrounding Montepulciano this wine has a long and regal history. Revered by Pope Paul III in the 16th C and favoured as the “King of all wines” in Francesco Redi’s poem, “Bacco in Toscana” this region is slowly coming back into the spotlight. Which, thankfully, has kept prices moderate. Cherry and plum on the bouquet with more cherry and strawberry on the palate. Cork closure. Two bottles remaining.

Ruffino, “Modus” 2013, Tuscany **\$70**

If you’re a fan of the “Super Tuscans” (think Tignanello, but don’t want to spend in the nosebleed territory that many of these wines are starting to reach) this is a fantastic entry point. “A silky and refined red with currant, berry, minerals and dried flowers aromas and flavours. Full-bodied, flavourful and delicious. A blend of sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and merlot. 94 points.” - James Suckling. Cork Closure. (p.s. I put a case in my cellar....)

Carione, Brunello di Montalcino 2012, Tuscany **\$75**

Very nice introduction to this style at a very moderate price point all things said and done. Dark fruit, cigar box, medium bodied. Cork closure.

Tedeschi, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2012, Veneto **\$78**

The traditional grapes are dried for four months before being crushed, fermented and transferred to barrels for aging. Intense and rich, these wines are loaded with dried cherry, fig and spice. Tony Aspler, the much respected Toronto based wine critic, educator and judge, just gave this wine a rave review and a score of 94 points. Very impressive indeed. Cork closure.

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Frescobaldi, Brunello di Montalcino “CastelGioconda” 2010

\$120

“Aromas of warm stone, dark fruits and walnuts follow to a full body, soft tannins and a savoury finish. This shows ripe fruit and salty undertones that give it a wonderful juiciness. It’s dense and tight now but will give so much pleasure in the future. Best ever from here.” 97 pts. Wine of the Year 2015. - James Suckling. October 2015.

“The 2010 Brunello di Montalcino ushers forth a new stylistic chapter in the wines of the Marchesi di Frescobaldi...this fresh and streamlined wine renews its efforts to put Sangiovese in prime positioning. The bouquet shows dark cherry, ginger and grilled herb. Instead of immediacy this wine is engineered for longevity... With the 2010 vintage, this estate goes back to its traditional roots. “ 94 pts. - Monica Lerner, February 2015. Two bottles remaining.

Wine Spectator - 93 pts., Vinuous - 93 pts.,
Wine & Spirits - 92 pts., Wine Enthusiast - 91 pts.

France

Chateau Rigaud 2012, Faugeres (Organic)

\$45

Medium bodied with dark fruit, anise and spice notes on the bouquet. Syrah, Grenache with Mourvedre. Stellar reviews from the wine press. Cork closure. Two bottles remaining.

**Chapoutier, Chateauneuf-du-Pape “Les Grands Merisiers” 2014,
Southern Rhone**

\$68

The famous appellation, centred near the historic town of Avignon, produces wines from the predominant trio of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre. This full-bodied elegant blend is chock full of cherry and pepper with undertones of vanilla and chocolate. Geek Note: Chapoutier was the first wine producer to use braille on all its labels in 1996. The info that is in braille tells the producer, vintage, vineyard, region and colour of the wine. Cork closure.

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Large Format

Santa Carolina, Cabernet Sauvignon “Reserva de Familia” 2008, Maipo, Chile

This is the flagship wine from the estate and only the best parcels are used. The nice thing about large bottles is that they allow the wine to age at a slower rate, thus preserving the primary fruit. This is the format preferred by collectors but also great fun to open with friends. “Immensely aromatic with notes of cool herbs, pepper and exotic spice. Terrific concentration with smooth tannins, plush texture and wonderful balance.” - Sara d’Amato. Cork closure. 1 bottle remains.

1500 mL \$90

Sommelier,
Patrick Field
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