

GRAPES & HOPS



A Celebration Of Wine and Beer

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WINES

Sparkling

Riondo Prosecco - Italy

Riondo Prosecco is an effusively fruity, light bodied offering bringing terrific floral notes, persistent effervescence and a clean delicate finish. There is perfect body and weight in this crystal clean, pure sparkling wine. It is an ideal aperitif to enjoy any day of the year. It is simply amazing.

Rated 89 Points by Wilfred Wong

Lightly sparkling and quite pleasing, the Riondo Prosecco drinks delicately and smooth. The wine's softness makes it a delicious treat as an aperitif.

Riondo is an undisputed leader of viticulture in the Veneto region of Italy, with over 14,800 acres of vineyards. Named after the nearby Mount Riondo, Riondo is dedicated to the craft of producing Charmot Method DOC sparkling wines. The Riondo portfolio offers DOC proseccos that embrace the spirit of Italy,

White and Blush Wines

Stella Rosa Berry – Italy

Poured by Kelly & Kimberly (Best Events)

Fresh wild strawberry, blackberry, and red berry characteristics. Natural acidity and low pH. This is in perfect balance with the sweetness. Natural carbonation.

It all started in 1917, when the Riboli family founded Los Angeles' historic San Antonio Winery. Back then, Los Angeles was the prime location for wine growing in all of California. For some time, the wine industry reigned as one of Southern California's most economically significant and popular industries of that time. After surviving Prohibition and about a century later, the Riboli family has continued its artisan winemaking tradition through four generations. From within the tasting rooms of San Antonio Winery, customers repeatedly requested a sweeter, light, refreshing wine. The Riboli family took this unique opportunity to create a new semi-sweet, semi-sparkling wine style, which today, they are a leader of. And so, Stella Rosa was born. To create the Stella Rosa wines, the family chose the region of Asti, a province in Piedmont, Italy, as the source for its aromatic grapes, which have become the hallmark for the Stella Rosa style of wines.

Washington Hills Riesling - Washington State

Poured by Kelly & Bill (Gordon Flesch)

Concentrated honeysuckle blossom aromas are echoed by notes of clover honey, apricot, orange blossom and thistle throughout the palate. Notes of honey-dipped apricot linger on the long-lasting finish.

Since its release in 1988, Washington Hills wines have established themselves as an award-winning value leader in Washington wines. Producing the top Washington varietals, these wines show excellent fruit characteristics and balanced acidity making them an ideal every day drinking wine.

Astoria Pinot Grigio Alisia – Italy

Poured by Tessa (Fetch Graphics)

Astoria Alisia Pinot Grigio delle Venezie IGT boasts bright aromas of melon and hints of honey with fresh fruit flavors which finish velvety and refined. This is a textural wine with more flavor than the usual Pinot Grigio. The grapes are harvested by hand from vines planted 600 feet above sea level with an average age of 10 years. The grapes are then lightly crushed and stainless steel fermented, with 10 days of sur lie aging before bottling. Pairs well with salads, fish, chicken and vegetables.

Founded in 1987 by an old family of winemakers, Paolo and Giorgio Polegato's Astoria prides itself on the quality of its products. Astoria sells wines produced at its own forty acres, located in one of the most beautiful wine-growing areas in Italy, renowned for its climate, highlight the harmonious succession of hills and vineyards.

La Crema Sonoma Coast Chardonnay – Sonoma, California

Poured by Deb & Eric (SSM Health ~ St. Mary's Hospital Janesville)

Apricot, lemon, Gala apple, subtle oak and spice aromas. Lemon drop, white stone fruit, yellow plum and Galia melon flavors. Richly textured, and concentrated with a balanced acidity that drives a lingering finish.

Rated 90 Points by Wine Spectator

Offers complex fruit from the get-go, with tangerine, nectarine and white peach notes at the core. Lively acidity keeps the flavors moving. Drink now through 2022.

Home to the La Crema Estate at Saralee's Vineyard, Sonoma County's Russian River Valley is known for its plush redwood forests, cool morning fog and warm afternoon sun, and its renowned Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays.

Champs de Provence Rosé – France

Poured by Tessa (Fetch Graphics)

Champs de Provence Rosé is a classic dry rosé with vibrant notes of red berries, citrus and orange blossom with a medium-body, flavorful hints of raspberry and a zesty mineral finish. A lovely rose bursting with flavor and finesse. 50% Grenache, 40% Cinsault, 10% Syrah. Pairs well with seafood, shellfish, on its own, meals prepared with oriental spices or barbeque.

93 Points, Best Buy, Gold Medal - Tastings.com by the Beverage Testing Institute

"Pink coral color. Fruity, attractive aromas and flavors of watermelon, cherries, and custard with a satiny, tangy, fruity medium-to-full body and a smooth, intriguing, medium-long ripe orange, delicate spiced nuts, and banana chips finish with a suggestion of oak. A lovely rosé bursting with flavor and finesse."

Red Wines

Castello di Bossi Chianti Classico 2013 – Italy

Poured by Barry & Marci (Lanair)

Deep, ruby-red in color, this Chianti Classico offers aromas of ripe cherries and red plums, with subtle notes of toasted vanilla beans and purple flowers. On the palate, the wine displays a superbly structured character with bright acidity and a pleasantly savory finish. Pair this wine with grilled steak tips and ratatouille. Drink through 2026.

Rated 90 Points by Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

The Castello di Bossi 2013 Chianti Classico plays its cards close to its chest. It embodies the delicate and polished side of Sangiovese without the extra distractions that come with over extraction or abundant oak. This wine speaks of the vintage and the grapes. Delicate notes of tar and smoke rise above wild berry and cherry aromas. This is great choice at an amazing low price.

The Bossi Castle is located in the town of Castelnuovo Berardenga, the southernmost appellation of Chianti Classico, amid evergreen woods and long rows of vines. The family owns the best collections of estates in Tuscany, and is creating high-quality wines from some of the top Tuscan appellations.

Tons Duorum Red 2015 - Portugal

Tons is ruby red in color with violet tones. The nose is dominated by aromas of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, and prunes, blending beautifully with spicy secondary aromas from barrel aging. Well-balanced acidity, soft and ripe tannins, and a persistent finish result in an elegant wine. Pair with red meats, barbecue, rich pasta, and hard cheeses

Rated 90 Points by Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

The 2015 Tinto is a blend of 40% Touriga Franca, 40% Touriga Nacional and 20% Tinta Roriz, aged for 12 months in a 70/30 mixture of used and new French oak. This is a fine regular red from Duorum, showing good depth for the level, that wonderfully fresh feel the 2015 vintage has, intensity of fruit flavor and at least reasonable structure. Elegant and understated, it grew on me steadily as it sat in the glass. This won't be the one that hits you over the head and makes you say "wow," but it will be a bottle that drains fast at the table. This should be drinkable young, but it will also hold decently for a decade or more. It still has some room to improve. It is worth leaning up a bit just now.

The name Duorum, which is Latin for "from two," captures the spirit of this famed Portuguese winery, which was founded in 2007 by João Portugal Ramos and José Soares Franco. Duorum has vineyards in the Douro's mountainous, schistose Cima Corga, and its arid Douro Superior. The microclimates and terroir in these subregions are quite different, which brings together grapes of varied characteristics. This unique blend creates a layered, complex wine.

Villa Wolf Pinot Noir 2016 - Germany

Villa Wolf Pinot Noir is warm and medium-bodied, with a firm acid structure. Its dark cherry fruit is juicy, ripe and forward, with a spicy mid-palate. Twelve months of barrique aging gives the wine a smoky depth and a nice touch of earthy tannins. This is a very grown-up Pinot Noir for the price, and an excellent wine for everyday dining.

Rated 89 Points by Wine Enthusiast

While dry in style and subtle on the nose, this fruity fresh rosé offers loads of concentrated raspberry, melon and peach flavors. Light on its feet and imminently quaffable, it's an irresistible warm-weather sip at an approachable price. Also rated a Best Buy

Founded in 1756, in the Pfalz region of Germany, the J.L. Wolf estate (now called Villa Wolf) was a successful and highly regarded winery for more than two centuries. It entered an especially glamorous era with the construction of its Italianate estate house and villa in 1843.

In the latter years of the 20th century, however, the estate languished, lacking a firm hand to guide its wine production. Ernst Loosen, of the Dr. Loosen estate, took over the vineyards in 1996, launching a dramatic turnaround in the estate's quality and reputation.

Door Peninsula Blackberry Merlot – Wisconsin

Poured by Steve (Celadon Logistics)

Full dark, fruit with jammy aromas and a Merlot style mid-palate in a semi sweet blend of Merlot and Blackberry wine.

For 40 years, Door Peninsula Winery has been a mainstay of the Door County economy, producing the finest and largest selection of wines in Wisconsin.

Since Door County's climate was too cold to grow conventional grapes, the winery's initial products were made from locally grown fruit. Since the early 1900s, the county had been famous for its cherries, so cherry wine was a natural starting point, with apple, strawberry and plum wines following shortly thereafter. Although it has since expanded its range of offerings, Door Peninsula Winery still offers a variety of products made with these original four fruits – and flavors like Plum Loco and the apple-and-cherry-based Sunset Splash remain some of the more popular wines it produces each year.

Finca Las Moras Bourbon Barrel Cabernet – Argentina

Poured by Joel (Food Industry Counsel, LLC & KANDU Board Member)

Deep red colored wine with violet hues, with a fusion of complex aromas of plums, raisins and oaky notes are present in a bouquet that also evokes candy and vanilla. This Cabernet has a very good structure on the mouth, with soft and ripe tannins. It's not just another wine. The Finca Las Moras Bourbon Barrel Select breaks tradition. Its aging in Bourbon oak barrels makes it a wine that is here to break all the rules. Pairs well with pasta or grilled meats and stews.

Finca Las Moras is a pioneer winery dedicated to the elaboration of high-quality wines in San Juan since the restructuring of the vineyards in 1993 by Richard Smart. The vineyards are surrounded by mulberry trees and therefore the name to the winery.

Le Grand Noir Black Sheep GSM – France

Poured by Jack (Blackhawk Bank) & Seth (TRICOR Insurance)

Medium bodied blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre from the Languedoc region of France. A delicious combination of New World style with French grapes. The blend of grape varieties gives spicy blackberry flavors, dark plum, black cherry dark fruit and a hint of pepper. There is also a distinctive mineral, perfumed note that comes from the Mourvedre. Perfect with all full-flavored meat dishes, and ideal with traditional French cuisine as well as more international dishes whose flavors include a note of spice.

19 Crimes The Uprising Red – Australia

Poured by Derek & Cheryl (Wegner CPA)

This wine pays homage to Australia's "Rum Rebellion" and thus a portion has been aged for 30 days in rum barrels. Dark with jammy flavors and a smoky finish. In making 19 Crimes "The Uprising" they selected particular wine parcels for their spice and concentration of flavor providing the wine with great intensity and lushness on the palate. The vintage is Shiraz dominant lending bright raspberry fruit and plush tannin structure with Cabernet Sauvignon to provide blackberry fruits, palate weight and structure and then Grenache to provide spice and fruit sweetness on the palate. The nose has intense lifted mocha, caramel and baking spice notes. On the palate the wine is full and mouth coating with brown sugar, jammy blackberry and chocolate notes. The blend includes Shiraz, Cabernet and Grenache.

Story behind the label: A Fenian Exile from Skibbereen Ireland who took a prominent part in the Fenian movement from its very infancy. Arrested in 1864, found guilty and sentenced to ten years' penal servitude.

Nineteen Crimes turned criminals into Colonists. Upon conviction, British rogues, guilty of at least one of the 19 Crimes, were sentenced to live in Australia, rather than death. This punishment by 'transportation' began in 1788, and many of the lawless died at sea. For the rough-hewn prisoners who made it to shore, a new world awaited. As pioneers in a frontier penal colony, they forged a new country and new lives, brick by brick. This wine celebrates the rules they broke and the culture they built.

Pascal Aufranc Chenas Vignes 2014 - France

To pair with red meat, games cooked with a mushroom sauce, pâté and charcuterie, goat cheese. To pair with red meat, games cooked with a mushroom sauce, pâté and charcuterie, goat cheese.

Rated 92 Points by Wine Enthusiast

Dating to 1939, these old vines planted in some of the highest vineyards in Beaujolais give a great structure and firm tannins. Underneath, of course, this wine offers plenty of fruitiness natural to Gamay.

Off the beaten track, the estate is an old farm that emanates tradition through its beautiful stone houses overlooking the village. Their home is also their workplace, perched on the hillside of Remont in Chénas. The vineyard is surrounded by woods, fields, and other vineyards. The vintner practices patience and observation over manipulation and his growing methods are the most environmentally friendly as possible and because his land is isolated he can practice this choice with intention.

Borne of Fire Cabernet 2016 - Washington State

Poured by Mary, Kerri & Caitlin (Kerry)

Borne of Fire epitomizes the terroir of The Burn. Its profile is very fresh, easily enjoyable, yet not without depth and complexity. The nose is full of ripe berries with hints of vanilla. The palate is smooth, medium bodied, and has just a hint of grip on the finish. It tastes of black cherry, licorice, and black currants, with a pop of pomegranate and raspberry jam, and just a hint of bouquet garni and freshly ground coffee beans. Pairs well with beef sliders, Caribbean pork sandwich, gnocchi with braised beef brisket and garlic chicken wings.

This new wine region on the horizon in Washington State will be called "The Burn". This AVA (American Viticultural Area) is in south central Washington, near the Columbia River, and going through the final stages of approval. The Burn region gets its name because the settlers of this area traditionally burned the field grasses as a way of getting nutrients back into the soils at the end of the season. This suggests that the region has nutrient poor soil, which is actually ideal for planting vineyards. The Burn is said to have temperatures on par with the Red Mountain AVA, which is currently considered the best region in the state for making big bold red wines. With great excitement behind the impending new region, some are already jumping at the chance to make wine from here, which brings us today's Borne of Fire Cabernet Sauvignon a blend of 90% Cabernet and 10% Malbec.

Rated 91 Points by Wine Enthusiast

The fruit for this wine comes from "The Burn," a portion of the Columbia Valley near the river between the Gorge and the Horse Heaven Hills. It's cooler than Horse Heaven, which may account for the thoroughly refreshing evergreen streak that runs through this wine's extracted plum flavors and saturating, light-bending tannins. A great price and flavor profile for skirt steak with chimichurri.

Michael David Seven Deadly Red Blend 2015 - Lodi, California

Poured by Loren & Andy (Johnson Bank)

This dangerously delicious wine erupts with fresh vibrant blackberry and dark cherry fruit. Aging in both French and American oak adds to the wine's complexity showing clove spice, hints of campfire smoke and vanilla undertones. This wine is well balanced with a rich lengthy finish.

The vineyard and Lodi go way back. They have been farming this soil since the 1850's and cultivating wine grapes since the early 20th century. Their founders, brothers Michael and David Phillips, are 5th generation grape growers who have raised their families in the vineyard, and now the 6th generation has joined the team. Their family legacy and love of Lodi drives their focus on sustainability. Their unconventional collection of wines are all responsibly grown in Lodi, California according to the Lodi Rules, a set of over 100 standards that account for all aspects of making quality wine in a sustainable manner: environmental, social, and economic.

Rated 91 Points by Wine Enthusiast

Powerful oaky elements meet very ripe and concentrated fruit flavors in this deeply colored, bold and full-bodied wine. Charcoal, wood smoke and clove aromas are followed by blackberry jam and black-cherry flavors, while light, smoky and peppery nuances weave through them. While the first whiff is oaky, everything comes together well on the palate and finish.

BEER

Gentry Rose Cider

Poured by Derek & Cheryl (Wegner CPA)

6% ABV; Dry

One Barrel Fanny Pack IPA

Poured by Amy & Trish (Mercyhealth)

6.5% ABV; Malty Midwest IPA

Wisconsin Brewing Company Yankee IPA

Poured by Kelly & Bill (Gordon Flesch)

6% ABV; Juicy and hoppy IPA

Oso Brewing Company Infectious Groove

4.8% ABV; Refreshingly tart acidity with a light mouthfeel that finishes dry.

Potosi Brewing Company Northern Method Dopplebock

Poured by Jack (Blackhawk Bank) & Seth (TRICOR Insurance)

9% ABV; A distinctive doppelbock, rich in malt and toasted caramel with hints of fig and plum.

Goose Island Parka Porter

5.3% ABV; Mild roast on the palate from chocolate malts and balanced with caramel malts.

Lena Carmel Coffee Pecan Stout

Poured by Amy & Trish (Mercyhealth)

5% ABV; Roasted rich coffee, sweet caramel and a nutty pecan flavor.

New Belgium Hemperor IPA

7% ABV; Hoppy and bitter IPA infused with hemp hearts.

New Belgium Voodoo Ranger Juicy Haze IPA

Poured by Joel (Food Industry Counsel, LLC & KANDU Board Member)

7.5% ABV; Packed with bright tropical aromas and brilliant citrusy flavors, this unfiltered IPA wraps up with a pleasant, smooth finish.

One Barrel Willie Wee Heavy Scotch Ale

Poured by Deb & Eric (SSM Health ~ St. Mary's Hospital Janesville)

7.5% ABV; Dark amber ale with the aroma of chocolate and biscuits; Full body and flavor.

Evil Twin Brewing Pink Lemonade IPA

Poured by Steve (Celadon Logistics)

7% ABV; Refreshment-seeking lemonade IPA; Light and fresh with a little hop presence.

Two Brothers Blood Orange Pinball Pale Ale

Poured by Loren & Andy (Johnson Bank)

4.9% ABV; The perfect balance pale ale with blood orange

Upland Champagne Velvet Pilsner

Poured by Mary, Kerri & Caitlin (Kerry)

5.5% ABV; Pre-prohibition style German lager brewed from 1902 original recipe. Sweet complexities given off by the corn malt used in the beer.

Wisconsin Brewing Company Porter Joe

Poured by Barry & Marci (Lanair)

5.2% ABV; Great blend of coffee from Barriques in Madison. Special blend brings a wonderful richness with no bitter aftertaste.

Atwater Decedent Chocolate Ale

Poured by Kelly & Kimberly (Best Events)

5% ABV; Dark chocolate and nutty profile with a round mouth feel; Rich, but not overtly sweet.