

WHITE WINE SELECTIONS

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CHARDONNAY

Classic white grape grown around the world. Takes oak well when fermented. Served chilled. Pairs well with chicken and dishes with butter and cream sauces.

<i>Caulk Hill, Napa Valley, CA</i>	<i>\$88</i>
<i>Plantings dating back to 1971 remain the keystone in the estates Chardonnay program. Fermented in aged French oak, unfiltered bottling.</i>	
<i>Chateau St Jean, Belle Terre "Single Vineyard, CA</i>	<i>\$38</i>
<i>Medium-body hints of vanilla. Creamy texture aged in French oak, 93pts- Parker.</i>	
<i>Fess Parker, Ashley's Vineyard, CA</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>"Daniel Boones" vineyard select Chardonnay scores 93 pts. Wine Enthusiasts. Perfect blend of acidity and creamy finish.</i>	
<i>Grgich Hills, Napa Valley, CA.</i>	<i>\$75</i>
<i>This is the wine that let the world know about America's wines in 1979. Taste this wine, made in the same style.</i>	
<i>Jefferson Vineyard "Reserve", VIRGINIA (Signature Bottle)</i>	<i>\$36</i>
<i>100% French Oak. Spicy characteristics blend favorably within this wine. Butterscotch, tropical fruit, white flowers and toasted oak. Taste this wine as it opens over the course of your meal.</i>	
<i>Jordan, Russian River, CA</i>	<i>\$55</i>
<i>Citrus and mineral bouquet. Crisp green apple, kiwi, and honey and lightly toasted oak lasting flavors.</i>	
<i>King Vineyards, Crozet, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$29</i>
<i>French oak fermentation creating a wonderful and flavorful "crème brulee finish.</i>	
<i>Laurent Miquel – Cessenon sur Orb, France</i>	<i>\$27</i>
<i>Combined aroma of citrus and peaches. Lite oak provides a lemon clean flavor.</i>	
<i>Merryvale, Napa Valley, CA</i>	<i>\$64</i>
<i>Flavors of apple, pear and vanilla make up this delightful wine. Rich and well balanced.</i>	
<i>Rombauer, Napa Valley – CA.</i>	<i>\$48</i>
<i>Wine Spectator "Top 100 Wines at a Glance". Full body mix of fruit and light oak. Complex</i>	
<i>Sawbuck, Mendocino- CA</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>One of the new releases from the former founders of R.H. Phillips. Medium in body with a nice crisp finish.</i>	
<i>Simi Reserve, Russian River- CA</i>	<i>\$47</i>
<i>Well balanced, oak and ripe apple flavor. A fun wine to drink with friends and very food friendly.</i>	
<i>White Hall Reserve, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$32</i>
<i>A beautiful nose of coffee and caramel carry into a rich, buttery palate of well-balanced oak and fresh apples with a strong, crisp finish.</i>	

PINOT GRIGIO

Wines made from the pinot gris grape. Light in flavor, holds floral aromas.

<i>Barboursville, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$23</i>
<i>Romantic and youthful-spirited, made in a true Italian style of winemaking. Extremely flavorful, with apple, pear and touch of pineapple. Dry and well balanced with a glowing and poignant finish.</i>	
<i>Gabriele Rausse, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$24</i>
<i>Crisp acidity, with scents of fresh melon and spice.</i>	
<i>Stone Mountain Vineyards, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$24</i>
<i>Traditional Italian styled with a golden straw hue, bright and lively fruit. Intense aromas of fresh figs, honeysuckle and melon.</i>	
<i>Sweely Estates (Former Acorn Hill), VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$21</i>
<i>This crisp, stainless-steel fermented Pinot Gris has a touch of chardonnay and highlights of green apple and lemony citrus, with notes of honeysuckle and hazelnut.</i>	

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Usually fermented in stainless. Retains a citrus finish. Especially pairs well with seafood.

<i>Barboursville, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$23</i>
<i>Effusively fragrant, crisp, juicy and bright with distinct pear and passion fruit flavors. Hints of citrus appear on a gentle herbal frame.</i>	
<i>Bouchard Finlayson, South Africa</i>	<i>\$35</i>
<i>Tropical and delicate, with pure fruit overtones and good balance. Gooseberry aroma, a touch of smoke and mineral, Acidity in harmony with a good mouth feel, fresh and enticing.</i>	
<i>Drylands, New Zealand</i>	<i>\$39</i>
<i>91 pts. - Wine Spectator. Considered one of the most popular Sauvignon Blancs in the world. Concentrated, almost oily, with lingering citrus and mineral nuances.</i>	
<i>Silverado, Napa Valley, CA</i>	<i>\$32</i>
<i>91 pts- Wine & Spirit. Bright and crisp with aromas of mineral, grapefruit, tangerine and fresh green apple leave a crisp finish on the palate.</i>	

Riesling

Considered one of the world's best white wine grapes. Originated in Germany, creates a delicate and fruity with both dry and sweet finishes.

<i>Cardinal Point, Riesling, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$22</i>
<i>Off-dry with citrus and floral aromas on the nose, and pear flavors on the palate.</i>	
<i>Chateau Ste. Michelle- "Eroica" - WA</i>	<i>\$43</i>
<i>Highly aromatic "Old world meets new world" wine. Sweet on the front, dry on the finish. Pairs well with spiced food (Shrimp and Grits!) or as an aperitif. Robert Parker scores 90+ each year.</i>	
<i>Prince Michel, Rapidan River Semi-Dry, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$18</i>
<i>Creamy, full bodied sensations linger on the tongue. Fruit and floral notes.</i>	

VIOGNIER

Experiencing a comeback in recent years as a stand alone grape. Fruity medium body. Pairs well with chicken dishes, butter and cream like sauces.

<i>Barboursville Reserve, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$32</i>
<i>A smooth textured, elegant wine showing tropical and floral tones. Full of structure with a long finish.</i>	
<i>Jefferson Vineyards, VIRGINIA (Signature Bottle)</i>	<i>\$34</i>
<i>Signature bottle. Delivers layers of flavors showing honeysuckle and tropical fruits.</i>	
<i>Stone Mountain Vineyards, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>A limited release makes this a special treat. Nice flavor, yet soft and smooth. Seems to evaporate in the finish, creating a delightful "change of pace" wine.</i>	
<i>Sweely Estates (Former Acorn Hill), VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$35</i>
<i>Classic Viognier characteristics beginning with floral scents, white peach, mango and pineapple harmonizing with just the right balance of acidity.</i>	

WHITE VARIETALS and BLENDS

Blends are most commonly used with red wines. This process still applies to the white wine family. Blending of various grapes permits the winemaker to deliver a broader, often more intense flavoring for your enjoyment.

<i>Bouchard Finlayson, Blanc de Mer, South Africa</i>	<i>\$35</i>
<i>Traditionally Blanc de Mer has been a great companion to relaxed dining. Five varieties combined, creating a kaleidoscope of flavors,</i>	
<i>Burnley, Peach Fuzz, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$18</i>
<i>Blend of grape and peach juice. Cold fermented. Picnic wine full of sweetness.</i>	
<i>Conundrum, CA.</i>	<i>\$47</i>
<i>Conundrum meaning "puzzle". This blended white shows finesse and character. Dynamic peach and apricot, but not sweet.</i>	
<i>First Colony, Sweet Shanando, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$19</i>
<i>Named after the original spelling of Shenandoah in 1771. 100% Vidal Blanc. Pineapple and mango on the nose. Great sweet sipping wine, pairs well with salads and cheeses.</i>	

Cause for excitement over the growing wine industry in Virginia

- In the year 2000, Americans **spent** \$20 billion on wine. 72% of that was spent on California wines.*
- Top Napa Valley vineyard **land** sells for over \$100,000/acre!*
- The wine industry generates 145,000 (direct) **jobs** in California, indirect jobs not even considered.*

RED WINE SELECTIONS

MERLOT

Close cousin to Cabernet Sauvignon with lower tannins and softer texture. At its best it will be dry, rich in flavor and smooth in finish as it flows down your throat.

- Grgich Hills, Napa Valley, CA* \$85
Showing well. Rich red fruit - cherries, plums and currants. Complemented by notes of liquorices, leather and green tea.
- Jefferson Vineyards, VIRGINIA* \$35
Provencal herbs, cherry, and dark chocolate allows this wine to be enjoyed by itself or with a meal.
- Pollak Vineyards, Crozet, VIRGINIA* \$27
"Durant Red", very approachable and fruit forward. Lite on the oak, Excellent choice.
- Post House STELLENBOSCH, South Africa* \$37
A truly powerful merlot, a strong nose of black currants and chocolate. Firm, smooth tannins with an underlying fruit structure gives this wine a juicy but full finish.
- Sweely Estates (Formerly Acorn Hill), VIRGINIA* \$30
This Merlot has a bit of Malbec, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc to round out a well-balanced, medium-body wine.
- Truchard, Carneros Region, Napa Valley, CA* \$39
Rich aromas of berries highlighted with cedar. Smooth and velvety with a long spicy finish. Note- Provides "juice" for Duckhorn Vineyards. Excellent choice.

PINOT NOIR

One of the more difficult grapes to grow and mature and develop into a fine wine. Low tannins and high acidity makes this a very pleasant wine. Accompanies most (all) meals well from lamb to fish.

- Fess Parker, Santa Barbara, CA* \$48
92 pts. Wine Advocate. On the nose you'll find lots of cherry, cola, and berry combined with toasty oak and a hint of tobacco. "Makes Daniel Boone proud!"
- King Estate Signature, Eugene, OR* \$48
Soft entry, full body with flavors of dark cherry, raspberry and oak spice.
- Morgan Twelve Clones, Santa Lucia Highlands, CA* \$52
"Inner-grape blend" (of twelve unique vines) to create this ripe, red cherry like wine with rose and herb tones on the finish.
- Parducci, Mendocino County, CA* \$24
Distinct aroma of strawberry and raspberry fruit with hints of mint and spice.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Premier red grape in the world. Dominant grape in famous Bordeaux region. Dark thick grape produces complex dark flavors such as cherry, plum and tobacco.

<i>Cakebread, Napa Valley, CA</i>	<i>\$120</i>
<i>Plum, currant, mushroom and sage forms this classic example of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. One reviewer perhaps said it best, "drink each glass as if it were the last".</i>	
<i>Clos Du Val, CA.</i>	<i>\$59</i>
<i>One of Napa Valley's best full-bodied and delightful Cabernet Sauvignon. Simply Powerful.</i>	
<i>Columbia Crest H3, WA</i>	<i>\$28</i>
<i>H3 (Horse Haven Hills) delivers aromas of cherry and rose petals with a perfect balance of earth and deep berry flavors ending with a bold and soft finish. 90pts- Wine Spectator</i>	
<i>Gabriele Rausse, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$37</i>
<i>Hints of chocolate and fresh roasted coffee bean.</i>	
<i>Grgich Hills, Napa Valley, CA.</i>	<i>\$90</i>
<i>Fragrance of ripe black fruit, cassis and cedar. Fullness of texture prepares you for the opulent wine. Aged two years in French & American oak.</i>	
<i>Jordan, Alexander Valley, CA</i>	<i>\$90</i>
<i>This spectacular wine is processed and held a total of 33 months before being released to the market. The result is intense, rich and deep flavors for any Cabernet Sauvignon lover.</i>	
<i>Laurent Miquel, Cessenon sur Orb, France</i>	<i>\$27</i>
<i>60% Cabernet/40% syrah combines to offer a vibrant berry nose with tastes of spice. Soft finish.</i>	
<i>Merryvale Starmont, Napa Valley, CA</i>	<i>\$49</i>
<i>Complex and supple, aromas of concentrated blackberry and cassis echo on the palate showing the fruit's fine Napa Valley breeding and structure.</i>	
<i>Miner, Napa Valley, CA.</i>	<i>\$80</i>
<i>Subtle spice and earth nuances. This was the second of the long awaited blend. (The first was 1999).</i>	
<i>Post House Cabernet Sauvignon STELL'ENBOSCH, South Africa</i>	<i>\$46</i>
<i>Full bodied red wine with a dark brick red rim and a nose of raspberry, chocolate and ginger. The spicy and oaky palate with rounded ripe fruit and tannins gives length to the finish.</i>	
<i>Prince Michel Reserve, VIRGINIA.</i>	<i>\$23</i>
<i>Aged in American and French oak, Berry notes with hints of vanilla bean at the finish.</i>	
<i>Segway, Red Hills, CA</i>	<i>\$32</i>
<i>Wonderful rich deep colored cabernet. Plum, licorice and vanilla flavors. Wine Buyer- 91 pts.</i>	

Syrah/ Shiraz/Sirah

Grape produces rich wines with intense flavors. Pepper and spice almost always are the leading flavors. Typically known as Syrah in France, Shiraz in Australia and sometimes Sirah in California.

<i>Avontuur Shiraz, South Africa</i>	\$45
<i>Complex with flavors of tobacco, vanilla and black cherries. Good structure and velvety finish.</i>	
<i>Beckman Syrah, Santa Ynez Valley, CA.</i>	\$55
<i>Ruby/purple-tinged boasts a rich, sumptuous perfume of black fruits and raspberries, a structured, well-developed, medium to full-bodied palate. The texture gives this wine immediate appeal.</i>	
<i>Girard, CA</i>	\$49
<i>Massively intense, ruby red color. Coffee, black cherry and lilac. Silky smooth finish. This wine has just recently been introduced to Alan and can "often" be found in his glass!</i>	

ZINFANDEL

A grape that became popular with home winemakers. Good fruit structure and spicy overtones. Not to be confused with "White Zinfandel", made from the same grape, but in a different process.

<i>Alexander Valley, "Sin Zin", CA.</i>	\$37
<i>Soft, supple pepper and licorice-clove notes merge into a sinful marriage of deep, blackberries and lustful cherries. Hints of rich vanilla, cocoa and mild tannins.</i>	
<i>Four Vines, Paso Robles, CA- Sophiciate</i>	\$42
<i>Big, rich and elegant. Oak aged for 14 months. Winemaker asks "Savor with passion".</i>	
<i>Frog's Leap, CA.</i>	\$44
<i>Big, bold black fruit, spice and lusciousness a Zinfandel lover yearns for...</i>	
<i>Paso Creek, Paso Robles, CA</i>	\$32
<i>Deep in berry flavor. A nice, big and bold Zin...especially for the money!</i>	
<i>Ravenswood Dickerson (Commemorative Wine), Napa Valley, CA</i>	\$69
<i>Dedicated to the Dickersons that lost their lives in the Tsunami. Elegant berry and mint finish.</i>	

CABERNET FRANC

Often considered "Virginia's Red". Historically used mostly in blends to add acidity and aroma. Recently winemakers have learned how to tone down, yet product a distinctive flavorful wine.

<i>Barboursville Reserve, VIRGINIA</i>	\$32
<i>Intense, with luscious flavors of ripe red berries and carmel notes of fig, cherry and plum.</i>	
<i>Breaux Lafayette, VIRGINIA</i>	\$27
<i>Plum and dark cherry flavors build to a peppery finish. Named "Lafayette"...so it's a must have!</i>	
<i>Horton, VIRGINIA</i>	\$24
<i>3 Gold Medals- Florida State Fair. Bordeaux Style finish!</i>	
<i>King Vineyards, Crozet, VIRGINIA</i>	\$33
<i>Beautiful dark garnet color with a nose of currant and spice. Smooth and long lasting.</i>	

RED VARIETALS, BLENDS and Meritage

Blends often make the finest wines. Taking the best flavor and characteristic from many grapes to "blend" for the best combination. Meritage is a trademarked name made up to define this blended process initially in America. Rich, full body wines with distinctive flavors and strong smooth finishes.

<i>Alexander Valley, Cyrus, Alexander Valley, CA.</i>	<i>\$76</i>
<i>Rich concentrated fruit, spicy oak and velvety finish. 33 month process makes this wine delightful</i>	
<i>Barboursville, Octagon, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$60</i>
<i>Dark in color with a superb aroma of plum, cassis and tobacco, its complex flavors are well integrated with a silky finish. Only release during exceptional vintage years.</i>	
<i>Estancia Meritage, Central Coast, CA</i>	<i>\$53</i>
<i>Rich and bold with intense flavors of chocolate dipped black fruit, accompanied by notes of sweet oak. Firm and structured ripe tannins lead to a lengthy, fruit driven finish.</i>	
<i>Franciscan Oakville Estate, Magnificat, Napa Valley, CA</i>	<i>\$90</i>
<i>Mixed dark cherry with hints of chocolate, toast and tobacco. 70% Cab, 29% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot</i>	
<i>Joseph Phelps Insignia, Napa Valley, CA</i>	<i>\$375</i>
<i>Allocation only wine. #1 Wine Spectator pick 2002 (96 pts.). Top choice tier selection every year since. Tight and complex, with a deep, potent core of ripe currant, herb and sage. Light toasty oak,</i>	
<i>King Vineyards Meritage, Crozet, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$39</i>
<i>Blended to perfection. Gold Medal Monticello Cup 2008. French oak aged for 18 months.</i>	
<i>Kluge, New World Red, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Bordeaux-style blend is made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Soft with notes characterized by toasted oak, currant and black cherry. Finish delivers a flourish of mocha and coffee.</i>	
<i>L'Aventure Optimus, Paso Robles, CA</i>	<i>\$68</i>
<i>Tart, earthy and deep. Must pair with big food or appreciated alone as robust. Robert Parker- 93</i>	
<i>Morgenhof Fantail Pinotage, South Africa</i>	<i>\$37</i>
<i>This is a rich purple colored wine. The nose shows lovely black cherry flavors and plums. The palate is beautifully soft, with touch of spice and has a lingering finish.</i>	
<i>Opus One '01, Napa Valley, CA.</i>	<i>\$189</i>
<i>One of California's best known, limited production blends. A must for every collector of fine wine.</i>	
<i>Prince Michel, Symbius, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$49</i>
<i>Besides a wonderful blend, the 2001 <u>vintage is sold out</u>. Taste, and see why it's going fast.</i>	
<i>Stone Mountain Petit Verdot, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$37</i>
<i>French barrel nine months. Aromas of tobacco with raspberry, mild pepper, and cherry.</i>	
<i>Sweely Estate (formerly Acorn Hill) "1867", VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$48</i>
<i>Bordeaux style blend. Hints of dark berries and a slightly caramelized candy and spice aroma.</i>	

ROSE'

Wine that is neither purely red wine nor purely white wine. It is made from red-skinned grapes with the skins removed from contact with the pressed juice after a short period, rather than left in contact throughout fermentation as with red wine making. American style is typically sweet. Italian style is typically dry. It is believed the wine was created as a compromise for a couple, one wanting white and the other red. The result, Rose'.

- Barboursville Rose, VIRGINIA* \$22
Extravagant, pretty stone fruit nose and palate with hints of pineapple, mango, and guava. Succulent, Yet pleasing astringent profile. Dry rose.
- Stone Mountain Vineyard, Maquillage, VIRGINIA* \$18
A blended wine sure in one sip to turn you pink from the inside out. A flower garden in a glass, peach and white chocolate notes, yet not too sweet.

DESSERT WINES

As the name indicates, these are typically sweet wines produced in various styles. They can stand alone as a "sipping" wine or accompanying dessert.

- Barboursville Malvaxia Reserve Passito, VIRGINIA* \$39
Hand-selected grapes air-dried for 4 months before gentle pressing. A slow and cool fermentation over 6 months, followed by 18 months of barrel aging, produces an intensely luscious concentration of flavors and aromas, in a still elegantly balanced and alluringly fresh, long-finishing wine. To many Gold Metals to list.
- Cooper Vineyards, Louisa, VIRGINIA* \$24
Norton Ice Wine with essence of chocolate. A fabulous night cap! Tasters Guild "Gold Metal".
- Inniskillin, Ice Wine, Canada* \$129
Icewines (properly spelled together) are harvested entirely by hand once the grapes have frozen on the vine. This vineyard first won the Grand Prix in Bordeaux for their 1989 Icewine. This is a rare find. Rarely will you find a red icewine. This Cabernet Franc is a delightful treat.
- Kluge Estate Cru, VIRGINIA* \$40
Chardonnay fortified with Virginia distilled brandy, then aged for 6 months in Jack Daniels barrels to develop a unique spicy wine. Refreshing full-bodied aperitif is wonderful on the rocks with a slice of any fruit.
- Rockbridge, Vd'Or, VIRGINIA* \$27
Styled as an "ice wine", this late-harvest Vidal Blanc has intense orange/honey fruit. It is rich, sweet and well balanced. Governor's Cup Winner!

PORT

Sweet fortified wine from Portugal. Typically richer and heavier than other wine. Popular as an aperitif, pairs well with cheese and olives or use as you would a dessert wine.

<i>Broadbent '97, Portugal</i>	<i>\$84</i>
<i>Very floral, with currants and blackberries on the nose. Full-bodied, lightly sweet, with super firm and racy tannins. Very good length. 90 Points Wine Spectator</i>	
<i>Ferreira 99, Portugal</i>	<i>\$39</i>
<i>Late vintage port from the winemakers established in 1751. This wine comes from the family that is legendary in the history of Port Wine. Taste this, experience a beginning.</i>	
<i>Fonseca Premium Reserve bin 27, Portugal</i>	<i>\$38</i>
<i>Made by the same family over 100 years for personal consumption. Commercially released for the public since 1972...to industry rave reviews.</i>	
<i>Warres Otima 10 year old Tawny, Portugal</i>	<i>\$27</i>
<i>Suitable for those with a preference for a lighter style of port. Its delicate palate challenges the traditional perception of port as a dark, full-bodied after dinner drink.</i>	

SPARKLING WINE

While most associate with Champagne (specific region), Sparkling refers to wines that have strong levels of Carbon Dioxide (to make it "fizzy"). This is created from natural fermentation either in the bottle or in a tank designed to withstand the pressure. A perfect beginning or end to any meal.

<i>Barboursville Brut, Barboursville, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$28</i>
<i>The "house pour" at the Inn at Little Washington. Refreshing lite finish, made in the classic Italian style consistent with winemaker Luca Paschina.</i>	
<i>Cremant du Jura, Domaine Rolet "Coeur de Chardonnay" - France, <u>BEST BUY</u></i>	<i>\$43</i>
<i>This sparkling Chardonnay has abundant bubbles, with a richly textured palate. There are notes of green apple and bright mineral flavors. Not technically Champagne, but with such flavor, who cares?!</i>	
<i>Dom Perignon '85, Moet et Chandon a Epernay, Cuvee, Champagne, France</i>	<i>\$175</i>
<i>Robert Parker scored 95 for what is considered to be one of Dom Perignon's best vintage years.</i>	
<i>J. Roget, NY</i>	<i>\$22</i>
<i>Extra dry. A surprisingly nice, refreshing sparkling that's easy on the budget.</i>	
<i>Kluge, Methode Champenoise, VIRGINIA (Split)</i>	<i>\$27</i>
<i>Made from the estates best Chardonnay. Vibrant aromas with notes of ripe apple and hints of hazelnut and roasted almond. Clean and zesty finish. Patricia Kluge's philosophy is sparkling is not just for celebrations, but for life's special moments as well!</i>	
<i>Le Mousseux Sparkling Virginia Cider, Woodstock, VIRGINIA</i>	<i>\$21</i>
<i>A sophisticated <u>NON-Alcoholic</u> dry apple aroma with a spicy flavor and a crisp finish.</i>	
<i>Veuve Clicquot Brut, Champagne, France</i>	<i>\$79</i>
<i>Wine Spectators award of excellence.</i>	