



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 (150ml)

BELLA Chardonnay 13gl 65bt
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)
...Wonderfully refreshing with supple and layered acidity. Perfect for every minute of the day.

WHITE (150ml)

2016 POPLAR GROVE Pinot Gris ~ Served from Magnum ~ 12gl 120bt
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)
...Round and supple with perfectly ripe pear and hints of bay leaf.

2014 OROFINO Riesling Hendsbee Vineyard 12gl 60bt
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)
...Thinly sliced lime leaf sprinkled over early season apricots.

2015 LA FRENZ Sauvignon Blanc ~ Semillon Ensemble 14gl 70bt
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)
...A perfect dollop of oak here nicely frames the richness of this fine glass of white.

RED (150ml)

2016 SPIERHEAD Pinot Noir 14gl 70bt
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)
... A hint on the herbal side with a gentle flowing current of raspberry...

2014 MT. BOUCHERIE Merlot 13gl 65bt
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)
...Poised with firm structure and aromatics of red currant and faint ground coffee.

2015 LA FRENZ Malbec 15gl 75bt
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)
...liquored blueberries garnished with tufts of warm summer violets.

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 Tawny 12gl 72bt
(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. See You Later Ranch has become a staple with their fruit focused sparkler shining the high tones of orchard fruit.

The Belluard from Savoie is one of the sharpest, mineral driven wines you'll possibly ever try...it's a must...so you know. Cristalino provides 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 once said, "you need a magnum because you want a big glass of it, you never want it to end." and thus we have on offer here for you, the crazy good Maillart.

SPARKLING

HALF BOTTLES ~375ml~

MIONETTO Prosecco 32
(Veneto, Italy)

BRITISH COLUMBIA SELECTIONS

BLUE MOUNTAIN Brut 65
(Okanagan Valley)
SEE YOU LATER RANCH Brut 65
(Okanagan Valley)
BELLA Rose of Gamay 65
West bank (Okanagan Valley)

SPARKLING

CRISTALINO Cava Jaume Serra 35
(Spain)
BELLUARD Les Perles de Mont Blanc 95
(Savoie, France)

CHAMPAGNE

GARDET 125
Brut
VEUVE CLICQUOT 165
Brut
MARIE COURTIN 175
Resonance
VOUETTE & SORBÉE 195
Fidèle
NICOLAS MAILLART 145
Rosé Grand Cru
2004 VILMART & CIE 275
Rosé Grand Cellier Rubis Premier Cru
NICOLAS MAILLART 350
Platine Premier Cru ~ Served from Magnum ~

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 Louis Jadot Chablis from the famed Fourchaume vineyard is very much on point at the moment. If you're missing your fix of Pinot Grigio, try the Bucci...it's firmer, bigger and maybe even better.

Talenti's 2011 Brunello is a fat little guy, chubby with pleasure. Rocche Castamagna's Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata from the 2011 vintage is killer...this small vineyard is an amphitheater of heat, giving rise to extracted wines from the hill of La Morra. The 2014 vintage of Felsina is in perfect drinking position right now. The 2015 Schug Pinot Noir is exactly what you think it is...delicious.

HALF BOTTLES 375ml

White

2015 BUCCI Castelli di Jesi Verdicchio (Marches, Italy)	40
2016 KIM CRAWFORD Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough, New Zealand)	38
2014 LOUIS JADOT Chablis Fourchaume Premier Cru Chardonnay (Burgundy, France)	75

Red

2011 LOUIS JADOT Chambolle Musigny Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	95
2015 SCHUG Pinot Noir (Carneros, United States)	55
2000 LILIAN LADOUYS St Estèphe Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Merlot (Bordeaux, France)	75
2014 FÉLSINA Chianti Classico Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	58
2011 TALENTI Brunello di Montalcino Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	95
2011 ROCHE CASTAMAGNA Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	95
2013 CRISTIA Châteauneuf du Pape Grenache ~ Syrah (Rhône Valley, France)	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. Arcanum's 2010 Il Fauno is a powerhouse wine, full of punch. 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. Tedeschi has delivered an aristocratic Amarone, full of leather and ripe black cherry.

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

2013 BLUE MOUNTAIN Reserve Pinot Noir (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	225
2013 JEAN FOILLARD Morgon Côte du Py Gamay (Burgundy, France)	250
2012 UMANI RONCHI Rosso Conero San Lorenzo Montepulciano (Marche, Italy)	145
2012 FORADORI Sgarzon Delle Dolomiti Teraldego (Trentino, Italy)	285
2003 VIETTI Barolo Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	385
2012 MASTROBERADINO Taurasi Aglianico (Compania, Italy)	250
2010 ARCANUM IL Fauno Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Merlot (Tuscany, Italy)	195
2004 POLIZIANO Le Stanze Cabernet ~ Merlot (Tuscany, Italy)	350

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

2009 TEDESCHI Amarone Corvina ~ Corninone ~ Rondinella (Veneto, Italy)	550
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WINE YOU MAY NOT KNOWBUT YOU SHOULD...

The Bea family has been farming the hills of Umbria around the town of Montefalco since the 1500s. The family are as much farmers as they are winemakers, growing much of the food they eat and raising the animals they need. This is real wine from real farmers.

This white wine has been fermented with the skins, just like a red wine, so it has picked up color making it orange. This results in a wine of immense pleasure with a depth of character unlike most whites.

The volcanic soils of Soave Classico imbue this wine with a sense of rigidity that nicely balances out the richness of the fruit.

A little oak treatment here brings this wine into its own. The technique resembles the style utilized to create some of worlds finest white Bordeaux.

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

2010 PAOLO BEA Santa Chiara 88
Grechetto ~ Malvasia ~ Garganega
(Umbria, Italy)

...A sensual white with soft layers of hay, faint cold pressed pear and green tea....

2016 LITTLE FARM Pied de Cuve Orange 75
Riesling
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)

...Full of orange blossom and southern iced tea. Extremely pretty with a hint of tannin.

2014 CA' RUGATE Soave Classico Monte Alto 75
Garganega
(Veneto, Italy)

...A keen nose of lemon meringue and apple pastry, nicely draped onto a plump body.

2015 LA FRENZ Ensemble 75
Sauvignon Blanc ~ Semillon
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)

... Herbal with dried tangerine and wispy blades of spring grass.

2015 GEHRINGER BROTHERS 45
Ehrenfelser
(Okanagan Valley, Canada)

...A fruit driven wine with a hint of sweetness to it...white flowers and apricot jelly.

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. Bench 1775 has in a few short years accomplished amazing heights in quality with their Sauvignon Blanc; it is one of Canada's top white wines. Howling Bluff from Naramata is full estate fruit and is perhaps one of most of beautiful examples of this blend in Canada. The La Frenz Ensemble took my breath away when I first tasted it...it is sublime.

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. 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 2015 Leitz Roseneck Spätlese is one of my favorite wines of the vintage. It is an explosive wine with huge aromatics and a palate that gushes, I was thoroughly elated when this arrived.

SAUVIGNON BLANC

2014 GITTON Sancerre Les Belles Dames Sauvignon Blanc (Loire Valley, France)	90
2016 BENCH 1775 Sauvignon Blanc (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
2015 HOWLING BLUFF Sauvignon Blanc ~ Semillon (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	60
2015 LA FRENZ Ensemble Sauvignon Blanc ~ Semillon (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	70

RIESLING

2014 OROFINO Hendsbee Vineyard Riesling (Similkameen Valley, Canada)	60
2014 OKANAGAN CRUSH PAD Mike B. Cabinet Riesling (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
2015 WILD GOOSE God's Mountain Vineyard Riesling (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	50
2004 MAX. FERDINAND RICHTER Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese (Mosel, Germany)	125
2015 LEITZ Rüdeshheim Berg Roseneck Riesling Spätlese (Rheingau, Germany)	135

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.

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. Both the Laughing Stock and the Pentâge are star producers of this grape in the valley.

ROSÉ

2015 BERNARD BAUDRY Chinon Rosé of Cabernet Franc (Loire Valley, France)	68
2016 CLOS SIGUIER Rosé of Malbec (Cahors, France)	55
2016 CULMINA Saignée Rosé of Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc ~ Malbec (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	75

GEWURZTRAMINER

2016 TINHORN CREEK Gewurztraminer (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	45
2014 WEINBACH Cuvée Lawrence Gewurztraminer (Alsace, France)	125

VIOGNIER

2015 LAUGHING STOCK Viognier (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
2015 PENTÂGE Viognier (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	60

Pinot Gris shines in the Okanagan Valley and ranks the most planted white grapes in the whole province. The valley's intense days and sandy loam soils allow these grapes to shine. Poplar Grove is nuanced with black pepper and ripe Anjou pear while the Blue Mountain is more reserved offering more early season orchard fruit.

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 (Burgundy) and clay as it is for the robust power and agility it shows when grown in warmer temperatures and brushed with barrel aging (Santa Maria Valley). Jean Paul Brun offers a softly textured version of Chardonnay with sunflower and Gala apple. Cordier's Pouilly-Fuissé is a powerful version of this much loved wine. The Foxen is the perfect mix of cream and citrus.

PINOT GRIS

2015 BLUE MOUNTAIN Pinot Gris (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
2015 POPLAR GROVE ~ Served from Magnum ~ Pinot Gris (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	120

CHARDONNAY

2015 JEAN PAUL BRUN Beaujolais Chardonnay (Burgundy, France)	88
2016 THOMAS PICO Chardonnay (Limoux, France)	80
2015 BLUE MOUNTAIN Chardonnay (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
2015 CHRISTOPHE CORDIER Pouilly Fuissé Chardonnay (Burgundy, France)	110
2016 DI LENARDO Father's Eyes Chardonnay (Venezia Guilia, Italy)	75
2013 FOXEN Bien Nacido Vineyard Block UU Chardonnay (Santa Maria Valley, United States)	145

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

So poplar was the fruit from White Rose that they themselves didn't even have a label until recently.

Producers like St Innocent, Panther Creek and Torii Mor have all produced single vineyard wines from his hallowed vineyard.

This Syrah from the Northern Rhône valley stems from some of the countries most famous vineyards. Names like Landonne, Roziers and Chavaroche are like Park Place addresses in this part of the world. This is extremely pleasurable.

Possibly one of the world's greatest wine values in terms of delivering high concentrations of fruit to the palate. If you love to be slathered in layers of pleasure, you should drink lots of this.

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!

The catapult referred to here on the label is an actual working trebuchet that the winery has on their front lawn. From time to time they hold events where they fire off various objects into a neighboring field. Badass.

2014 WHITE ROSE Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley, United States) ... This is quite pretty considering it stems from the Dundee Hills...lightly smoked raspberries and faint hints of clove.	125
2011 TARDIEU LAURENT Côte Rôtie Syrah (Rhône Valley, France) ...This has perfect age to it. High tones of autumnal smoke, blackberry and bacon.	155
2014 SEXTANT Zinfandel (Central Coast, United States) ...Oodles of bouncy summer ripe strawberry mingle with slices of mid season fig.	88
2014 LA POSTA Tinto Malbec ~ Bonarda ~ Syrah (Mendoza, Argentina) ...Violets and dark currants are rolled in a soft caressing palate....delicious.	50
2014 WIRRA WIRRA Catapult Shiraz (McLaren Vale, Australia) ...Dark and brooding with saturated blackberry, lilac cream, and hibiscus.	75

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.

PINOT NOIR

2015 ROCHE DE BELLENE Bourgogne Vieilles Vignes Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	75
2014 BLUE MOUNTAIN Pinot Noir Pinot Noir (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	80
2014 HOWLING BLUFF Century Block Pinot Noir (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	85
2014 MEYER McLean Creek Road Pinot Noir (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	85
2013 KÜNSTLER Pinot Noir (Rheingau, Germany)	110
2014 WHITE ROSE Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley, United States)	125
2011 CATHERINE & CLAUDE MARÉCHAL Savigny-Les-Beaune Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	115
2011 JEAN GRIVOT Vosne-Romanée Bossières Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	275
2013 COMTE LAFON Volnay Santenots-du-Milieu Premier Cru Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	375
2012 MARC ROY Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Prieur Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	195
2013 HERESZTYN-MAZZINI Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	185
2009 JACQUES PRIEUR Corton Bressandes Grand Cru Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	275
2014 ANN GROS Nuits-Saint-George Les Damodes Premier Cru Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France)	215
2013 KITTEN SWISH Susan Sent Me Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley, United States)	165
2014 KISTLER Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast, United States)	225

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. 2016 was a spectacular vintage for Orofino, perfectly light and wonderfully fresh. The 2015 vintage in Europe yielded wines with intense fruit personalities, which makes it a perfect vintage for lavish Beaujolais. Check out the Aviron Morgon Côte du Py...it's a big one.

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 like Henry's Drive in the Padthaway area in Australia. Cristia makes a lavishly textured Grenache with ample concentrations of kirsch and cracked black pepper. 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

2016 CLOS DU TUE-BOEUF Touraine La Butte Gamay (Loire Valley, France)	75
2016 LAURENCE & RÉMI DUFAITRE Côte du Brouilly Gamay (Burgundy, France)	75
2015 STEPHANE AVIRON Morgon Côte du Py Gamay (Burgundy, France)	75
2015 JEAN FOILLARD Morgon Côte du Py Gamay (Burgundy, France)	125
2013 TE MATA Gamay (Hawke's Bay, New Zealand)	69
2016 OROFINO Gamay (Similkameen Valley, Canada)	60

SYRAH & GRENACHE

2011 TARDIEU LAURENT Cornas Coteaux Syrah (Rhône Valley, France)	155
2013 LA FERME DU MONT Côtes du Rhône Première Côte Grenache (Rhône Valley, France)	65
2014 WIRRA WIRRA Catapult Shiraz (McLaren Vale, Australia)	75
2012 CRISTIA Châteauneuf-du-Pape Grenache (Rhône Valley, France)	125
2013 CHAPPELLE ST. THEODORIC Châteauneuf du Pape La Guigasse Grenache (Rhône Valley, France)	225
2007 COLGIN IX Estate Syrah (Napa Valley, United States)	395
2011 SINE QUA NON Estate Patine Grenache (Napa Valley, United States)	750

Malbec was once a heavyweight in Bordeaux, but now much more the star grape of the Mendoza region of Argentina. The El Enimago is a decidedly rich little monster. The Mas del Perie is fragrant and fresh and touches down into the rustic iron oxide side of aromatics, while The Clos Siguier is about as wild as the day is long, both very much worth exploring.

Cabernet Franc is a gem of wine, especially from the Loire Valley, if you love piercing aromatics and quenching acidity. Both Breton and Baudry are absolute stars.

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.

MALBEC

2016 MAS DEL PERIE Les Escures Malbec (Cahors, France)	75
2015 CLOS SIGUIER Les Camille Malbec (Cahors, France)	69
2016 TILIA Malbec (Mendoza, Argentina)	58
2013 EL ENIMAGO Malbec (Mendoza, Argentina)	95

CABERNET FRANC

2015 PIERRE BRETON Bourgueil Les Galichets Cabernet Franc (Loire Valley, France)	89
2015 BERNARD BAUDRY Chinon les Grezeaux Cabernet Franc (Loire Valley, France)	85

MERLOT ... and blends

2014 GANTON & LARSON Haynes Barn Merlot ~ Cabernet Sauvignon (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	50
2014 UPPER BENCH Merlot (Okanagan Valley, Canada)	65
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
2015 LAUGHING STOCK Portfolio Merlot ~ Cabernet Sauvignon	125

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 Grand Puy-Lacoste. 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. 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 SAUVIGNON ... and blends

2015 ERRAZURIZ Max Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon (Aconcagua, Chile)	58
2003 LANESSAN Haut-Médoc Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Merlot (Bordeaux, France)	135
2015 TWO HANDS Sexy Beast Cabernet Sauvignon (McLaren Vale, Australia)	88
2013 CULTIVAR Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, United States)	105
2012 REGUSCI Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, United States)	185
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. 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. Conde Valdemar just released their 2001 Grand Reserva from their cellars and it is absolutely sublime drinking right now and superb value.

SPAIN

2015 BOTIJO ROJO Garnacha (Valdejalón, Spain)	58
1999 REMELLURI Gran Reserva La Granja Tempranillo ~ Garnacha (Rioja, Spain)	195
2001 CONDE VALDEMAR Gran Reserva Tempranillo ~ Mazuelo ~ Graciano (Rioja, Spain)	135
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
2014 CLOS DE TAFALL Carignan ~ Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Syrah (Priorat, Spain)	85
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.

Occhipinti comes from Sicily and is an absolute delight to drink if you love fresh perky little reds. Arcanum offers ferocious value. Quintarelli is probably the most acclaimed Amarone house and their pretty Primofiore give you a taste of how amazing their wines are. 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...The blends

2011 MONTE ANTICO Sangiovese ~ Merlot (Tuscany, Italy)	55
2007 QUINTARELLI Primofiore Corvina ~ Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Cabernet Franc (Veneto, Italy)	180
2015 LE PIANE La Maggriorina Croatina ~ Uva Rara ~ Vespolina ~ Nebbiolo (Boca, Italy)	75
2015 OCCHIPINTI SP68 Nero D'Avola ~ Frappato (Sicily, Italy)	95
2010 ARCANUM II Fauno Merlot ~ Cabernet Franc (Tuscany, Italy)	110
2013 POGGERINO Chianti Classico Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	75
2014 QUERCIBELLA Chianti Classico Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	95
2011 CASTELLO DI AMA Chianti Classico Gran Selezione San Lorenzo Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy)	150
2013 GUERREIRI RIZZANDI Ripasso Pojega 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 Casanova di Neri is quite aristocratic and firm still, while the Argiano is already drinking well.

ITALIAN VARIETIES... The Classics

2014 MASSOLINO Alba Dolcetto (Piedmont, Italy)	75
2016 COS Frappato (Sicily, Italy)	105
2014 PIETRADOLCE Archineri Nerello Mascalese (Sicily, Italy)	115
2013 GRICOS Vulture Aglianico (Basilicata, Italy)	80
2008 PAOLO BEA Rosso de Véo Sagrantino (Umbria, Italy)	175
2005 CAPPELLANO Barolo Piè Rupestris Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	185
2007 MASCARELLO Barolo Santo Stefano Di Perno Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	255
2009 AURELIO SETTIMO Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	155
2007 LUCIANO SANDRONE Barolo Le Vigne Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	285
2007 GAJA Barbaresco Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy)	350
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 Duoro 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.

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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
1991 CROFT Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 750ml	195
1994 TAYLOR FLADGATE Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 750ml	650
2005 FONSECA Guimaraens Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 750ml	150
2007 DOW'S Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 375ml	115
2007 GRAHAM'S Vintage (Douro, Portugal) 375ml	115