

# *Tasting Bottles (half bottles)*

*The perfect companion.*

## White Wine- Half Bottles

2011	Frog's Leap <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	Rutherford	20	bar
2011	Saracco <i>Moscato D'Asti</i>	Italy	22	bin603
2011	Calera <i>Viognier</i>	Mt. Harlan, CA	25	bin607
2011	Fiddlehead Cellars <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	Santa Ynez Valley, CA	26	bin601
2011	McIntyre <i>Chardonnay</i>	Santa Lucia, CA	27	bin313
NV	Adami <i>Garbel Prosecco Brut</i>	Italy	29	walkin

## Red Wine - Half Bottles

2010	Frog's Leap <i>Zinfandel</i>	Napa, CA	26	bin334
2011	Calera <i>Pinot Noir</i>	Central Coast	27	bin318
2011	Siduri <i>Pinot Noir</i>	Santa Lucia, CA	30	bin326
2009	Storybook Mountain <i>Zinfandel</i>	Mayacamas	32	bin328

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### *Ask For Help!!!*

When we expanded this list to include everything in our cellar, we weren't trying to scare anyone. We know big lists can be intimidating, but we've spent a lot of time and effort gathering some of the most interesting wines made in California and want to share them. While we love collecting wine, we also love to talk about it. So whether you want to buy our least expensive bottle or our most expensive, don't be afraid to ask for advice.

### *About our Vino List.*

You won't find much in the way of Old World wine on this list. We just don't see a reason to import wine from half way around the world when San Francisco is close to so much fantastic vineyard land.

To easily find a type of wine, just look at the upper right hand corner of each page to see what 'categories' are included on that particular page. In general, the list starts with wines by the glass, half bottles, bubbly, then goes from full white bottles to red ones and ends with large format bottles and dessert wines. Each side column discusses different producers, vintages, varietals and unique wine 'tales.' Read what you like, ignore it if you can.

*Some wines are limited in quantity.*

### *WE LOVE HALF BOTTLES!*

Besides being cute, Half Bottles should be considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Perfect when you can't decide if you want red or white, or if you don't like the wines by the glass! Half bottles are also great for pairing different wines with each course.

## Bubbles

2011	Saracco <i>Moscato D'Asti</i> (half bottle)	Italy	20
NV	Adami <i>Garbel Prosecco Brut</i> (half bottle)	Italy	29
NV	Caposaldo <i>Prosecco Brut</i>	Italy	35
NV	Jean Charles Boisset <i>JCB No. 69 Brut Rose</i>	Burgundy	40
NV	Billecart- Salmon <i>Brut</i> (half bottle)	Champagne	49
NV	Chandon <i>Brut Classic</i>	California	49
NV	Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin <i>Brut</i>	Champagne	69
NV	Canard-Duchene <i>Charles VII Brut</i>	Champagne	90
NV	Piper-Heidsieck <i>Brut Cuvee</i>	Champagne	95
2000	Dom Pérignon	Champagne	185








## Adventurous Whites & White Blends

2011	Pierre Sparr <i>Riesling</i>	Alsace, France	25	walkin
2011	Manifesto! <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	California	25	
2010	Tangent <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	Edna Valley, CA	27	
2011	RIFF <i>Pinot Grigio</i>	Veneto, Italy	29	
2011	Raymond <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	Napa	31	
2011	Tiefenbrunner <i>Pinot Grigio</i>	Italy	32	bin108
2008	Mil Piedras <i>Viognier</i>	Argentina	33	
2011	Dry Creek <i>Chenin Blanc</i>	Clarksburg	33	
2009	Triennes <i>Viognier</i>	France	35	bar
2011	Frog's Leap <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	Rutherford	36	bin123
2010	Au Bon Climat <i>Pinot Blanc/Pinot Gris Blend</i>	Santa Barbara	37	bin102
2010	Conundrum <i>White Wine Blend</i>	Rutherford, CA	45	bin122
2007	Peter Michael "L" <i>Apres Midi</i>	Sonoma	80	bin105
2009	Kongsgaard <i>Vio Rous</i>	Napa	85	bin121

## Rosé

2011	Charles & Charles <i>Syrah Rose</i>	Columbia Valley, WA	23	bin 436
2010	Storybook Mountain <i>Zin Gris</i>	Napa	25	bin 431
2011	Saintsbury <i>Vin Gris of Pinot Noir</i>	Carneros	28	

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-  BUBBLY!!!
-  SAUVIGNON BLANC
-  VIOGNER
-  GEWÜRZTRAMINER
-  PINOT GRIGIO
-  ROSÉ
-  RIESLING

### *Bubbly from two Hemispheres:*

The major Champagne houses in France were founded long before the first commercial vineyards were planted in California. While the French are the unquestioned masters of sparkling wine, Californians have developed a distinctive take on the French approach. In general, the flavors of French Champagne come from the rigorous *Methode Champenoise*. This process focuses on toasty and yeasty flavors while the fruit remains subtle.

Like most California wine, our bubbly is very fruit forward featuring friendly flavors of pear, apple and cherry while toning down the other elements.

### *To Vintage or Not to Vintage:*

The tradition of producing Non-Vintage wines comes from the individualism of the Champagne Houses. The producers in Champagne wanted the consumer to focus on the style of each house rather than the variation from vintage to vintage. This creates one of their greatest challenges; producing a blend from multiple vintages that retains the house style, regardless of what vintages are used. Vintage Champagnes are then only produced in years with exceptional harvests.

## Chardonnay

2010	La Merika	Central Coast	24	walkin
2010	Sean Minor '4 Bears'	Central Coast	29	bin107
2010	Michael David 7 Heavenly	Lodi	30	bin125
2010	Isabel Mondavi	Carneros	31	bin122
2011	McManis Family	California	31	walkin
2008	Hob Nob	France	32	bar
2011	Raymond 'R'	California	33	walkin
2010	Echelon	California	33	walkin
2010	Saintsbury	Carneros	39	walkin
2011	Sonoma-Cutrer	Sonoma Coast	48	bin102
2010	Calera	Central Coast	53	bin124
2010	Cuvaison	Carneros	58	bin110
2010	Bernardus	Monterey	60	bin106
2010	Ferrari-Carano	Sonoma	60	bin125
2009	Flowers	Sonoma Coast	110	walkin
2010	William Selyem <i>Unoaked</i>	Russian River	155	bin109
2004	Marcassin	Sonoma	185	bin101

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 CHARDONNAY &  
MORE CHARDONNAY!

### ***Regional Chardonnay Profiles:***

**Napa:** Generally a warmer area with rich fruit flavors that can withstand oak aging and winemaker handling.

**Sonoma Coast:** With proximity near the ocean, unique Burgundian-Styled Chards recently met with much success.

**Russian River:** A cool, damp climate located in the center of Sonoma.

Wines show complex but delicate flavors with great concentration.

**Carneros:** Straddling the southernmost portion of Napa & Sonoma, this cool, windswept region sees a long growing season with little rainfall. Bright, lively fruit with earthy apple and crisp citrus flavors.

**Anderson Valley:** Cool maritime influence makes Mendocino Valley a great place for crisp, high acid Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

### ***Sir Peter Michael:***

"Mountain vineyards, classical winemaking and limited production."

*That is the philosophy of this winery.*

Only premium hillside vineyard fruit is selected for Peter Michael wines. Vineyards from the estate are located on the slopes of Mount St. Helena in Eastern Sonoma County, the Alexander Mountain Estate above Alexander Valley, and the Morelli Vineyard seven miles from the Pacific Ocean. These sites provide the foundation for the intense flavors and aromas in their wines. Each wine is a single-vineyard bottling representing the unique characteristics of its site.

### ***The Kistler Way:***

By replicating the best of traditional Burgundian winemaking practices, Mark Bixler and Steve Kistler have put California Chardonnay on the global map. Starting in the vineyard, they work closely with growers to keep fruit yields low, thus concentrating flavor and depth. Bixler and Kistler use the same Chardonnay clone in each vineyard allowing the fullest expression of each vineyard's terroir. Their "natural" approach to handling of the wine, combined with unique Sonoma vineyard designate wines, creates bottlings of tremendous flavor and character.

## Pinot Noir

2010	Shooting Star	Lake County, CA	30	bin209
2009	Cloudline	Oregon	38	bin539
2011	Siduri	Santa Lucia Highlands	54	bin629
2009	Nobilo <i>Icon</i>	Marlborough, NZ	60	bin627
2010	Cross Barn <i>By Paul Hobbs</i>	Sonoma	65	bin624
2010	Siduri	Ewald Valley, Russian River	76	bin628
2010	Dutton Goldfield <i>Fox Den Vineyard</i>	Russian River	85	bin629
2010	Gary Farrell	Russian River	100	bin622
2009	Robert Sinskey	Carneros	100	bin636
2009	Gary Farrell	Russian River	105	bin621
2010	Flowers	Sonoma Coast	130	bin632
2004	Peter Michael 'Le Moulin Rouge'	Santa Lucia	145	bin 631
2008	Etude <i>Heirloom</i>	Carneros	215	bin715
2005	Etude <i>Heirloom</i>	Carneros	225	bin717

## Kistler

2006	Kistler <i>Kistler Belt Vineyard Cuvée Natalie</i>	Russian River	145	bin 623
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## Williams Selyem

2010	Williams Selyem <i>Sonoma County</i>	Sonoma	95	bin 630
2010	Williams Selyem <i>Central Coast</i>	Central Coast	95	bin 633
2010	Williams Selyem <i>Russian River Valley</i>	Russian River	130	bin 634

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### PINOT NOIR

***Regional Pinot Profiles (very general):***

**Napa:** The best wines show very ripe/baked fruit with great depth and body. Not shy.

**Sonoma / Sonoma Coast:** Great acidity and backbone with ripe cherry and raspberry fruit & Asian Spice.

**Russian River:** Hello! Finesse and Elegance with bright cherry notes. Great growing climate.

**Monterey:** Can be spicy, with cola notes and stewed fruit flavors.

**Carneros:** Often bright strawberry and cherry flavors with spices and good backbone.

**Oregon:** Oregon is on a run of five great vintages in a row from '98 to '02. While the classic Oregon style is Burgundian, some producers have started pushing the ripeness, creating out of balance wines with high alcohol. We don't carry those.

***Williams Selyem Winery*** began as a simple dream between two friends. Ed Selyem and Burt Williams began pursuing weekend winemaking as a hobby in 1979 in a garage in Forestville California. In less than two decades Williams and Selyem created a cult status winery of international acclaim, setting a new standard for Pinot Noir winemaking in the United States. They aligned Sonoma County's Russian River Valley with the firmament of the best winegrowing regions of the world. In 1998 John and Kathe Dyson purchased the winery, but maintained Ed and Burt's approach to wine making and marketing. The winery carefully executes the Williams Selyem philosophy of "respecting the juice" from fermentation to bottling. There is no pumping and all wines are made filter-free. The winemakers use these processes to insure that the quality of the juice is not compromised.

## Fun Reds

2011	Coltibuono <i>Chianti</i>	Italy	22	bin708
2009	Bonny Doon 'Contra'	Santa Cruz	27	
2011	Raymond 'R' Merlot	St. Helena	32	bin207
2010	Bonny Doon <i>Clos De Gilroy Grenache</i>	Santa Cruz	33	bin726
2010	Mil Piedras <i>Malbec</i>	Argentina	35	bin201
2010	Delas <i>Cotes du Rhone</i>	France	34	bin708
2008	Bonny Doon 'Le Cigare Volant'	Santa Cruz	38	bin723
2005	Bridlewood <i>Syrah</i>	Central Coast	50	bin413
2000	Bedford Thompson <i>Cab Franc</i>	Santa Barbara	58	bin704
2009	E. Guigal <i>Gigondas Rhone</i>	France	63	bin617
2006	Mitchel Katz <i>Sangiovese</i>	Livermore	68	bin412
2008	Morlet <i>Bouquet Garni</i>	Sonoma	75	bin613
2009	Ramey <i>Syrah</i>	Sonoma Coast	80	bin407
2008	Kapscandry 'Endre'	Napa	95	bin402

## Zinfandels

2010	Peachy Canyon 'Incredible Red'	Paso Robles	28	bin403
2010	Easton	Amador	34	bin203
2011	Seghesio	Sonoma	36	bin403
2010	Frog's Leap	Napa	45	bin408
2010	Napa Cellars	Napa	52	bin415
2010	Turley <i>Old Vine Zinfandel</i>	St. Helena	60	bin413
2009	Storybook <i>Estate Reserve</i>	Napa	110	bin426

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 ZINFANDEL

### **Syrah** (AKA Shiraz / Sirah)

*"The stuff dreams are made of."*

While we know the best places to grow Cabernet, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay (though there are many places where each variety makes exceptional wine,) Syrah has not quite found its home. Almost ink black in color; Syrah grows well in a variety of regions. While rich, dark fruit, assertive tannins and spice are the most common characteristics; Syrah from cooler regions will take on earthy, dusty characteristics while maintaining high acidity; warmer regions show riper, juicier fruit.

### ***Blending; North vs. South***

In France's Rhône Valley, there are two distinct styles of wine making. In the North, red wines are made almost exclusively from Syrah; whites are made from Marsanne, Rousanne and Viognier. In Southern Rhône the red wines tend to be Grenache based and more blending is allowed. This gives the winemaker the opportunity to manipulate wines by using as many as thirteen different varieties, as in the town of Chateauneuf-du-Pape. California winemakers are meeting success making wines by taking the approaches used by both Southern and Northern Rhône.

***The history of Zinfandel is twisted*** and until recently, somewhat uncertain. While this unique variety is not widely produced anywhere else in the world, DNA tests have shown an identical match to the Italian grape Primitivo. The uncertainty came when people tried to figure out which came first. The debate was settled recently, when a study showed Zin is actually a Croatian variety called Crljenak (if you know how to pronounce this word, please tell Greg.) While there is some thought Crljenak originated in either Greece or Albania, it is certain the first cultivation of Crljenak precedes Zin or Primitivo by several hundred years.

## California Cabernet, Red Blends and other Bordeaux Varietals - By Vintage

2010	Hand Crafted	California	30	bin 635
2010	William Hill Estate Winery	Central Coast	33	bin205
2009	Sean Minor	Napa	34	bin516
2010	Cervantes Mt. Cuvee	Napa	57	bin530
2009	Turnbull	Napa	68	bin522
2010	Turley 'The Label'	Napa	70	bin611
2010	Paul Hobbs 'CrossBarn'	Sonoma	75	bin523
2005	Hourglass	Napa	135	bin 637
2001	Paul Hobbs	Napa	145	bin 520
2006	Kongsgaard	Napa	149	bin 637
2000	Schrader Beckstoffer <i>Original Tokalon Vineyard</i>	Napa	170	bin 618
2001	Dalla Valle Vineyards	Napa	175	bin 526
2002	Pride Mountain Reserve (2% Petite Verdot)	Napa	195	bin637
1999	PlumpJack Reserve	Oakville, Napa	180	bin638
1987	Chateau Montelena Estate	Napa	215	bin 618

### Peter Michael

1999	<i>Les Pavots</i>	Knights Valley	145	bin 619
2004	<i>Les Pavots</i>	Knights Valley	155	bin 619
2003	<i>Les Pavots</i>	Knights Valley	165	bin619

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#### CABERNET & BLENDS

##### *Celebrate the 90's!*

One great vintage after another makes collecting and consuming 1990's California Cabs a real treat. While most of the wines from these vintages will improve for many years, they certainly taste great now!

**1994** Deep, dark wines with enormous structure. One of the great vintages will soon enter into its prime!

**1995** Rich, complex wines rivaling the power of 94s.

**1996** Elegant with amazing depth and integration. These wines are in their prime and drinking beautifully.

**1997** The Big Daddy. Loads of ripe fruit, oak (usually) and alcohol. The best wines show great concentration.

**1998** A less consistent vintage, so stick with producers you trust. These wines are also more readily drinkable than other recent vintages.

**1999** Another in a long line of great 90's vintages. A warm growing season produced ripe, juicy wines. Critics love vintages like this.

**2000** Less critical acclaim than other recent vintages, but top producers made wines with refreshing acidity.

##### *To Blend or Not to Blend?*

When dealing with 'Big Reds', in the traditional Bordeaux style, winemakers must decide whether the Cabernet Sauvignon can stand on its own, or if it will benefit from the addition of up to four other varieties: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot, and Malbec. Some people in the industry feel that 100% Cab Sauv is the best, allowing the varietal to speak for itself. While others tinker with the grape and feel the sum of the parts is greater than the whole. Cabernet Franc is a more forward variety adding a friendly green herbaceousness and fresh fruit that softens Cabernet Sauvignon's intensity at young ages. Merlot can bring bright fruit, cola and chocolate notes into the mix. Malbec and Petite Verdot are used less often, but can add deeper color, structure and more complexity to Cabernet Sauvignon.