



LODGE &  
CONFERENCE CENTRE

Welcome to Emerald Lake Lodge

We have put together a small collection of wines from around the world for you to enjoy. We have used the following criteria to make our decisions.

First ...they have to be delicious.

Second ...they have to be pure.

Third ... they have to be individual.

Fourth ... they have to have value.

In hopes of adding a little insight into the wine program we have filled the left hand side of the wine list with little bits of information.

Some information is guided toward explaining an area, grape varietal or producer while other information is there as a tasting note and general historical information.

If you have all the information you need and are just looking for a glass of something delicious you can forgo the left hand side and stare directly into the right hand column.

Cheers!  
Brad Royale  
Wine Director

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## BY THE GLASS

As you can see by the beauty that surrounds you, British Columbia has many things to offer. In the southern reaches of the province beyond the mountain tops, glacial streams and dense forest, lies a hot patch of agricultural land influenced by the Sonoran desert and surrounding lakes. The hot days and cool evenings of the Sonoran climate allow for a bevy of grape varieties to flourish, yielding grapes with superb ripeness and bright acidity. In the south around Osoyoos and Oliver the intense heat provides Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Syrah and many others with ample ripeness delivering wines with savory fruit cores and age worthy structures. More northerly in the areas of Naramata, Penticton, and Kelowna the climate eases allowing for Riesling, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir to blossom with vibrant purity and delicate nuances paying tribute to the orchards that once covered the area.

With such a rich diversity of grapes budding from a youthful industry, it is only the imagination of the winemaker that sets our limits on what the valley can produce.

Our “by the glass” program at Emerald Lake Lodge focuses exclusively on the wines from the Okanagan Valley, Similkameen Valley and surrounding areas. We take great pride in sourcing the best the province has to offer.

### SPARKLING (148ml)

2015 BELLA Gamay Rose 13gl 65bt  
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)  
...The most mind blowing scent of sweet Rhubarb you will ever find in wine...this is crazy wine.

### WHITE (148ml)

2015 TINHORN CREEK Gewurztraminer 9gl 45bt  
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)  
...Peeled lychee nuts halved and spread out over a table covered with rose petals.

2014 LAUGHING STOCK Rose of Viognier & Syrah 13gl 65bt  
Pareto's Blend (Okanagan Valley, Canada)  
...A juicy blend with notes of white peach sour candy, carnations and ripe pear.

2015 UPPER BENCH Chardonnay 14gl 70bt  
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)  
...Beautiful and generous with subtle toasted grains that sit behind plump peeled apple.

### RED (148ml)

2012 HOWLING BLUFF Pinot Noir 15gl 75bt  
Summa Quies (Okanagan Valley, Canada)  
...A most intense offering...smoky with saturated dark cherries...wonderfully savory.

2014 UPPER BENCH Zweigelt 13gl 65bt  
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)  
...A soon to be extinct grape in the valley (very rare)...full of red licorice and pepper.

2013 MOON CURSER Merlot ~ Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Malbec 14gl 70bt  
Border Vines (Okanagan Valley, Canada)  
...Supple and slightly brooding...much like the fall air that churns around the mountains.

### SWEET (60ml)

2014 HESTER CREEK Pinot Blanc Late Harvest 14gl 45bt  
(Okanagan Valley, Canada) 200ml  
...A delicately sweet palate with fresh peach, cantaloupe and white flowers.

LA FRENZ Liqueur Muscat 9gl 54bt  
(Okanagan Valley, Canada) 375ml  
...A luscious full bodied dessert wine with burnt orange peel, walnut and caramel.

The Okanagan lends itself well to high quality sparkling grapes. The growing season usually provides grapes with ample acidity and delicate fruits flavors, crucial for top sparkling wine production. Pentâge shines here with their release being crisp and juicy.

See You Later Ranch has become a staple with their fruit focused sparkler shining the high tones of orchard fruit. Sumac Ridge has been producing vintage sparkling for years, offering a mature, toasty 2008. Road 13 delivers a powerful example of complex and nery Chenin Blanc.

Much like their Pinot Noir, Sea Smoke's Sea Spray sparkling is full of concentration offering a decadent glass of bubbles. Cristalino and Mionetto both provide ample pre-dinner bubbles.

Champagne: the crown of the sparkling wine world. Dedication to style and development of specific attributes has rendered each Champagne house unique. Using the classic varietals of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Muenier each producer utilizes a different approach to how they create their Champagne, thus yielding exciting house styles. Vouette & Sorbée delivers a powerful Pinot Noir based Champagne, and farmed biodynamically. Champagne is best served from magnum, Bryan Childs famously said once, "you need a magnum, because you want a big glass of it."

## SPARKLING

### HALF BOTTLES ~375ml~

2012 HAYWIRE Rosé The Baby Bub (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	35
PIERRE GIMONNET (Champagne, France )	85
VEUVE CLICQUOT (Champagne, France )	75

### BRITISH COLUMBIA SELECTIONS

SEE YOU LATER RANCH Brut (Okanagan Valley)	63
2010 PENTÂGE Fizz (Okanagan Valley)	58
2010 ROAD 13 Chenin Blanc (Okanagan Valley)	85
2009 BLUE MOUNTAIN Rosé (Okanagan Valley)	88
2009 SUMAC RIDGE Steller's Jay (Okanagan Valley)	68
2011 HAYWIRE The Bub (Okanagan Valley)	85

## SPARKLING

CRISTALINO Cava Jaume Serra (Spain)	35
MIONETTO Prosecco (Veneto, Italy)	55
SEA SMOKE Blanc de Noirs Sea Spray (Santa Rita Hills, United States)	185

## CHAMPAGNE

VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut	165
VOUETTE & SORBÉE Fidèle	195
2004 VILMART & CIE Rosé Grand Cellier Rubis Premier Cru	275
NICOLAS MAILLART Platine Premier Cru ~ Served from Magnum ~	350

The joy of formats! Indecision is something everyone suffers from. Should I have white?

Should have I have red? What are you having for dinner? I have no idea.

Ways to maneuver this stalemate of options is of course to compromise, and to look for more than one answer to our course-after-course of choices. This can be handled nicely with a selection of half bottles over the course of dinner. Perhaps a little white to start (or bubbles p. 4) and then some red with our chicken and bison.

Kim Crawford delivers the kiwi punch of apricot and sweet lemon oil. The Blue Mountain Pinot Gris is exactly what you're looking for and the Starmont Chardonnay is too...rich in weight with cold vanilla and ripe apple.

Walter Schug was a pioneer in California and offers superb value in his Pinot Noir.

Talenti's 2011 Brunello is a fat little guy, chubby with pleasure. Rocche Castamagna's Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata from the 2010 vintage is killer...this small vineyard is an amphitheater of heat, giving rise to extracted wines from the hill of La Morra. The 2013 Stuhlmuller Cabernet Sauvignon is dense and dark as the vintage yielded an amazing amount of power.

## HALF BOTTLES 375ml

### White

2013 BLUE MOUNTAIN Pinot Gris (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	35
2015 KIM CRAWFORD Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough, New Zealand)	38
2014 LOUIS JADOT Chablis Fourchaume Premier Cru Chardonnay (Burgundy, France)	75
2012 STARMONT Chardonnay (Carneros, United States)	50

### Red

2013 BLUE MOUNTAIN Pinot Noir (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	41
2011 LOUIS JADOT Chambolle Musigny Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	95
2013 SCHUG Pinot Noir (Carneros, United States)	55
2000 LILIAN LADOUYS St Estèphe Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Merlot (Bordeaux, France)	75
2011 TALENTI Brunello di Montalcino Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	95
2010 ROCHE CASTAMAGNA Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	95
2013 STUHMULLER Cabernet Sauvignon (Alexander Valley, United States)	75
2012 TOMMASI Amarone Corvina ~ Corvinone ~ Rondinella (Veneto, Italy)	75

Sometimes one is certainly not nearly enough to get us where we're going. In situations where we have four or more guests one bottle will only get around the table so many times before we're looking at an empty bottle and full plates of elk. In these times it is common to appreciate the large formats of magnums and double magnums.

Jean Foillard's Morgon Côte du Py is legendary among fine wine lovers...there is a magnum in front of you...it's what I would order. The Pierre Olivier Bonhomme is a very fresh version of Malbec, tingly acidity that vibrates along the tongue...perfect for a long lunch. Arcanum's 2010 Il Fauno is a powerhouse wine, full of punch. Howling Bluff's Pinot Noir shows wonderful concentration with licorice and camphor notes. Vietti's 2003 Barolo is selected from a stable of Grand Cru vineyards most would die to have; relinquishing a formidable portfolio of horse stable, field berry, road tar and breakfast tea.

The double magnum is a celebration of sorts all on its own. There is nothing to do but to have an amazing time when you open four bottles of wine at once. A party is instantly born. Castello di Monsanto has delivered an aristocratic Chianti, full of leather and ripe black cherry. The Road 13 5th Element is their top selection and offers ripe plums and sweet leather. The 2009 Osoyoos is drinking well with some time in the bottle. Laughing Stock's 2012 Portfolio is killer, decidedly rich.

## **MAGNUMS** 1500ML ... equal to 2 bottles of wine

2013 JEAN FOILLARD Morgon Côte du Py Gamay (Burgundy, France)	250
2011 PIERRE OLIVIER BONHOMME Touraine KO In Côt We Trust Malbec (Loire Valley, France)	185
2010 HOWLING BLUFF Summa Quies Pinot Noir (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	195
2010 LOUIS JADOT Beaune Clos des Ursules Premier Cru Monopole Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	350
2003 VIETTI Barolo Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	385
2004 DOMINIO DE ATUATA Tempranillo (Ribera del Duero, Spain)	295
2010 ARCANUM IL Fauno Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Merlot (Tuscany, Italy)	195
2004 POLIZIANO Le Stanze Cabernet ~ Merlot (Tuscany, Italy)	350
2009 JOSEPH PHELPS Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, United States)	285

## **DOUBLE MAGNUMS** 3000ML ... equal to 4 bottles of wine

2011 ROAD 13 The 5th Element Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc ~ Syrah (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	395
2009 OSOYOOS LAROSE Merlot ~ Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Cabernet Franc (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	395
2012 LAUGHING STOCK Portfolio Merlot ~ Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Cabernet Franc (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	395
2009 TEDESCHI Amarone Corvina ~ Corninone ~ Rondinella (Veneto, Italy)	550

## **WINE YOU MAY NOT KNOW ... ...BUT YOU SHOULD...**

Wild Goose has been producing some of Canada's best white wines for decades. The grapes for this blend are picked last in the season, giving the wine amazing texture and rich aromatics.

This will be a wine unlike anything you've tasted. It spent two weeks fermenting with the skins and then aged in acacia barrel. If you love adventure, and I know you do, you'll appreciate the intricacies of this wine.

This stems from the northern area of Portugal where the wines are traditionally drunk very young. However, they do age well for a couple years, adding weight to the body...this is perfect right now!

Trebbiano has its home in Italy producing wines such as Orvieto, Frascati and Soave. Hester Creek has old vines of this grape and produces a style of wine most Italians would envy.

Ribolla Gialla is the grape in this wine. A majestically deep flavored variety that can show weight similar to Chardonnay...If you like rich white wines, you'll love this.

Ehrenfelser is a crossing based on Riesling and named after the ruins of Schloss Ehrenfels in the Rheingau, Germany.

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| 2011 WILD GOOSE Autumn Gold<br>Riesling ~ Gewurztraminer ~ Pinot Blanc<br>(Okanagan Valley, Canada)<br>...Nicely mature with rich off-dry appeal....slightly dried apricot and white raisins.  | 58 |
| 2013 STAG'S HOLLOW Kiln House Vineyard<br>Viognier ~ Marsanne<br>(Okanagan Valley, Canada)<br>...A white wine made like red wine, the wine is rich in color and blossoms on the nose with honeysuckle, fennel seed and ginger....35 cases of this wine was made...that's it. | 65 |
| 2011 QUINTA DO AMEAL<br>Loureiro<br>(Vinho Verde, Portugal)<br>...Fantastically bright with its corners nicely rounded from some cellar time. Total fun.   | 48 |
| 2012 HESTER CREEK Old Vine Block 16<br>Trebbiano<br>(Okanagan Valley, Canada)<br>...A fuller version than it's Italian cousin this gives dried apple peel and sunflower seeds.   | 60 |
| 2012 JERMANN Vinnæ<br>Ribolla Gialla<br>(Venezia Guilia, Italy)<br>... Roasted sunflower oil, dried dandelions, chamomile flowers, cauliflower greens.   | 85 |
| 2013 GEHRINGER BROTHERS<br>Ehrenfelser<br>(Okanagan Valley, Canada)<br>...A fruit driven wine with a hint of sweetness to it...white flowers and apricot jelly.  | 45 |

Beautiful, dry and crisp. Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon (sometimes they share the same party and get all mixed up) mixes sweet cut grass and mineral notes with robust acidity and a refreshing nature. Fairview is a delight with rich green notes and tell-tale Okanagan weight. Quintay offers the perky edge noted from whites of the cool Casablanca area.

Haywire has made a very natural wine incorporating Chardonnay into their blend, it is pronounced and quite curious.

So often Riesling gets the “sweet” rap. Most of the selections here finely balance the richness with amazing acidity, making for some of the most balanced and refreshing wines in the world. Little Farm is a new project by Rhys Pender MW and is sharp as a tack! Willi Schaefer is a legend the world over for his mind-numbing finesse and accuracy of Riesling...the town of Graach (featured here with the Domprobst vineyard) is beautiful. A little age has tamed the Richter Spätlese here into a glass of hay, juniper, white flowers and plums. His 2004 Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr (Brown Mountain Sundial) at a decade old is offering an aromatic banquet table filled with quince, saffron and dried lime. The 2013 Markus Molitor is unbelievable juice, it gushes.

## SAUVIGNON BLANC

2014 QUINTAY Clava Sauvignon Blanc (Casablanca Valley, Chile)	40
2014 FAIRVIEW Sauvignon Blanc (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	58
2013 HAYWIRE Freeform Sauvignon Blanc ~ Chardonnay (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
2014 DOG POINT Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough, New Zealand)	85

## RIESLING

2014 OKANAGAN CRUSH PAD Mike B. Cabinet Riesling (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
2013 LITTLE FARM Mulberry Tree Vineyard Riesling (Similkameen Valley, Canada)	75
2011 WILLI SCHAEFER Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett (Mosel, Germany)	95
2004 MAX. FERDINAND RICHTER Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese (Mosel, Germany)	125
2013 MARKUS MOLITOR Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese Goldkapsel (Mosel, Germany)	115

Rosé is the perfect in-between; as the color suggests it offers the red fruits of red wine, while its crisp acid and refreshing quality steer towards white wine. Perfect.

The Traminer grape originates in the Alto Adige region of northern Italy. Having been transplanted into Austria, then to the Pfalz in Germany, it finally made its way into the Alsace and Jura regions of France. Along the way it mutated, giving birth to the musqué version of Traminer, or as we now know Gewurztraminer. While Alsace is its spiritual home, denoted here by a flamboyant rose water, lychee syrup Zind-Humbrecht, the Okanagan has been a steady source of slightly less concentrated wines, delivering wines with Asian plum, talc powder and melon rind. Pentâge is a wonderfully pure wine.

Viognier, with its absolutely sexy aromatics is hard to resist once you taste it. It shot to stardom in the small northern Rhône appellation of Condrieu and became quite chic in California. The grape does well in warm climates and can survive drought conditions, making the Okanagan Valley a likely place to find it with open minded growers. The wines are lush with apricot, honeydew, quince, mango, vanilla, white chocolate and musk. Viognier makes for a good blending partner, especially with Roussanne and Marsanne, each adding a layer of complexity to these wines.

## ROSÉ

2014 COVERT FARMS (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	38
2013 LITTLE FARM Mulberry Tree Vineyard Rosé of Cabernet Franc (Similkameen Valley, Canada)	68
2015 HOWLING BLUFF Rosé of Pinot Noir (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65

## GEWURZTRAMINER

2009 MONSTER VINEYARDS Gewurztraminer (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	45
2013 WILD GOOSE Mystic River Gewurztraminer (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	55
2003 ZIND-HUMBRECHT Herrenweg De Turckheim ~Indice 1~ Gewurztraminer (Alsace, France)	125

## VIOGNIER & ROUSSANNE & MARSANNE

2012 CLINE Viognier (California, United States)	55
2012 MOON CURSER Afraid of the Dark Roussanne ~ Viognier ~ Marsanne (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	60
2013 STAG'S HOLLOW Kiln House Vineyard Roussanne ~ Viognier ~ Marsanne (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	69
2015 LAUGHING STOCK Viognier (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65

Pinot Gris and Pinot Blanc shine in the Okanagan Valley and rank as some of the most planted white grapes in the whole province. The valley's intense days and sandy loam soils allow these grapes to shine. The Ex Nihilo is spicy with black pepper and ripe Anjou pear.

The world's most loved white grape: Chardonnay. A grape that is loved for its ability to play multiple rolls in a variety of characters. It is equally appreciated for its leanness and transparency of mineral when planted in cooler areas on mixtures of limestone and clay (Chablis) as it is for the robust power and agility it shows when grown in warmer temperatures and brushed with barrel aging (Russian River Valley). Rhys Pender MW from Little Farm has his own vineyard called Mulberry, (as there is a mulberry tree in the middle of it) planted with Riesling and Chardonnay in the Similkameen Valley. His Chardonnay is taught and firm and possibly the most refreshing Chardonnay you'll ever find. Henri Boillot's Corton-Charlemagne is a ferocious wine combining everything in the pot to deliver one of the most compelling whites from anywhere. Kistler is notable for its power and length, classic California Chardonnay.

## PINOTS

2013 AVRIL CREEK Pinot Grigio (Vancouver Island, Canada)	50
2015 BLUE MOUNTAIN Pinot Blanc (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
2015 LAUGHING STOCK Pinot Gris (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	60

## CHARDONNAY

2013 WILLIAM FEVRE Chablis Champs Royeaux Chardonnay (Burgundy, France)	89
2013 LITTLE FARM Chardonnay (Similkameen Valley, Canada)	85
2014 OKANAGAN CRUSH PAD Samantha Chardonnay (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
2014 MEYER McLean Creek Road Vineyard Chardonnay (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	75
2011 ELIO GRASSO Langhe Educatore Chardonnay (Piedmont, Italy)	125
2011 VINCENT GIRARDIN Puligny-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes Chardonnay (Burgundy, France)	155
2009 HENRI BOILLOT Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Chardonnay (Burgundy, France)	285
2011 SEA SMOKE Chardonnay (Santa Barbara County, United States)	195
2012 KISTLER Les Noisetiers Chardonnay (Sonoma Coast, United States)	185

## **WINE YOU MAY NOT KNOW... ...BUT YOU SHOULD...**

A controversial wine made on the slopes of Mount Etna. No sulfites and bottled with the entirety of its sediment. The wine pours cloudy and is most unusual. For the curious imbiber.

Trousseau is typical of the Jura region in mountainous eastern France. The grape produces wine of very light color and has a typical floral highlight. Extremely pretty wines.

Multiple glaciations and subsequent meltings left the Okanagan Valley rich in sand deposits, the perfect soil type for growing Grenache, one of the famed grapes of Châteauneuf du Pape.

This style of blend using these three grapes will become more fashionable from Argentina as more Syrah vineyards grow to maturity. Eventually we'll see more stand alone Syrah...which is great!

An opulent wine made from over 40 different grapes in the Douro Valley; the same valley where we find Port production. The grapes are harvested all at once from a single vineyard, with vines averaging over 60 years of age.

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| <p>2012 FRANK CORNELISSEN Contadino 10<br/>Nerello Mascalese<br/>(Sicily, Italy)<br/>... A cold ruby grapefruit, peeled and perched atop a rusty iron fence...it has just started to rain pomegranate seeds and wilted rose petals. You have no umbrella.</p>  | <p>88</p>  |
| <p>2012 ARNOT ROBERTS Luchsinger Vineyard<br/>Trousseau<br/>(Clear Lake, United States)<br/>... This will be the lightest, prettiest, most delicate, most juicy, most floral, most succulent, most mind altering red wine you may ever have...there is nothing like this.</p>  | <p>135</p> |
| <p>2013 STAG'S HOLLOW<br/>Grenache<br/>(Okanagan Valley, Canada)<br/>...Powdered cherries and black pepper are dusted over early season figs.</p>  | <p>75</p>  |
| <p>2014 LA POSTA Tinto<br/>Malbec ~ Bonarda ~ Syrah<br/>(Mendoza, Argentina)<br/>...Violets and dark currants are rolled in a soft caressing palate....delicious.</p>  | <p>48</p>  |
| <p>2008 QUINTA DO VALE MARIA<br/>Tinta Amarela ~ Rufete ~ Tinta Roriz ~ Tinta Francisca<br/>(Douro Valley, Portugal)<br/>...A huge wine offering a dense palate filled with blueberry preserve, smoke and violets. For those who enjoy Merlot but are looking to broaden their horizons... this is a good stop along the road.</p> | <p>135</p> |

Pinot Noir has always been a noble varietal, coming to its apex in Burgundy. However, in the last twenty years the grape has exploded reaching the farthest viticultural zones on earth. At the far southern tip of Argentina, in the rugged lands of Patagonia you will now find serious Pinot Noir being grown...about as far away from Burgundy as it gets.

Attention is drawn to Pinot Noir for the demure, even shy, nuances that often tend to beguile rather than blow-away the drinker.

Pinot Noir is known for soaring perfume reminiscent of freshly dug stone, perfectly ripe cherries, raspberries harvested in the warmth of summer sun, essence of forest air, the smell of rain, tree bark...it's a long list.

The Okanagan Valley provides ample warmth and suitable sites to grow Pinot Noir that emphasize delicate herbal nuances and sweet cherry fruit. This effect coupled with the warmth of California makes for some sublime Pinot Noir. Kitten Swish is a gnarly 95 case cuvée from a single vineyard. The wine reeks of freshly squeezed plums and violets...a rare wine that offers an abundance of pleasure.

## PINOT NOIR

2013 ARROWLEAF Pinot Noir (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
2014 MEYER FAMILY McLean Creek Pinot Noir (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	85
2013 TABALÍ Reserva Especial Pinot Noir (Limarí, Chile)	62
2014 CHERRY TART Pinot Noir (California, United States)	88
2013 KÜNSTLER Pinot Noir (Rheingau, Germany)	110
2013 LAMELSON Thea's Selection Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley, United States)	120
2014 WHITE ROSE Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley, United States)	155
2009 VINCENT GIRARDIN Chambolle-Musigny La Vieille Vignes Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	155
2010 NICOLAS POTEL Volnay Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	145
2012 MARC ROY Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Prieur Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	195
2009 JACQUES PRIEUR Corton Bressandes Grand Cru Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	275
2012 KITTEN SWISH I'm Here Now (wait...what was that?) Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley, United States)	165

Who could argue that the sweet wafts of strawberry, red string licorice, hay, rose petal and delicate river washed stone that emanate from the finest Gamay is not for them? I know of no such person. 2013 was a spectacular vintage in the Beaujolais area, giving wines with heaps of concentration (relative of course to the gentle nature of Gamay) and superb floral notes.

The lure of Syrah lies within its ability to provide a myriad of flavors and intensities. Cold campfire smoke, smoked meat and violet are prevalent when grown in the northern Rhône Valley. The Southern Okanagan Valley has proven an ample garden for this aromatic varietal. Lush black currant, graphite, charred oak and bacon are evident when produced by the likes of Colgin in Napa Valley. And still even deeper blackberry jam, coffee cream and salty caramels can be achieved by wineries in the McLaren Vale in Australia, The Lucky Country offering many of these flavors. Pierre Usseglio, who is also a baker, makes a lavishly textured Grenache with ample concentrations of kirsch and cracked black pepper. Daydreamer has exploded onto the Canadian wine scene, offering a very lush version of Syrah with just a hint of Viognier added. Sine Qua Non is arguably the hardest wine to secure in the world...we're very lucky to have just a few bottles of this mind blowing juice.

## GAMAY

2014 CLOS DU TUE BEOUF Gamay (Touraine, France)	65
2015 OROFINO Gamay (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	70
2013 JEAN FOILLARD Fleurie Gamay (Beaujolais, France)	115

## SYRAH & GRENACHE

2014 HENRY'S DRIVE Morse Code Shiraz (Padthaway, Australia)	38
2013 THE LUCKY COUNTRY Shiraz (South Australia, Australia)	58
2014 DAYDREAMER Amelia Syrah ~ Viognier (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	75
2012 LA FERME DU MONT Côtes du Rhône Première Côte Grenache ~ Syrah (Rhône Valley, France)	70
2011 TARDIEU LAURENT Cornas Coteaux Syrah (Rhône Valley, France)	155
2013 MATASSA Cuvée Romanissa Grenache Côtes Catalan (Roussillon, France)	105
2011 SANTA DUC Gigondas Aux Lieux-Dits Grenache ~ Syrah (Rhône Valley, France)	125
2009 PIERRE USSEGLIO Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition Grenache (Rhône Valley, France)	145
2007 COLGIN IX Estate Syrah (Napa Valley, United States)	395
2011 SINE QUA NON Estate Patine Syrah (Napa Valley, United States)	750

Malbec was once a heavyweight in Bordeaux, but now much more the star grape of Cahors in the south. We see a pretty version of Cahors here with Mas del Périe. The Viña Cobos Felino is a pretty sexy little bottle

If you are not drinking Cabernet Franc, you should be. It's a highlight of perfectly ripe blackberry, wet forest pine trees and sweet and sour plums. Three fantastic offers here.

Merlot found its first spotlight of fame providing much of the base for wines north of the Dordogne tributary in Saint-Emilion and Pomerol. Here with a base of clay and limestone soils and with the Atlantic providing moderating weather Merlot is able to deliver ethereal mineral nuances with perfectly ripe plum, red currant and damp forest tree bark.

Certain de May is a classic example of Bordeaux, and one of 2010's top wines. The rest of the world, looking for a piece of the glory and the high prices, planted the grape as well and thus started a wave of plantings. Washington State wineries, using the Cascade mountain range as a rain shield, have planted on either side of the Columbia River to enormous success with the varietal. Merlot is the most dominant red varietal planted in the Okanagan Valley. Merlot from the south around Osoyoos and Oliver gain concentration from the added heat of the area while further north between Penticton and Kelowna, Merlot tends toward the pretty side of the grape yielding wines with a vibrant freshness and crisp red currant notes.

## MALBEC

2013 MAS DEL PÉRIE Les Escures Malbec (Cahors, France)	75
2014 VIÑA COBOS Felino Malbec (Mendoza, Argentina)	68

## CABERNET FRANC

2014 BOBINETT Saumer Champigny Cabernet Franc (Loire Valley, France)	85
2014 BERNARD BAUDRY Chinon Les Grezeaux Cabernet Franc (Loire Valley, France)	90
2014 KITTEN SWISH Target Practice Cabernet Franc (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	110

## MERLOT ... and blends

2013 GANTON & LARSON Haynes Barn Merlot ~ Cabernet Sauvignon (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	48
2013 LAUGHING STOCK Portfolio Merlot ~ Cabernet Sauvignon (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	125
2013 RED ROOSTER Merlot (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	55
2000 LANGLAIS Puisseguin Saint-Emilion Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc (Bordeaux, France)	115
2010 CERTAN DE MAY Pomerol Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc ~ Cabernet Sauvignon (Bordeaux, France)	275
2006 BETZ Clos de Betz Merlot ~ Cabernet Sauvignon (Columbia Valley, United States)	165

Just as Merlot is planted the world over, it is followed with equal enthusiasm by Cabernet Sauvignon. Cabernet Sauvignon is the mighty pillar for the wines south of the Garonne tributary in Bordeaux, making up the majority of such famous wines as Château Latour and Château Lafite-Rothschild. It performs with such agility and power in these gravel mounds that the wines from good vintages can last upwards of a hundred years. This is by no means an easy feat and as such has garnished envious tongues from around the world. Napa Valley is the North American king of Cabernet Sauvignon. Nowhere else on the continent does the grape fetch such high praise or a higher dollar. The Vineyard 29 estate in Napa showcases the rich black currant, bread dough and graphite characters that emerge from the best of Napa Valley. Italians are no less enthusiastic, along the coast of Tuscany in the Maremma, and especially in Bolgheri where Lodivico Antinori created the highly acclaimed Ornellaia estate which delivers a powerful, full-bodied set of Cabernet based wines. Much of the best Okanagan Cabernet Sauvignon is grown in the south to take advantage of the heat and small plots of gravel. Moving north of Penticton, the Naramata bench is aided by the moderating effect of Okanagan Lake allowing for some very pretty styles of Cabernet Sauvignon to showcase cool cedar, thyme, tender leaves and ripe blackberry.

## CABERNET ... and blends

2013 ERRAZURIZ Max Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon (Aconcagua, Chile)	58
2010 LA GRAVETTE LACOMBE Médoc Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc (Bordeaux, France)	85
2000 PEYRABON Haut-Médoc Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc (Bordeaux, France)	135
2009 GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE Pauillac Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc (Bordeaux, France)	275
2013 FAIRVIEW The Bear Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	105
2010 ATALON Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, United States)	115
2012 MAJELLA Cabernet Sauvignon (Coonawarra, Australia)	90
2012 FOX GLOVE Cabernet Sauvignon (Paso Robles, United States)	89
2010 CAMERON HUGHES Lot 332 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, United States)	95
2011 ROBERT MONDAVI Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, United States)	150
2012 REGUSCI Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, United States)	185
2014 CAYMUS Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, United States)	250
2011 JONATA Desafio de Jonata Cabernet Sauvignon (Santa Ynez Valley, United States)	295
2010 VINEYARD 29 Aida Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, United States)	350

Spain is a wild wilderness of wine. Its first vines were planted between 4000bc and 3000bc. Throughout the ages it has gained and lost more wine regions due to disease, population movement, religious orders and simple fads than most new wine producing countries put together. It is in a renaissance of sorts at the moment. The older generation is moving aside, allowing a new generation of talented, driven wine makers who are keen to crush the vast supply of old vine grapes that abound on the peninsula.

What is old is certainly new again in Spain...thankfully. The southeastern area of Jumilla was once a rustic area producing high alcohol jug wine. It has over the last few years become quite hip with it's Monastrell (Mourvèdre) grape giving wines of blueberry compote and honey-coated rye notes. Tempranillo has long been a staple of central Spain, turning out black saturated wines in Ribera del Duero and producing elegant, complex barrel-aged examples in Rioja. Spanish wines ability to age is noteworthy. The wines take on beautiful savory notes, classic leather profiles and intense black earth scents. The wines listed here are killer. The 1999 Remelluri Gran Reserva is one of the greatest recent releases from Rioja.

## SPANISH VARIETIES

1999 REMELLURI Gran Reserva La Granja Tempranillo ~ Garnacha (Rioja, Spain)	195
2005 C.V.N.E. Imperia Gran Reserva Tempranillo ~ Graciano ~ Mazuelo (Rioja, Spain)	165
2005 MUGA Prado Enea Gran Reserva Tempranillo ~ Garnacha ~ Graciano ~ Mazuelo (Rioja, Spain)	175
2011 EL PETIT BONHOMME Monastrell ~ Garnacha ~ Syrah (Jumilla, Spain)	45
2012 LOS 800 Garnacha ~ Carignan ~ Cabernet Sauvignon (Priorat, Spain)	75
2013 VILLACRESE Pruno Tempranillo (Ribera del Duero, Spain)	88
2012 PSI Tempranillo (Ribera del Duero, Spain)	135

Italy has long produced an amazing amount of wine styles from a staggering amount of different grape varieties...making the country a ton of fun to explore. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon have been added to the roster making for delicious blending partners with the local varietals. The high tone and freshness of Sangiovese is often bolstered and concentrated with additions of these two Bordeaux grapes.

Le Macchiole comes from the coastal area of Bolgheri and offers power and elegance. The 2001 San Leonardo from Trentino is one of the world's greatest red wines...this comes with age on it...quite perfect for you. Quintarelli is probably the most acclaimed Amarone house and their pretty Primofiore give you a taste of how amazing their wines are. Castello di Ama is dedicated to making pure and delicate wines, full of nuance. Those looking for something pretty should look here.

The richness and intensity of Amarone is known to most wine lovers. The concentration of the grapes through drying results in a wine with a sturdy body and loads of mincemeat, dried flowers, hung game, chocolate biscuits, espresso and sour cherry. Allegrini utilizes some new oak barrique adding a hint of vanilla.

## ITALIAN VARIETIES...blends and inspired wines

2011 MONTE ANTICO Sangiovese ~ Merlot (Tuscany, Italy)	55
2007 QUINTARELLI Primofiore Corvina ~ Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Cabernet Franc (Veneto, Italy)	180
2013 LA MASSA Sangiovese ~ Merlot ~ Cabernet Sauvignon (Tuscany, Italy)	95
2010 ARCANUM II Fauno Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc (Tuscany, Italy)	110
2013 SELVAPIANNA Chianti Rufino Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	78
2012 QUERCIBELLA Chianti Classico Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	95
2008 CASTELLO DI AMA Chianti Classico Sangiovese ~ Malvasia Nera ~ Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc (Tuscany, Italy)	135
2013 GUERREIRI RIZZANDI Pojega Ripasso Corninone ~ Corvina ~ Rondinella (Veneto, Italy)	88
2011 BRIGALDARA Amarone Corvina ~ Rondinella ~ Oseleta (Veneto, Italy)	185
2003 ALLEGRINI Amarone Corvina ~ Rondinella ~ Oseleta (Veneto, Italy)	275

Piedmont has long been a source for high quality wines. The land itself is a real life wall to wall carpet of flavor with vineyards literally covering almost every hillside and valley. Nebbiolo is the grape that takes Piedmont terroir to its height. The south facing slopes around Barolo and Barbaresco are covered with this late ripening grape. Its wines are usually light in hue, with soaring aromatics of rose petal, tar, dense woods, savory cherry, old leather and iron. A firm palate of tannins and refreshing acids make them quite perfect for the dinner table, especially with game meats. Angelo Gaja makes a dense Barbaresco with a perfume of menthol and grilled meat.

Brunello di Montalcino has its origins dating back only to 1888 with its inception taking place under the hands of Ferruccio Biondi-Santi. The hilltop town of Montalcino lies 112km south of Florence giving it a warmer climate than that of Chianti making its Sangiovese riper and more concentrated. 2008 was a fresh year in Tuscany making Pieri Agostina fresh and precocious with almost jammy red fruits and soft structure. The Altesino is quite aristocratic and firm still, while the Argiano is already drinking well.

## ITALIAN VARIETIES ... The Classics

2014 MASSOLINO Dolcetto (Piedmont, Italy)	75
2006 LA STOPPA Barbera (Piedmont, Italy)	105
2013 MATTEO CORRGGIO Roero Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	75
2010 CANTINA DEL PINO Barbaresco Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	135
2009 AURELIO SETTIMO Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	155
2005 LUCIANO SANDRONE Barolo Le Vigne Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	255
2007 GAJA Barbaresco Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	350
2006 PERTIMALI Brunello di Montalcino Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	195
2008 PIERI AGOSTINA Brunello di Montalcino Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	175
2007 ARGIANO Brunello di Montalcino Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	185
2007 SESTA DI SOPRA Brunello di Montalcino Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	215
2007 CASANOVA DI NERI Brunello di Montalcino Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	250

It's amazing what will brew from a war. The rivalry between the French and English have led to amazing discoveries, Port being one of them. During the 17th century England and France were either at war, or thinking of war. A high tax on French wine implemented by William III in 1693 led English merchants to the Portuguese market. The heady wines of the Douro made their way into the merchant ships, who would then add a dollop of brandy to make sure the wines made the voyage without losing their vigor. The English eventually found an Abbot in the town of Lamengo who was adding the brandy during fermentation. Port was born. Over the years various styles of Port have emerged. Below is a little description of each.

**Tawny:** Port that is aged in wood its entire life until it is deemed ready for sale, upon which it is bottled and sold for immediate consumption. Usually 10yr, 20yr, 30yr, 40yr.

**Colheita:** A tawny Port that is sourced from a single vintage. Aged a minimum of seven years.

**Vintage:** The cream of Port. Declared only in exceptional vintages and aged only 2 years in barrel and then bottled. Dense and brooding.

Madeira is an island off the west coast of Portugal. Historically known to sailors as a port of refuge and staple ballast weight in the form of wine barrels. The ship's journeys would add a certain "heated" note to the wine. Nowadays the heat is specially recreated, but the flavor is still as grand as it once was. A true memory of wine.

## PORT & MADEIRA

### By The Glass

GRAHAM'S Six Grape Reserve (Douro, Portugal)	8
TAYLOR FLADGATE 10 Year Tawny (Douro, Portugal)	12
TAYLOR FLADGATE 20 Year Tawny (Douro, Portugal)	16

### By The Bottle

1968 BLANDY'S Bual (Madeira, Portugal) 750ml	375
1980 WARRE'S Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 750ml	250
1985 DOW'S Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 750ml	215
1988 TAYLOR FLADGATE Quinta de Vargellas (Douro, Portugal) 375ml	125
1991 CROFT Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 750ml	195
1994 TAYLOR FLADGATE Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 750ml	650
1999 DOW'S Quinta do Bomfim (Douro, Portugal) 375ml	90
2000 GRAHAM'S Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 375ml	135
2005 FONSECA Guimaraens Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 750ml	150
2007 DOW'S Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 375ml	115
2007 GRAHAM'S Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 375ml	115