

# BALEEN kitchen

“Wine is one of the most civilized things in the world and one of the most natural things of the world that has been brought to the greatest perfection, and it offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than, possibly, any other purely sensory thing.”

--Ernest Hemingway, 'Death in the Afternoon'

## WINES BY-THE-GLASS

### BUBBLES

NV	Prosecco, Mionetto	9
NV	GH Mumm, Brut Rose,	16
NV	Champagne Laurent Perrier Brut	19

### WHITE

11	Esperto, Pinot Grigio	9
10	"Saint M", Riesling	9
12	Kim Crawford, Sauvignon Blanc	10
10	Robert Mondavi, Fume Blanc	9
11	Ferrari Carrano, Chardonnay	12
11	Mer Soleil (Unoaked), Chardonnay	16

### PINK

12	Summerland, Rose of Grenache	10
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### RED

10	Meomi, Pinot Noir	12
10	Sterling, Merlot	16
10	Seven Falls, Cabernet Sauvignon	10
10	Franciscan Estate, Cabernet	16
10	Terrazas, Malbec	10
NV	Rosenblum, Zinfandel	9

# Bubbles

To me Champagne, indeed all sparkling wine, is one of the greatest simple pleasures in life. One of the biggest myths in the world is that bubbly is only for special occasions... that's nonsense! Bubbles can make any occasion special. Moreover Champagne and sparkling wines are perfect with food, with any food; one can have an entire meal with nothing but bubbles... from all over the world! A Franciacorta from the hills of Lombardy, a gorgeous Blanc de Blancs from California, a cuvée de prestige from Champagne's Grand Cru vineyards... and finally, finish off with a demi-sec. The possibilities are endless. Great sparkling wine is made using the "méthode champenoise" or "Classic method" whereby the 'second fermentation' of the still wine, where the bubbles actually get created, happens in the very same bottle being served to you.

Once the second fermentation is finished, the wines are left to age on their "lees," or the yeast cells which give the wine its richness and character. Most age for fifteen months to well over ten years, depending on the blend or cuvée.

Further machine or manual riddling, a process whereby the dead yeast cells of that second fermentation slowly fall to the neck of the bottle and are then removed to create a pure crystal-clear sparkling wine, the bottles are kept in the winery's cellar for a little bit longer before they are released.

Most bubbly is a non-vintage product, meaning they are a mix of different growing seasons which are blended to create and exhibit a Champagne house's style. In great years, the wine of that year is kept separate and a vintage-dated wine is made. On spectacular years, these wines are elevated to the rare and luxurious "Cuvées de Prestige" –cheers!

NV	Cavit "Lunetta" Prosecco <i>Lunetta's state-of-the-art sparkling facility and the handpicking of the grapes are some of the reasons this Prosecco is considered one of the best.</i>	Italy	36
NV	Mumm Napa "Brut Prestige" <i>Sourced from more than 50 prime Napa Valley vineyards, this "Brut Prestige" is elegant and gorgeously balanced.</i>	Napa Valley, CA	57
NV	Gloria Ferrer Brut <i>Lean and light sparkling wine with very fine bubbles.</i>	Sonoma, CA	40
08	Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs <i>Made from 100% Chardonnay grown mostly in Napa and Sonoma counties, this charming bubbly is one of the best blanc de blancs on the market.</i>	Calistoga, CA	72
NV	Graham Beck Brut <i>Graham Beck passed away in July 2010 leaving one almighty legacy behind him: a state-of-the-art winery that welcomes thousands of visitors each year, their sparkling Brut chosen by Michele Obama for her husband's inauguration ceremony as well as Nelson Mandela's in 1994. But what matters most is that the Graham Beck Winery has a portfolio of wines that offers outstanding value, particular with respect to their sparkling wines and whites.</i>	Franschhoek V., S. Africa	48
NV	G. H. Mumm "Cordon Rouge" Brut <i>Fresh, perfumed Champagne with peach, apricot and flower aromas that add the necessary complexity.</i>	Reims, France	62
NV	Nicolas Feuillatte Brut <i>Easy going, attractive wine with great definition of aromas and flavors, that offer some great length on the palate.</i>	Chouilly, France	55

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# Bubbles

*"Remember gentlemen, it's not just France we are fighting for... it's Champagne!"*

*~ Winston Churchill, WWI*

NV	Laurent-Perrier Brut	Tours-sur-Marne, France	88
	<i>Chardonnay, is the dominant grape variety and its proportion is unusually high for a non-vintage champagne blend, being double the average. The blend is made of wines from more than 55 individual crus or villages with an average cru rating of 20% of reserve wines are also used, thus to ensuring perfect consistency in the style.</i>		
NV	Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin, "Yellow Label" Brut	Reims, France	105
	<i>The "widow Clicquot" was not only one of the first women to run a large business, she also contributed to the champagne making like none before and probably after. She was responsible for the riddling tables still used today or what one could consider some great marketing. The yellow label was her idea; some believe to stop the counterfeit products, others say it was done in order to please the Czar's from Russia...very good customers by the way!</i>		
04	Dom Perignon Brut	á Epernay, France	275
	<i>"Come brother...I'm drinking stars!" – Dom Perignon</i>		
04	Perrier-Jouet "Belle Epoque"	á Epernay, France	307
	<i>A very nice crisp champagne with green pear, jasmine and apple aromas that end in a well-articulated finish. They even have flowers on the bottle!</i>		

## The Ethereal Bubbly: Rosé

*Obtaining their color from the Pinot Noir and Meunier grapes, rosé Champagne can range from light pink and floral to ruby-red with full bodied elegance. .. One of my favorites, the extra kick makes rosé perfect for a variety of foods. I absolutely adore rosé champagne... because it is a balancing act of power and sheer sexiness. And anyone who thinks rose is sweet... well I don't know what you've been drinking, in my years drinking through literally thousands of champagnes I have yet to run into a sweet rosé champagne... what I have ran into is a complete infatuation with its magic.*

NV	Mumm Napa "Brut Rose"	Napa Valley	65
	<i>Wine spectator says: "Beautiful floral strawberry and spiced vanilla aromas lead to crisp, layered raspberry, shortbread biscuit and citrus flavors that have a zesty finish. 1400 cases made" – T.F. (we agree!)</i>		
NV	G. H. Mumm "Cordon Rouge" Rose	Reims, France	85
	<i>With its finesse and elegance, Mumm Rose has charmed and delighted the most discerning of Mumm connoisseurs since the very creation of the House in 1827. Its delicacy and smoothness have given it the rare privilege of being one of the best-loved champagnes among women</i>		
NV	Laurent-Perrier Rose	Tours-sur-Marne, France	129
	<i>The Cuvée Rosé Laurent-Perrier was created in 1968 using bold, innovative 'savoir-faire' methods learnt from production of still wines called 'Coteaux Champenois'. Perfected at each stage of its making, the Cuvée Rosé is now the benchmark in its category. Held in an elegant wine bottle inspired by King Henri IV, this rosé champagne has been widely acknowledged for its consistent high quality for more than 40 years.</i>		

## A little bit about California...

Mexican missionaries brought the first grapes into California just before the incoming storm known to history as the gold rush. Appropriately, the sacramental grape was known as the "Mission grape." It was a rather uninteresting variety that produced equally uninteresting wine. It was the little Mission of Sonoma which would beget the California wine industry. Here a self-proclaimed aristocrat and agriculturalist, Count Augustos Harazthy, founded Sonoma's first winery in his estate of Buena Vista. Across the Mayacamas further inland, in what is now Napa Valley, George Yount was granted close to 12,000 acres by California's de-facto Governor, General Vallejo. The 'ranch' of land that was given to Yount was called Rancho Caymus.

## Sauvignon Blanc

### Napa Valley

Naturally where 'Cab' reigns king so too must one of its botanical "parents" the Sauvignon Blanc. For far too long Napa Sauvignon Blanc was flat, oaked beyond recognition and, plainly speaking, unpalatable. Nowadays, thanks to stainless steel fermenters and better viticulture, Napa's Sauvignon Blancs have that wonderful racy acidity so loved in Sancerre but here, it is paired with that unmistakable kiss of California's sun which gives them a bright tropical plumpness. Change is good.

11	Robert Mondavi "Fume Blanc"	Napa Valley	36
12	Groth	Napa Valley	44

## France

Menetou-Salon is an ancient wine-producing area if old writings and documents about the seigniorship and lordship of Menetou are to be believed. Documents from the years 1063, 1097 at 1100 have been recovered, where the Lord of Menetou gave a donation to different religious orders in the region, most particularly to the Saint-Sulpice-lès-Bourges Abbey, with vines located close to Davet.

12	Nicolas Girard	Menetou-Salon, France	40
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## Whites down-under

New Zealand, whose sheep population still outnumbers its human population, has become synonymous with world-class mineral and tropical-fruit-laden Sauvignon Blanc.

11	Craggy Range Te Muna Road	Martinborough, New Zealand	30
13	Villa Maria	Martinborough, New Zealand	37
13	Kim Crawford	Martinborough, New Zealand	40

## Rosé

12	Summerland   Grenache Rosé	Paso Robles	40
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# Chardonnay

## Napa Valley

Napa Valley Chardonnay, with few exceptions, is much like the tasting rooms that dot the valley: big, opulent, Disney-like productions. Napa "Chard" is ripe, deep bright yellow-gold and chock-full of buttery oak. Although there has been a small back lash at this style, in my opinion growing stronger every day, Napa's big round manner still lives strong

10	Silverado Vineyards "Estate Grown"	Napa Valley	33
12	Franciscan Estate	Napa Valley	40
12	Stag's Leap	Napa Valley	53
09	Antica "Antinori Family Estate" <i>The 2009 Chardonnay is one of the most unique Chardonnays being made in California. It shows gorgeous textural finesse and fabulous overall balance. The signature Napa Valley richness is there, but in a cooler, more mineral-driven style. Smoke, crushed rocks and citrus are layered into the vibrant finish. This is a fabulous showing.</i>	Napa Valley	56
11	Beringer "Private Reserve" <i>The 2011 Chardonnay Private Reserve, which all comes from the Gamble Ranch, is a knock-out wine. Winemaker Laurie Hook seems to have backed off some of the aggressive new oak that this cuvee possessed twenty or so years ago. The result is a wine that has some wood, but is more renowned for its beautiful buttery citrus and hints of white peaches, apricots and tropical fruit. Impressively textured, full-bodied, deep, fresh, pure and well-balanced, this is a great example of Napa Chardonnay.</i>	Napa Valley	52
12	Cakebread	Napa Valley	73
11	Newton <i>For more than two decades, this has been one of the benchmark, French-styled, full malolactic and unfiltered Chardonnays in Napa Valley. There have been many extraordinary vintages, some of which have aged far longer than anyone would have predicted.</i>	Napa Valley	85

## Sonoma County

Due to Sonoma's wonderful Pinot Noir, the fact that Chardonnay excels is a no brainer. Although Napa put Chardonnay on the map, it is Sonoma which has found Chardonnay's soul in California. Sonoma "Chards" are more reserved, inward looking while still touched-up with notes of bright ripe apples, flowers, and great acidity. These are food wines.

11	Cuvaison	Carneros, Napa Valley	33
11	Davis Bynum	Russian River Valley	36
10	Chateau St. Jean "Robert Young Vineyard" <i>A drop-dead gorgeous wine, the 2010 Chardonnay Robert Young Vineyard is wonderfully vivid and nuanced from start to finish. The Robert Young has a level of delineation that is impossible to miss, while retaining plenty of 2010 vintage steeliness. With time in the glass, the wine opens up beautifully, revealing multiple shades of nuance and complexity. The blocked-malo style works especially well here.</i>	Alexander Valley	40
12	Ferrari-Carano <i>Ferrari-Carano's Chardonnay remains one of the best values in California Chardonnay.</i>	Sonoma County	48

# Chardonnay

## Central Coast

09	Chalone Vineyard	Monterey County	24
11	Mer Soleil (Unoaked) <i>Charlie Wagner II is a 5th generation Napa Valley winemaker. He was named after his late grandfather, Charlie Wagner, one of the founders of Caymus Vineyards. Charlie II began learning about Chardonnay wine production when he was just 17 years of age. By the 2004 vintage of Mer Soleil, he had control of production. This winery is based on two Chardonnay wines – a barrel fermented version and an <u>unoaked wine called "Silver,"</u> which is fermented and aged in small natural cement tanks imported from France. Charlie Wagner II continues to develop the techniques that best suit grapes grown in the Santa Lucia Highlands appellation of Monterey County.</i>	Monterey County	64
11	Au Bon Climat	Santa Barbara County	37
10	Sanford <i>A well-made, delicious white that carries ripe orchard fruit, spice, toast and crushed stone-like minerality, the Sanford Chardonnay is medium-bodied, soft and supple, with an upfront drink-me-now feel.</i>	Santa Barbara County	45

## France

11	Louis Latour "Pouilly-Fuisse" Bourgogne	Cote-D'or	34
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# Worldly & Unique Whites

11	Conundrum by Caymus   Proprietary white blend <i>Caymus has one of the most enviable track records of any California winery. I find it remarkable that this winery has never gone through a slump. Not many wineries, anywhere in the world, can match the Wagner family's consistent record of success. The Conundrum, a barrel-fermented proprietary white wine made from an innovative blend of Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and Semillon, has been criticized as a cunningly made wine. Cleverness and intelligence aside, it delivers what most consumers want - delicious ripe fruit, a savory texture, and undeniable pleasure.</i>	California	41
NV	Evolution   Proprietary white blend <i>Sokol Blosser was established in 1971 making it one of the pioneer wineries of Willamette Valley. Production stands at 65,000 cases, about half of which is their extraordinarily successful Evolution white blend.</i>	Willamette Valley, Oregon	30
11	Snoqualmie "winemaker's Select   Riesling	Columbia Valley,	18
12	Chateau Ste. Michelle & Dr. Loosen "Eroica"   Riesling	Columbia Valley	35
12	Saint M   Riesling	Pfalz, Germany	36
12	Belleruche   Grenache Blanc	Côtes-Du-Rhône, France	30
12	Cavit "Alta Luna"   Pinot Grigio	Dolomite, Italy	32
11	Santa Margherita   Pinot Grigio	Valdadige, Italy	45
09	Rocca Sveva   Garganega	Soave, Italy	36
12	Tapeña   Verdejo	Tierra de Castilla, Spain	30

## A little bit about California...

Napa's wine pioneer, George Yount, would give his name to part of his Rancho Caymus land grant calling it Yountville. His daughter married a young man who brought the train to the small watering hole-cum-town that would in turn take his name (the land given to him as a wedding-present from Yount's Rancho Caymus). The young man was Thomas Rutherford. Yount's own estate was split-up on his death and bought by a Dutch fur trader Gustave Niebaum, who called it Inglenook, now known as the Niebaum-Coppola Estate. The other half went to a Frenchman Georges de Latour, who called it Bealieu Vineyards. By the early 1900's, modern Napa was taking shape. On the other side of the Mayacamas the mission of Sonoma had proclaimed its independence and crowned itself the capitol the California Republic, raising the bear flag in the town square for the first time in history. A man named Cyrus Alexander planted extensive vineyards in a remote area of Sonoma valley... later called Alexander Valley. But by the time the dark cloud of Prohibition lowered and raised, only 160 of California's 700 wineries remained. Fewer than 50 wineries in Sonoma County survived. Nevertheless the twin-valleys would soon be flooded by the families who gave it its second chance at life, names like Wente, Krug, Beringer, Martini, Gallo and later Mondavi. The rest is history...

## Pinot Noir

"It's a hard grape to grow... it's thin-skinned, temperamental, ripens early.... it's not a survivor like Cabernet, which can just grow anywhere and thrive even when it's neglected. No, Pinot needs constant care and attention, in fact it can only grow in these really specific, little, tucked away corners of the world. Only the most patient and nurturing of growers can do it, really. Only somebody who really takes the time to understand Pinot's potential can then coax it into its fullest expression. Then, I mean, oh its flavors, they're just the most haunting and brilliant and thrilling and subtle and... ancient on the planet."

--Miles Raymond, Sideways

### Napa

11	Acacia	Carneros, Napa Valley	35
11	Fog Dog	Sonoma Coast	38
10	Au Bon Climat	Santa Barbara County	58
12	Summerland "Vintners Select"	Santa Maria Valley	41
09	Summerland "Solomon Hills Vineyard"	Santa Maria Valley	60
12	Meiomi "Belle Glos"	Tri County, CA	48

### Oregon

It wasn't until 1965 that David Lett planted his, now landmark, Eyrie Vineyard and single handedly kicked off the Oregon wine scene revolving around that troublesome grape: Pinot Noir. Oregon's cooler climate and rolling hills resemble more Burgundy than New World, and it shows in the wines. These Pinots tend to be darker with scents of earth and mushrooms... Oregon Pinots have no peer and it's easy to see why.

11	Erath	Oregon	36
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### Pinot's from around The World

10	Craggy Range Te Muna Road	Martinborough, New Zealand	65
09	Meyer-Näkel	Ahr, Germany	60

# Merlot

Where there is good Cabernet there is, potentially, good Merlot. Napa Merlot is famous for being supple and lush in its purple fruit expression, making it a favorite of the American market. But in more judicious and dedicated hands Napa Merlot can reach levels of silkiness and dark beauty seldom achieved in New World wines.

10	Beringer	Napa Valley	31
09	Rutherford Hill	Napa Valley	37
11	Markham	Napa Valley	40
08	Burgess	Napa Valley	52
	<i>The 2008 Merlot demonstrates a unique intense varietal personality along with a richness associated with the vintage. The most common flavor characteristics of Merlot, blueberries and black cherries, are stunning with a hint of mint. The 2008 is 100% Merlot from the Triere Estate vineyard in the Oak Knoll District just south of Yountville. This region of Napa Valley is ideal for bringing Merlot to full maturity, with vines that are oriented north to south so that they capture both morning and afternoon sun, producing a full-bodied, rich, complex wine with a long lasting finish.</i>		
10	Sterling	Napa Valley	64
07	Barnett Vineyards	Napa Valley	98
08	Twomey		125
	<i>"Made with a drop of Cabernet Franc, this Merlot is rich, smooth and bone dry. With modest alcohol, it brims with flavors of black and red currant, licorice, anise and white pepper, as well as a subtle touch of sweet, smoky new oak. the grapes come from the cool Soda Canyon area of Napa Valley, at the base of Atlas Peak."</i>		
09	Robert Foley	Napa Valley	130
	<i>The dense ruby/purple 2008 Merlot has a sweet kiss of toast along with white chocolate/cocoa, plum and black cherry. The wine comes further alive in the mouth with a gorgeous display of red and black fruits infused with chocolate, espresso, and copious pleasurable flavors that present a smorgasbord of all that can be crammed into a Merlot. This full-bodied, opulently textured, voluptuous Merlot is about as good as it gets. It is irresistible now but certainly capable of lasting a decade or more – if anyone has the willpower to resist it.</i>		

## Washington State

In 1962 a group of university students from Seattle founded Associated Vintners, initially as a weekend hobby. They went commercial in 1967 and eventually changed their name to Chateau St. Michelle, currently Washington's largest winery and landholder. Today Washington is an experimental ground for countless wineries turning out some wonderful Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah with vineyards like Ciel du Cheval and Seven Hills making a name for themselves on the international wine-map. Washington reds have an unequivocal sense of place with dark lingering flavors of fruit and earth.

06	Northstar	Walla Walla Valley	80
06	Pedestal	Columbia Valley	125
	<i>None other than Michel Rolland, of Pomerol and flying winemaker fame, is at the helm of this Long Shadows consortium winery. A firm believer in ripe tannin and gentle winemaking to promote fruit flavors and avoid harshness or edginess, Rolland must have loved the long hang-times possible in Washington State's Columbia Valley.</i>		

# Cabernet Sauvignon & Bordeaux Blend

12	Layer Cake	California	40
	<i>Deep layers of spice-infused dark fruit emerge from the 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon. A beautifully resonant, expressive wine that caresses the palate from start to finish. This is yet another hugely delicious and appealing wine from Jayson Woodbridge's Layer Cake label. The fruit is sourced from vineyards in Napa, Sonoma and Paso Robles.</i>		
11	B. R. Cohn "Silver Label	North Coast, CA	34
	<i>The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Silver Label is an attractive, fruit-driven, velvety-styled effort displaying lots of black cherries, black currants, and subtle oak. It is a medium-bodied, elegant, pure, tasty Cabernet.</i>		
11	Justin	Paso Robles	44
08	Chateau St Jean	Alexander Valley	43
09	Silver Oak	Alexander Valley	129
08	Silver Oak	Napa Valley	165
11	Beringer	Knights Valley, Napa Valley	39
	<i>Beringer's 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon (Knights Valley) is endowed with serious minerality and tension. Firm tannins support an expressive core of dark red fruit, grilled herbs, asphalt and savory herbs, all of which come to life in a vibrant Cabernet Sauvignon long on personality and character.</i>		
11	Robert Mondavi	Napa Valley	56
10	St Clement Vineyards	Napa Valley	59
11	Beringer	Napa Valley	62
	<i>The 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa is a good effort for this vintage, probably due to a strict selection. It offers plenty of red and black currant fruit intermixed with hints of white chocolate, coffee bean and underbrush, and a medium-bodied, nicely etched flavor and structural profile. Despite the enormity of this enterprise (multiple wineries and a global network), the flagship estate in northern California, Beringer Vineyards, continues to be in very capable winemaking hands, and the quality of the wines remains exceptionally impressive.</i>		
10	Domaine Chandon	Napa Valley	69
	<i>Many consumers believe Domaine Chandon only makes sparkling wines, but they also produce a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon.</i>		
11	Pine Ridge Vineyards	Napa Valley	80
10	Groth	Napa Valley	87
11	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars "Artemis"	Napa Valley	91
11	Joseph Phelps	Napa Valley	105
	<i>While most of the attention at Phelps centers around the flagships Insignia and Backus, I have been equally impressed with the straight Cabernet Sauvignon, a wine that delivers tremendous bang for the buck. Today, Phelps is known for their Cabernet Sauvignons, but it is also worth remembering Joe Phelps was the first grower to introduce Syrah to the Napa Valley several decades ago.</i>		
10	Faust	Napa Valley	125

## Bordeaux Blend: Meritage

In 1988 a handful of California wineries (Dry Creek, Bealieu Vineyards and Diamond Creek among them) founded the "Meritage Association." Meritage is a made-up name from the two words "Merit" and "Heritage" (and is indeed pronounced the way one would pronounce heritage not the French *hèrmitage*). The association wanted to promote the virtues of Bordeaux-style blended wines (i.e. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot etc). Technically to be a true a 'Meritage' wine the winery must belong to the association. Meritage wines have a sense of 'completion' where, ideally, one grape picks up where the other grape leaves off. The point: the whole is greater than the sum of its parts... see for yourself.

11	Mount Veeder Winery	Napa Valley	50
	<i>A good effort from Mount Veeder Winery, this deep ruby/purple-tinged wine possesses attractive purity as well as lots of dark fruit and spice notes.</i>		
09	Anthology	Napa Valley	129
10	Opus One	Napa Valley	350
	<i>A glorious perfume of sweet charcoal, truffle, black currants and spice box soars from the glass of the saturated purple-colored 2010 Opus One. The gorgeous aromatics are followed by a beautifully knit, full-bodied red blend (84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5.5% Merlot, 5.5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot and 1% Malbec) displaying lots of spicy black currant fruit, medium to full body, velvety tannins, and not a hard edge to be found. The texture, length and richness are all impressive. This estate has been making great Cabernet-based wines for nearly a decade ... and this is another one.</i>		

## Washington State

11	Chateau Ste. Michelle	Columbia Valley, Washington	37
10	Seven Falls	Wahluke Slope	40
	<i>The Wahluke Slope is nestled above the Columbia River in south-central Washington. With one of the warmest and driest climates in Washington state and sandy loam soil in the vineyards, the terroir in this historical region is perfect for creating big, bold wines with outstanding structure.</i>		
09	Chateau Ste. Michelle "Canoe Ridge"	Horse Heaven Hills, Washington	60

## Syrah/Petite Sirah

Originally a Persian grape from the Middle-Eastern town of Shiraz, the Syrah grape thrives in the sun-kissed vineyards of California. Syrah, in the near past, laid mostly ignored in California, covered under a vinous blanket of a valley washed in Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. But, after some astounding successes, California Syrah is destined to be the area's "other red grape." Distinctively different from Australian Shiraz but it still contains those haunting aromas of baking spice, pomegranate and dark licorice (with a hefty chunk of stewed fruit) which makes fans of the Aussie stuff shiver in anticipation. Watch The Golden State's Syrah, because its about to get better.

08	Taz	Goat Rock, Santa Maria Valley	50
06	Krupp Brothers "Black Bart Bounty "	Napa Valley	56
09	Stags' Leap "Petite Sirah"	Stags' Leap District, Napa Valley	71
08	DuMol Eddie's Patch	Russian River Valley	120
	<i>The 2008 Syrah Eddie's Patch, which includes one-third whole clusters, displays a dark purple color, terrific texture and notes of camphor, pepper, roasted meats and abundant blackberry and cassis fruit.</i>		

# Zinfandel

"Zin" is to wine-Americana what Norman Rockwell is to... well Americana. Zinfandel's origins are as much debated as the location of Jimmy Hoffa's body. Zinfandel was one of the earliest vines planted in California, at one time thought to be the Italian grape Primitivo, recent DNA testing has traced its origins to Yugoslavia as a brethren of Hungary's white grape Zierfandler. Conventional thought has it that when Harazthy ordered his cutting form a nursery in Long Island, they were supposed to send him Hungarian Pinot Noir but, alas they did not, instead they sent him the grape that is today Zinfandel—it's name stemming from Pinot Noir's Hungarian alias Blauer Zierfandler.

NV	Rosenblum	California	32
NV	Rosenblum	Sonoma County	36
11	Ridge "Three Valleys"	Sonoma County	44
07	Ridge "York Creek"	Napa Valley	58

# Interesting Red Blends

07	Paul Dolan "Deep Red"   Syrah, Petite Sirah, Grenache, Zin	Mendocino	69
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# Other French

09	G�rard Brisson "La Louve"   Gamay	Morgon	32
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# Rhone

06	Franck Balthazar <i>Chaillot</i>	Cornas	75
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# Italy

10	Ruffino   Sangiovese	Chianti Classico	26
07	La Braccasca Achelo   Syrah	Cortona, Italy	40

# Other Worldly Reds

11	Terrazas "Altos Del Plata"   Malbec	Mendoza	36
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# Sweeties

## By the Bottle

05	Château Doisy-Vedrines (375 ml)	Sauternes	52
07	Inniskilin "Ice Wine"   Riesling (375 ml)	Niagara Peninsula	144

## By the Glass

10	Michele Chiarlo "Nivole"	Moscato d'Asti	8
10	Tenuta Polvaro Dulcis   Bianco Veneto	Veneto, Italy	10
05	Chateau Doisy-Vedrines	Sauternes, France	16

# After Dinner Drinks

## *Liquid Dessert*

### Irish Coffee

irish whiskey, brown sugar, cream  
8

### Godiva Irish Coffee

godiva liqueur, irish cream liqueur, cream  
9

### French Nudge

coffee, kahlua, dark crème de cacao, grand marnier  
9

### Keoke Coffee

crème de cocoa, tia maria, cream  
8

### Hot Irish Nut

coffee, irish cream liqueur, frangelica, amaretto  
9

### Peppermint Patty

hot chocolate, irish cream liqueur, peppermint schnapps  
9

## Whiskey/Bourbon

Bakers Bourbon	12	Basil Haydens	10
Blantons Bourbon	12	Bookers Bourbon	14
Bulleit Bourbon	8	Jim Beam Black Cherry	8
Knob Creek	10	Makers Mark	9
Makers Mark 46	10	Templeton	11
Jack Daniel's	9	Jack Daniel's Single Barrel	12
Gentelman Jack	10	Jailers Tennessee Whiskey	9
Seagrams 7	9	Southern Comfort	9
Jameson Irish Whiskey	9	Powers Irish Whiskey	8
Redbreast Irish Whiskey	11	Canadian Club	8
Crown Royal	9	Seagrams VO	8
Woodford Reserve	9	Woodford Res. Dbl Barrel	11

## Scotch

Ancnoc 12 yr	10	Balvenie 12 yr double wood	14
Belblair 1997	15	Belblair 1991	29
Belblair 2000	12	Chivas Regal 12 yr	8
Dalwhinnie 15 yr	15	Dewar's "white label"	8
Dewar's 12 yr	10	Dewar's 18 yr	12
Glenfiddich 12 yr	9	Smith's Glenlivet 21 yr	30
Glenfiddich 15 yr	11	Glenfiddich 18 yr 1	5
Glenlivet 12 yr	9	Glenlivet 18 yr	18
J&B	8	Johnny Walker Black	9
Lagavulin 16 yr	20	Laphroaig 10 yr	12
Macallan 12 year	14	Macallan 18 yr	36
Oban 14	18	Macphail's collect. Glenrothes 30 yr	51
		Speyburn 10 yr	9

## Ports

Dow's LBV '01	8
Sandeman 10 yr	9
Taylor Fladgate 20yr	11
Taylor Fladgate 40yr	18

## Cognac

Hennessy VSOP	14
Hennessy XO	44
Remy Martin VSOP	12
Remy Martin XO	37
Courvoisier	11