

Champagne/ Sparkling Wine

Champagne is one of the most food-friendly wines, and it should come as no surprise that it is a staple at Max's Oyster Bar. Champagne is a great way to start a meal or refresh your palate, and it is an ideal accompaniment for just about any dish. We are proud to offer Champagnes in many styles, from light and crisp with lots of minerality, to rich and full-bodied. We offer vintage and non-vintage, as well as those from Negociant or estate-bottled 'grower' producers.

- Domaine Ste. Michelle Blanc de Blancs, NV, Washington** 28.
Elegant and balanced, with apple and pineapple flavors and a satisfying mouth feel
- Moët & Chandon, White Star, Champagne** Half Bottle 42.
Aroma of flowers, hazelnuts, and biscuits; soft with a fruity finish evoking peach.
- Domaine Carneros, Brut by Tattinger, Napa Valley, 2005** 56.
Aromas of Gala apple, toasted almond and vanilla with focused, creamy Asian pear and spice flavors finishing with a vibrant crispness.
- Perrier-Jouët, Grand Brut, Champagne** 72.
Floral and fresh fruit aromas with balanced flavors of fresh butter, brioche and shortbread.
- Billecart-Salmon, Brut Rosé, Champagne** Half Bottle 74.
Pale pink yet elegant, with delicate flavors of red currant, raspberry and fresh pears
- Veuve Clicquot, Brut, Yellow Label, NV, Champagne** 79.
Full-bodied, rich and toasty with green apple and pear flavors.
- Pierre Gimonnet, Brut, 1^{er} Cru "Gastronome", 2004, Champagne** 97.
Named "Gastronome" because it pairs ideally with food, this Blanc de Blancs (100% Chardonnay) Champagne is from the amazing Didier Gimonnet. It is bright, lush and soft on the palate, focused aromas of pear, quince, tangerine and honey, with vibrant citrus notes and lingering minerality. The Blanc de Blancs for people who don't like Blanc de Blancs.
- Tattinger, Prestige Rosé, NV, Champagne** 150.
Very fine bubbles with delicate dry raspberry and strawberry fruit flavors, light toast and a creamy finish.
- Moët & Chandon, Cuvee Dom Perignon, 1999, Champagne** 299.
Honeyed aromas with dried fruit and brioche. Round and rich with a long, refined and lively finish.

Interesting White

Muscadet, Château de la Ragotière, 2007, Loire 32.
Excellent with oysters! Dry, crisp with hints of minerals and green apple

Pinot Blanc, Julien Schaal, 2007, Alsace 34.
Crisp and minerally, this wine still has some flesh on its bones. Lightly scented with white peach, it has a surprisingly lush texture for a Pinot Blanc.

Cote Du Rhone, E. Guigal, 2007, France 35.
Fresh and crisp with white peach fruit flavors and aromas of white flowers

Gewurztraminer, Trimbach, 2006, France 40.
Richly fragrant and full bodied.

Gruner Veltliner, Salomon, "Hochterrassen", 2008, Austria 40.
Another perfect Oyster wine. Clean, fresh and tangy. Aromatic like Riesling and mineral like Sauvignon Blanc.

Conundrum, 2007, California 52.
A big, rich blend with intense tropical fruit flavors, light oak and an off-dry finish

Viognier, Calera, 2006/07, California 57.
Rich, luscious texture and its exotic flavor of summer fruits accented with distinct floral notes. This wine is an interesting combination of bright freshness, broad structure and complex minerality.

Riesling

Donnhoff, 2007, Germany 35.
The nose carried a hint of seashells. Minor slate notes and some cheesy notes as well. The medium bodied palate revealed that this wine has opened-up light cream and white peach flavors. A nectarine finish.

S.A. Prum, "Essence" 2008, Germany 36.
Aromatic, with scents of apricot and peach. Fresh fruit flavors perfectly balanced by a racy acidity and mineral character.

Montinore Estate, 2007, Willamette Valley 38.
Flavors of fresh grapefruit with lemon, lime and some floral notes. Crisp, almost dry mineral finish

Schloss Gobelsburg "Gobelsburger", 2007/08, Austria 39.
Attractive fragrance, minerality and fruit provide a well balanced a well-balanced wine.

Jacob's Creek Steingarten Riesling, 2005, Barossa 60.
Rich lime and citrus flavours supported by a tight minerally acid structure, which are highlighted on the palate to reveal great finesse and length.

Trimbach, Cuvee Frederic Emile, 2002/2003, Alsace 95.

Full-bodied with exotic fruit flavors and dry finish.

Chardonnay

- Estancia, 2008, Monterey** 32.
Tropical fruit flavors and a touch of spice.
- Toad Hollow, 2007/08, California** 35.
Flavors of pear, mango and ginger with toasty, creamy-vanilla and citrus finish.
- Raymond Reserve, 2007, Napa Valley** 40.
This wine is beautifully balanced with crisp acidity and an elegant lingering finish. Flavors of orange
- Pouilly Fuisse, Joseph Drouhin, 2007, Burgundy** 52.
Full-bodied, lush ripe fruit and a creamy, long finish.
- Ferrari Carano, Tre Terre, 2006, Russian River Valley** 56.
Flavors of citrus, white peaches and vanilla with a combination of new and older French oak, adding depth and elegance.
- Simi, 2006, Russian River Valley** 59.
Complex flavors of fig, tropical fruit, melon and spice.
- La Chablisienne, 2005, Chablis** 64.
*The perfect oyster wine! Crisp, clean, with mineral highlights
zest, caramel, golden delicious apples, jasmine and lemon.*
- Mer Soleil, 2006, Central Coast** 69.
*Tropical fruit and honeysuckle aromas with flavors of crème brûlée and a hint of butter are accompanied
by notes of fine oak and the lively acidity of citrus zest.*
- Ramey, 2007, Russian River Valley** 79.
Broad and full with spicy aromas of apple, pear and lemon with honey and vanilla oak.

Chardonnay(cont.)

- Shafer, Red Shoulder Ranch, 2006/07, Carneros** 84.
Abundant, full-bodied fruit bowl of honeysuckle, peach, apricot and flavors of the tropics with a long exotic finish.
- Flowers, Andreen-Gale Cuvee 2006, Sonoma Coast** 99.
Aromas of lemon zest, vanilla custard, and toasted almonds. On the palate, flavors from citrus, to green apple and pear, to sur lies yeastiness, to a lingering and subtle minerality. The texture is round and viscous with a bracing acidity.
- Kistler, 2007, Sonoma Valley** 107.
Rich, powerful and full-bodied with apple and pear fruit and mineral tones on the finish.
- Talbott, Diamond T Estate, 2003, Monterey** 110.
Rich, balanced and crisp with pear fruit and subtle oak, French styled.
- Puligny-Montrachet, Louis Latour Les Truffieres, 2005, Burgundy** 123.
Packed with ripe exotic fruits and a buttery fatness, the acidity balances the wine and keeps it steely.
- Chassagne-Montrachet, Les Champs Gains Premier Cru, 2006, Burgundy** 130.
From winemaker Pierre Yves Colin, this is pure, supple white Burgundy from the outstanding 2005 vintage.

Pinot Grigio

- Canaletto, 2008, Venetie** 32.
Light, crisp and dry with powerful suggestions of pineapple and grapefruit.
- Montinore Estate Pinot Gris, 2007, Willamette Valley** 36.
Rich flavors of ripe pear, yellow apple, and quince with accents of hazelnut, lanolin, fresh herbs and mint.
- Ca'Montini, 2007/08, Trentino** 40.
Citrus fruit flavors with a clean, dry finish
- Köfererhof, 2007/08, Trentino-Alto Adige** 47.
Matured in large Acacia wood barrels, imparting Acacia floral aromas to the wine coupled with fresh citrus and mineral notes. If you've never experienced an exceptional Pinot Grigio, this is the one to try!
- Santa Margherita, 2007, Alto Adige** Half Bottle 28. 56.
Dry and refreshing with hints of almonds and delicate citrus fruit

Sauvignon Blanc

- Mud House, 2008, New Zealand** 30.
Clean and crisp with vibrant fresh gooseberry and grassy characters and nuances of tropical fruit lingering.
- Mahua, 2009, New Zealand** 36.
Crisp, elegant and refreshing with lots of lively, penetrating fruit characters
- Pouilly Fumé, Michel Bailly "Les Loges", 2007, Loire** 41.
Perfumed, refreshingly bright and crisp, with the depth of flavor and body to support a wide variety of dishes.
- Sancerre, Cuvee "Les Caillottes", 2007, Loire** 44.
Crisp, with a powerful bouquet, slightly more grassy than fruity, a concentrated fruit flavor and a long, complex aftertaste
- Ferrari Carano Fumé Blanc, 2008, Sonoma County** 44.
Zesty fruit flavors with aromas of grapefruit, stainless steel and French oak aged.

Craggy Range Te Muna Road, 2007, New Zealand <i>Complex with aromas of lime, honeysuckle and hints of flint.</i>	51.
Sancerre, Comte LaFond de Ladoucette, 2006/07, Loire <i>Intense white flower aromas with crisp grapefruit flavors.</i>	60.
Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, 2008, New Zealand <i>An elegant, aromatic wine with appealing fruit and crisp acidity.</i>	65.
Quintessa, Illumination, 2008, Napa Valley <i>Rich and full bodied, with a weight and complexity not usually found in a Sauvignon blanc.</i>	78.

Interesting Red Varietals

Malbec, High Note, 2008, Mendoza <i>Great intensity of fruit, a powerful wine with aromas of raspberry, red currant and plum.</i>	36.
Barbera, Montevino, 2005, Amador <i>Notes of cherry and blackberry caress your tongue. The finish of white chocolate and coffee bean is soft, long, and reassuring.</i>	36.
Primus, Veramonte, 2006, Chile <i>Rich, intense and distinctive with exotic flavors.</i>	42.
Sangiovese, Torre Di Ceparano, Zerbina, 2004, Emilia Romagna <i>Fantastic structure with sturdy tannins.</i>	45.
Chianti Classico Riserva, Monsanto, 2005, Tuscany <i>Sturdy tannins with dark cherry fruit flavors and spice.</i>	48.
Pinotage, Spier 2005/06, South Africa <i>Sweet cherry aromas complemented by hints of leather and gentle spice, especially clove.</i>	49.
Gigondas, Perrin, La Gille, 2006, Rhone <i>Dark plum with aromas of ripe red fruits and has rich, lush fruit flavors on the palate.</i>	50.
Barolo, Zonchera, Ceretto, 2004, Piedmont <i>Dry full-bodied red wine, with rich flavors and heavy bouquet that is softer, rounder and more supple than traditional Barolos.</i>	81.
Barbaresco, Giuseppe Cortese, Rabaja, 2003, Piedmont <i>Big, full-bodied, and earthy with plum and cherry fruit showing.</i>	89.
Brunello di Montalcino, Fanti, 2000, Tuscany <i>Big and powerful with deep black cherry fruit.</i>	125.

Syrah/Shiraz

- Shiraz, Rutherglen, 2006, Australia** 36.
Medium-bodied with jammy flavors of cassis, licorice, raspberry and blackberry.
- Syrah, Rock Block by Domaine Serene, "Del Rio", 2004, Oregon** 75.
Vibrant black cherry, dark plum, flint and cassis. Rich and intense with powerful structure and wonderful length.
- Syrah, Shafer, Relentless, 2004, Napa Valley** 120.
Big and juicy, it is a big wine from an excellent vintage. Layers of huge purple fruit, coconut, oak, blackberry jam, and black pepper while the Petite Sirah brings in deep blueberry and bramble fruit.
- Shiraz, Penfolds, RWT, 2004, Barossa Valley** 155.
Generously flavored, ripe and well-rounded with exceptional balance and complexity.

Merlot

- Ramsay, 2007, Napa Valley** 36.
Lots of dark fruit and a wonderful countercurrent full of the bright nuances of plum, herb, sage, dill, and cassis. Well-balanced in the mouth with pleasant tannins and good acidity.
- Clos du Bois, 2005/06, Sonoma** 38.
Fruit forward with tasty blackberry fruit and subtle vanilla oak.
- Grove Street, 2006, Sonoma** 44.
Deep purple, nose of chocolate, vanilla and cherry and cassis.
- Frog's Leap, 2006, Napa Valley** 65.
Plum and black berry flavors enhanced by flavors of bittersweet chocolate.
- Duckhorn, 2006, Napa Valley** 69.
This wine is full-bodied and ripe with blackberry and black cherry followed by spicy notes of clove, mint, and black pepper, with well-integrated tannins that lead to a lingering finish.
- Shafer, 2005, Napa Valley** 95.
A merlot of solid intensity offering an intense juicy palate of black cherries, herbs, white and black spice, vanilla, and earthiness.
- Twomey, 2001, Napa Valley** 160.
It has a dark ruby color and an explosive nose of black cherry, rose petals, dark chocolate and allspice. A rich attack is followed by a silky mouthful of black cherry fruit and an extremely long, fruity finish.
- Duckhorn, Three Palms, 2003, Napa Valley** 165.
A concentrated wine, smooth and round in structure, with a lingering finish. Ripe fruit flavors of raspberry, strawberry, and cherry are complemented by toasty oak and vanilla.

Great Blends

- Chateau Greysac, 2004, Bordeaux** 45.
Elegant, smooth, and medium-bodied with currant fruit and hints of minerals.
- MAX Family Cuvée, 2006, Napa Valley** 48.
A perfect accompaniment to any delicious MAX meal, this wine is made up of the five Bordeaux varietals plus syrah, to create a rich tasting wine with sumptuous tannins, and a long warm finish.
- Meritage, Estancia, 2005, Paso Robles** 66.
Luscious layers of black-cherry fruit, sweet vanilla- oak and spice with aromas of red currants, bright cherry and vanilla. Long, complex finish.
- Promis, Gaja Ca'Marcanda, 2006, Tuscany** 85.
Bright and fruity with a jammy nose, this wine combines the elegance and suppleness of Merlot and Syrah with the austerity of Sangiovese.
- Magnificat, Franciscan Oakville Estate, 2005, Napa Valley** 90.
Full, round and well balanced with flavors of ripe fruit, vanilla, and spice
- Tapestry, Beaulieu Vineyard Reserve, 2005, Napa Valley** 90.
Fruit forward with cherry and black currant fruit, vanilla-oak and hints of black pepper.
- Tresor, Ferrari-Carano Reserve, 2004, Sonoma County** 93.
Long complex flavors of cassis and black currants with subtle hints of oak and tobacco.
- Isocoles, Justin, 2006, Paso Robles** 110.

Aromas of blackberry, black plum, leather, mocha, and cassis combine with light layers of caramel vanilla and a touch of smoke resulting from the extended oak ageing.

- Clos Apalta, Casa Lapostolle, 2006, Cholchagua Valley, Chile** 125.
A deep ruby Carménère, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon blend with notes of red and black fruit aged in 100% new French oak.
- Quintessa, Rutherford, 2005, Napa Valley** 235.
Complex with layers of spicy currant, earth, cedar, toast and anise.
- Opus One, Mondavi-Rothschild, 2004, Napa Valley** 280.
Intense aromas of blackberries, vanilla, espresso and caramel with a long finish and sturdy tannins.
- Insignia, Joseph Phelps 30th Anniversary, 2003/2004, Napa Valley** 315.
A blend of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot and 3% Malbec

Pinot Noir

- Hob Nob, 2008, France** 36.
Medium-bodied with soft tannins, creating a smooth, rich texture with flavors of cherry, earth and spice.
- Estancia, Pinnacles Ranches, 2008, Monterey** 45.
Medium bodied with rich berry flavors, hints of leather, and a long finish.
- Rodney Strong, 2008, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County** 48.
Supple in texture, with rose petal and red fruit aromas, this lively, medium-bodied wine is aged in predominantly French oak, adding a subtle toasty vanilla character.
- Napa Cellars, 2007, Napa Valley** 49.
Delicate, yet fruit forward, this seductive Pinot Noir exudes characteristics of strawberry, cherry and sweet spice with a finish that is complex and persistent.
- Dureuil-Janthial, Rully “En Rosey”, 2006/07, Burgundy** 55.
Cherry, worn leather and exotic spices highlight this Rully Pinot Noir with tons of soft fruit
- Panther Creek, “Winemakers Cuvee”, 2007, Willamette Valley** 56.
Well structured with plenty of fruit, strong finish with great character.
- Saintsbury, 2006/07, Carneros** 64.
Medium bodied with plum and cherry fruit flavors and a hint of spice.

Chorey-Cote de Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut, 2005, Burgundy	66.
<i>Ripe raspberry fruits, rustic tannins, and a light, yet firm mouth feel</i>	
David Bruce, 2006, Sonoma Coast	70.
<i>Delicious dark red fruit flavors with a hint of vanilla on a long velvety finish.</i>	
Gary Farrell, 2006, Russian River	72.
<i>A boldly flavored wine with tastes of spice and blueberries. This Pinot has depth, concentration, and a long finish.</i>	
Etude, 2006, Carneros	79.
<i>Very deep and intense with long flavors of black cherry, vanilla and licorice.</i>	
Domaine Serene, Evenstad Reserve, 2006, Willamette Valley	95.
<i>The palate displays ripe cherry, dried flowers, candied strawberry, cassis, mint, toasty oak, ripe tannins with ample acidity and nice length.</i>	
Flowers, Sonoma Coast, 2007, Sonoma Valley	113.
<i>Aromas of crushed fresh strawberries with Bing cherry, spice and toasty, smoky oak.</i>	
Domaine Serene, Grace Vineyard, 2004, Willamette Valley	150.
<i>Dark ruby-colored. It offers a lovely bouquet of cassis, and raspberry followed by a supple texture and good depth in a fruit-forward style, a medium- to full-bodied wine.</i>	

Zinfandel

Joel Gott, 2008, CA	40.
<i>Packed with flavors of licorice, plums, Bing cherries and blackberries with a deep, long finish.</i>	
Dashe, 2006, Dry Creek Valley	48.
<i>Very complex raspberry and cherry fruit, chocolate, clove spice very full-bodied with round chalky tannins.</i>	
Downing Family, Fly by Night, 2005/06, Oakville	50.
<i>Full-bodied wine that finishes with notes of vanilla and cracked pepper.</i>	
Ravenswood, Dickerson Vineyard, 2006, Napa Valley	65.
<i>Cedar, eucalyptus, and raspberry aromas with pungent dark fruit flavors.</i>	
Ridge, Geyserville, 2006, California	68.
<i>Potent ripe boysenberry and blackberry fruit with firm tannins and notes of leaf and briar.</i>	
Chase Family, Hayne Vineyard, 2004, Napa Valley	79.

A lush wine packed with a stunning nose and bright fresh black cherry, blackberry and plum.

Cabernet Sauvignon

- Avalon, 2007, California** 32.
Rich, slightly smoky aromas of cherries, boysenberries and chocolate. Subtle notes of vanilla and spice.
- Arboleda, 2007, Chile** 40.
Ripe blackberry fruit with excellent tannin structure, which is softened by the balanced oak.
- Joel Gott, 2007, California** 45.
A balanced, structured wine with supple tannins, bright acidity and flavors of spicy red fruit and rich black fruit that are intensified by aromas of currants, cedar and black tea.
- Conn Creek, Limited Release, 2005, Napa Valley** 50.
Luscious and full bodied with flavors of ripe plum, blackberry, oak and mocha.
- Robert Mondavi, 2006, Napa Valley** 52.

Velvety classic layers of cassis and black berry with nuances of spice, mocha and violet.

Beringer, Knights Valley, 2006/07, Napa Valley 56.
Aromas of oak and cherry, violets and currant with dried plum fruit flavors.

Franciscan, Oakville Estate, 2005/06, Napa Valley 58.
Ripe black cherry, plum and currant flavor with hints of cedar, spice and long, supple finish.

Raymond Reserve, 2005/06, Napa Valley 60.
An elegant wine that is well structured, complex and beautifully balanced. The lingering finish is refined and satisfying. Ripe dark cherries, boysenberry, bits of spice and a touch of smoke.

Mount Veeder, 2006, Napa Valley 72.
Big black cherry, violets and currant bouquet with ripe black cherry, chocolate, black olive and vanilla flavors.

Hess Collection, 2005, Napa Valley 85.
Stylish and balanced with black currant fruit, subtle oak and medium-body.

Faust, 2005/06, Napa Valley (From the makers of Quintessa) 90.
The epitome of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, a burst of intense fruit in the nose bold and powerful, yet elegant and concentrated.

Hendry Vineyards, 2004/05, Napa Valley 97.
Layered aromas of black licorice, cigar box, violets, caramel and dark cassis. Firm tannins, aged 22 months in 90% new French oak barrels. Only 960 cases produced.

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Artemis, 2006, Napa Valley 97.
Silky tannins and lush black currant flavors with aromas of violets, rosemary and raspberries.

Caymus Vineyards, 2006, Napa Valley 120.
A lush, layered wine with rich, concentrated berry and cocoa flavors.

Simi, Reserve, 2004, Alexander Valley 125.
Aromas and flavors of ripe blueberry, blackberry, vanilla, black tea and cherry with a supple long finish.

Cabernet Sauvignon(cont.)

O' Shaughnessy, 2006, Howell Mountain 130.
Aromas of black cherry, black currant, tobacco. Mixed red berry flavors and sweet vanilla cream with an excellent balance.

Silver Oak, 2004/05, Alexander Valley 140.
Full bodied with bright aromas of black cherry, dark chocolate, black tea, allspice and ginger.

Etude, 2003/2004, Napa Valley 145.
Aromas of red currant, cherry and dark chocolate with juicy, crystallized dark berry fruit and ripe tannins.

B.V., Private Reserve, 2004, Napa Valley <i>Bold black currant fruit with dry, dusty tannins.</i>	160.
Silver Oak, 2002/03, Napa Valley <i>Luscious and full bodied with a long finish of ripe berry fruit, vanilla and a hint of dill.</i>	175.
Robert Mondavi, Reserve, 2003/05, Napa Valley <i>Rich and velvety with layers of dark fruit flavors.</i>	220.
Ridge, Monte Bello, 2004, California <i>Aromas of mint, wet stone, black cherry and a hint of vanilla with flavors of mushroom, sweet thick cassis licorice, dusty chocolate, jammy blackberry and chewy plum skin.</i>	225.
Rubicon Estate, Rubicon, 2004, Rutherford <i>Super ripe fruit, supple tannins and a prolonged finish of licorice, dark berries and vanilla..</i>	230.
Spottswoode, 2003/05, Napa Valley <i>Ripe, expressive, plummy fruit with hints of raspberry, ripe dark cherries, toasty oak notes, and a long finish.</i>	240.
Caymus Special Select, 2004, Napa Valley <i>Big and full-bodied, with tremendous intensity of currant, cassis and oak flavors.</i>	250.
Shafer, Hillside Select, 2003, Napa Valley <i>Rich and powerful yet shows soft tannins and luscious fruit. A pleasing blend of currants, vanilla and mineral in the mouth with an amazingly long finish.</i>	315.