

Wines by the Glass

Oyster Wines

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Sauvignon Blanc, St. Supery, 2011, Napa	9.
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Chablis, William Fevre "Champs Royaux", 2010, France	13.50

Sparkling

Domaine St. Michelle, Blanc de Blancs, Washington	7.
Gérard Bertrand, Cremant De Limoux, 2009, France	9.
Domaine Chandon, Brut Classic, California, 187ml	13.
Marguet, Reserve Grand Cru, Champagne, France	17.50

Whites

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Rose

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Reds

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Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Crest Two Vines, 2009/10, Columbia Valley	8.
Cabernet Sauvignon, Joel Gott, 2010, California	11.
Cabernet Sauvignon, Hall, Cellar Selection, 2009, Napa	19.
MAX FAMILY CUVÉE Private Reserve, 2009, Napa	12.50
Barbera, Terra d'Oro, 2009, Amador	9.
Malbec, High Note, 2010, Mendoza	9.

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.
<i>Elegant and balanced, with apple and pineapple flavors and a satisfying mouth feel</i>	
Valdo, Prosecco, Valdobbiadene, Italy	32.
<i>Well-balanced structure, joined with a fine perlage and a fruity taste pairs perfectly with seafood.</i>	
Moet & Chandon, White Star, Champagne	Half Bottle 42.
<i>Aroma of flowers, hazelnuts, and biscuits; soft with a fruity finish evoking peach.</i>	
Gloria Ferrer, Blanc de Noir, NV, Sonoma	38.
<i>Bright strawberry and black cherry aromas with subtle vanilla highlights. Creamy cherry, lemon and cola flavors combine with a lush palate and small lively bubbles.</i>	
Gérard Bertrand, Cremant De Limoux, Brut, France, 2008	42.
<i>Salmon rose color with very fine bubbles. Complex bouquet of red fruit aromas, strawberry, raspberry and toasted bread notes. Lively and rich with very good length.</i>	
Domaine Carneros, Brut by Tattinger, Napa Valley, 2007/08	56.
<i>Aromas of Gala apple, toasted almond and vanilla with focused, creamy Asian pear and spice flavors finishing with a vibrant crispness.</i>	
Paul Clouet, Brut, Champagne	75.
<i>Clean nose with a very ripe character, on the palate, buttery, brioche with medium length.</i>	
Marguet, Reserve Grand Cru, Champagne	79.
<i>Lovely Champagne, hints of apple and pear flavors, with toasted bread notes.</i>	
Veuve Clicquot, Brut, Yellow Label, NV, Champagne	89.
<i>Full-bodied, rich and toasty with green apple and pear flavors.</i>	
Roederer Estate, Brut, NV, California	45.
<i>Dense and full bodied, crème bulee overtones, rich and medium dry.</i>	
Roederer Estate, Premier, NV, California	65.
<i>Layered with pear, baked apples, cinnamon, clean and crisp.</i>	
Tattinger, Prestige Rosé, NV, Champagne	150.
<i>Very fine bubbles with delicate dry raspberry and strawberry fruit flavors, light toast and a creamy finish.</i>	
Moet & Chandon, Cuvee Dom Perignon, 2000, Champagne	299.
<i>Honeyed aromas with dried fruit and brioche. Round and rich with a long, refined and lively finish.</i>	

Interesting White

Muscadet, Dom Le Pepiere Sevre at Maine Sur Lie, 2010, Loire 33.
Excellent with oysters! Dry, great fresh flavors and a clean minerally finish.

White Burgundy, Le Lac Macon, 2011, France 32.
Light appearance, clear color, fresh zesty nose, white, crisp, and dry. Easy to drink and very palate balanced.

Cote Du Rhone, E. Guigal, 2010/11, France 35.
Fresh and crisp with white peach fruit flavors and aromas of white flower.

Domaine Richou Anjou Blanc, Chauvigne, 2011, France 39.
Crisp and fresh in style, this wine offers wonderful mineral freshness with flavors of green apple finishing with a nice acidity.

Gewurztraminer, Trimbach, 2009, France 40.
Richly fragrant and full bodied.

Caymus Conundrum, 2010/11, California 52.
A big, rich blend with intense tropical fruit flavors, light oak and an off-dry finish.

Riesling

Leitz Out, Rheingau, 2011, Germany 36.
Aromatic, with scents of apricot and peach. Fresh fruit flavors perfectly balanced by a racy acidity and mineral character.

Selbach, "Incline", MOSEL, 2011, Germany 36.
Brilliant straw hue. Light to medium bodied, this has a faint hint of pear and melon fruit with a lightly sweet finish.

Montinore Estate, 2009, Willamette Valley 38.
Flavors of fresh grapefruit with lemon, lime and some floral notes. Crisp, almost dry mineral finish.

Trimbach, Cuvee Frederic Emile, 2004/05, Alsace 105.
Full-bodied with exotic fruit flavors and dry finish.

Chardonnay

- Redtree, 2010, California** 32.
Underlying aromas of lime and kiwi. On the palate, the wine is balanced with fresh fruit flavors of peach, pear and apple.
- Toad Hollow, 2010, California** 35.
Flavors of pear, mango and ginger with toasty, creamy-vanilla and citrus finish.
- Raymond Reserve, 2011, Napa Valley** 40.
This wine has aromas of honeysuckle and orange blossom followed by pear, apple and lemon flavors.
- Pouilly Fuisse, Joseph Drouhin, 2009/10, Burgundy** 52.
Full-bodied, lush ripe fruit and a creamy, long finish.
- William Fevre “Champs Riyaux”, 2009, Chablis** 54.
The perfect oyster wine! A distinctly tropical lemon lime fragrance, ripe pear flavor and fishing with nice minerality.
- Ken Wright Cellars, 2009, Washington/Oregon** 56.
A superbly detailed Chardonnay, with round notes of ripe summer apricot and lemon. The fruit is complemented with a touch of sweet vanilla, finishing with a hint of minerality.
- Talbott Kali Hart, 2010, Monterey** 56.
100% estate grown. Fabulous everyday wine, refreshing, lively, medium bodied with beautiful fruit character.
- Simi, 2009, Russian River Valley** 59.
Complex flavors of fig, tropical fruit, melon and spice.
- Jordan, 2010, Russian River Valley** 69.
Delicate aromas of Fuji apple, citrus, nutmeg, honey, and lightly toasted oak. Lively and complex flavors of pear, key lime, and almond. Rich, bold flavors with a long, elegant finish.
- Ramey, 2008/09, Russian River Valley** 79.
Broad and full with spicy aromas of apple, pear and lemon with honey and vanilla oak.
- Chateau Montelena, 2009, Napa Valley** 84.
This wine has a classic Chardonnay hue of pale golden straw. The bouquet has delicate nuances of wet stone, lichee, white peach, orange blossoms, and a slight hint of toasted almonds. The plate is soft and fleshy loaded with bright citrus tones of sweet mandarin and Meyer lemon, white nectarine and rich tropical notes of guava, pineapple, and lichee all complemented by subtle sweet oak..
- Flowers, 2009, 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.
- Shafer, Red Shoulder Ranch, 2008/09, Carneros** 105.
Abundant, full-bodied fruit bowl of honeysuckle, peach, apricot and flavors of the tropics with a long exotic finish.
- Kistler, 2009/10, Sonoma Valley** 107.
Rich, powerful and full-bodied with apple and pear fruit and mineral tones on the finish.

Pinot Grigio

E Solo, 2010/11, Della Venezia, Italy 32.

This delicious Pinot Grigio is full of flavor with bright notes of honey, apple and wildflowers. It is fresh, clean and lively with a pleasing, lingering aftertaste of ripe pears.

Montinore Estate Pinot Gris, 2009, Willamette Valley 36.

Rich flavors of ripe pear, yellow apple, and quince with accents of hazelnut, lanolin, fresh herbs and mint.

Ca'Montini, 2010, Trentino 40.

Citrus fruit flavors with a clean, dry finish.

Santa Margherita, 2011, Alto Adige 56.

Dry and refreshing with hints of almonds and delicate citrus fruit

Sauvignon Blanc

Kunde, 2010, Sonoma 28.

This wine is refreshingly crisp and offers pure, vibrant grapefruit, melon and exotic guava components with a touch of fine herbs.

Mohua, 2010, New Zealand 36.

Crisp, elegant and refreshing with lots of lively, penetrating fruit characters.

St. Supery, 2010, Napa 36.

Zesty fruit flavors with aromas of grapefruit and guava.

Sancerre, "Les Bonnes Bouches", 2011, Loire 52.

Clean with citrus fruits, capsicum and yellow plum with a lightly steely edge, lively and vivacious.

Sancerre, Comte LaFond de Ladoucette, 2010, Loire 60.

Intense white flower aromas with crisp grapefruit flavors.

Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, 2011, New Zealand 65.

An elegant, aromatic wine with appealing fruit and crisp acidity.

Quintessa, Illumination, 2010, Napa Valley 78.

Complex citrus flower, herb and stone fruit aromas leap from the glass. The first sip unveils more stone fruit with a tangy pomelo flavors with hints of Meyer lemon and papaya balancing the wine's body and complexity. A vibrant, lingering finish persists with citrus and mineral notes.

Interesting Red Varietals

- Malbec, High Note, 2010, Mendoza** 36.
Great intensity of fruit, a powerful wine with aromas of raspberry, red currant and plum.
- Barbera, Terra d'Oro, 2009, Amador** 36.
Notes of cherry and blackberry caress your tongue. The finish of white chocolate and coffee bean is soft, long, and reassuring.
- Primus, Veramonte, 2009, Chile** 42.
Rich, intense and distinctive with exotic flavors.
- Chianti Classico Riserva, Monsanto, 2008, Tuscany** 48.
Sturdy tannins with dark cherry fruit flavors and spice.
- Joseph Drouhin, Cote de Beaune, 2008, France** 65.
Delicate fruity aromas of strawberry and red currant with nice roundness and an elegant aftertaste.
- DiamAndes, Gran Reserva-Mendoza, 2007, Argentina** 66.
70% Malbec – 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. A complex, alluring, intense and well balanced blend. It is a genuinely Argentine, modern wine, with a touch of European elegance. A wine that shines in the mouth!
- The Prisoner, 2010, Napa Valley** 74.
This blend of Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah has aromas of black currant, dark blackberry, cherry, and cassis rounded out by subtle hints of seasoned French and American oak. The entry of the wine is massive and leads into a lush middle framed by bright acid and supple tannins.
- Neyen, 2006, Espiritu de Apalta, Colchagua Valley** 78.
Exotic scents of black raspberry, cherry, fruitcake, peppery spices and violet. The long grippy finish is well integrated.
- Barolo, Zonchera, Ceretto, 2006, Piedmont** 81.
Dry full-bodied red wine, with rich flavors and heavy bouquet that is softer, rounder and more supple than traditional Barolos.
- Louis Jadot, Gevrey Chambertin, 2006/10, France** 85.
Aromas and flavors of ripe black cherry with nuances of sweet oak and spice ended in a full finish.
- Brunello di Montalcino, La Gerla, 2006, Tuscany** 90.
The 2006 Brunello presents an alluring, seductive bouquet of sweet herb, licorice, crushed flowers, mint and minerals.
- Barbaresco, Giuseppe Cortese, Rabaja, 2004, Piedmont** 94.
Big, full-bodied, and earthy with plum and cherry fruit showing.
- Chateauneuf-de Pape, Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe "La Crau", 2008** 150.
A very grippy style, with lots of sweet tapenade, tobacco, hot stone and braised chestnut notes weaving through a core of dark currant and fig fruit. There's twinge of lavender on the structured finish.

Syrah/Shiraz

Shiraz/Petite Sirah, Rutherglen, 2008, Australia 36.
Medium-bodied with jammy flavors of cassis, licorice, raspberry and blackberry.

Petite Sirah, Girard, 2009, Napa Valley 54.
This is an inky, dark, fruit-forward wine with aromas of ripe plum, marzipan, anise and allspice. On the palate it offers a wonderful balance of integrated, firm tannins and crisp acidity with a soft, spicy and lingering finish.

Syrah, Rock Block by Domaine Serene, Walla Walla Valley, 2007, Oregon 75.
Vibrant black cherry, dark plum, flint and cassis. Rich and intense with powerful structure and wonderful length.

Syrah, Shafer, Relentless, 2006, Napa Valley 130.
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, 2005/06, Barossa Valley 195.
Generously flavored, ripe and well-rounded with exceptional balance and complexity.

Zinfandel

Peterson, 2009, Dry Creek Valley 44.
The subtle aromas of deep seated fruit and earth belie the flavors to come. The creamy rich mouthfeel is loaded with spicy blackberry, candied strawberry, vanillin oak and a touch of earth.

Ravenswood, Dickerson Vineyard, 2008, Napa Valley 65.
Cedar, eucalyptus, and raspberry aromas with pungent dark fruit flavors.

Ridge, Geyserville, 2010, California 68.
Potent ripe boysenberry and blackberry fruit with firm tannins and notes of leaf and briar.

Merlot

- Clos du Bois, 2009, Sonoma** 38.
Fruit forward with tasty blackberry fruit and subtle vanilla oak.
- Grove Street, 2009, Sonoma** 44.
Deep purple, nose of chocolate, vanilla and cherry and cassis.
- Frog's Leap, 2009, Napa Valley** 65.
Plum and black berry flavors enhanced by flavors of bittersweet chocolate.
- Duckhorn, 2009, Napa Valley** 95.
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, 2009, 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, 2005, 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, 2008, Bordeaux 45.

Elegant, smooth, and medium-bodied with currant fruit and hints of minerals.

MAX Family Cuvée, 2009, 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, 2007, 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.

Artistry, Girard, 2009, Napa Valley 80.

This vintage is a rich garnet color and has aromas of black cherry, ripe plum and cassis. There are also nuances of leather, toasted hazelnut and winter spices. On the palate, this firmly textured wine offers a full mouthful with flavors of coffee, chocolate- covered cherries, berry tart and currants.

Magnificat, Franciscan Oakville Estate, 2007, Napa Valley 90.

Full, round and well balanced with flavors of ripe fruit, vanilla, and spice

Tapestry, Beaulieu Vineyard Reserve, 2007/08, Napa Valley 90.

Fruit forward with cherry and black currant fruit, vanilla-oak and hints of black pepper.

Tresor, Ferrari-Carano Reserve, 2007, Sonoma County 93.

Long complex flavors of cassis and black currants with subtle hints of oak and tobacco.

Promis, Gaja Ca'Marcanda, 2009, Tuscany 95.

Bright and fruity with a jammy nose, this wine combines the elegance and suppleness of Merlot and Syrah with the austerity of Sangiovese.

Isocoles, Justin, 2008, 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, 2008, 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, 2006, 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

- Buena Vista, Vinicultural Society, 2010, Sonoma** 36.
This fruity wine offers aromas of ripe cherry, wild raspberry and spices. The tannins are silky and the finish is elegant and well balanced.
- Estancia, Pinnacles Ranches, 2010, Monterey** 45.
Medium bodied with rich berry flavors, hints of leather, and a long finish.
- Napa Cellars, 2010, 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.
- Ritual, 2010, Casablanca Valley, Chile** 52.
Round, soft and elegant, with flavors of raspberry, cherry and plums. Soft tannins and fresh acidity..
- Ken Wright Cellars, 2010, Willamette Valley** 56.
A superbly detailed Pinot Noir, fresh, juicy, vibrant, balanced to perfection while delivering a tasty mix of red and black fruits.
- Calera, 2010, Central Coast, California** 59.
A classy art-of-the blend cuvee that's very ripe but still complex, relying on rich dark berry, plum, crushed rock and cedar. Easy drinking mouth feel, that lingers on leaving you wanting another taste.
- Saintsbury, 2007, Carneros** 64.
Medium bodied with plum and cherry fruit flavors and a hint of spice.
- Chorey-Cote de Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut, 2008, Burgundy** 66.
Ripe raspberry fruits, rustic tannins, and a light, yet firm mouth feel
- David Bruce, 2009, Sonoma Coast** 70.
Delicious dark red fruit flavors with a hint of vanilla on a long velvety finish.
- Gary Farrell, 2008, Russian River** 72.
A boldly flavored wine with tastes of spice and blueberries. This Pinot has depth, concentration, and a long finish.
- Etude, 2009, Carneros** 79.
Very deep and intense with long flavors of black cherry, vanilla and licorice.
- J. Christopher, 2008, Sandra Adele, Oregon** 90.
This wine presents bright, focused aromas of earth, raspberry and toast, following through with dark fruit and smoky black cherries on the palate, and ending in a sweet, lingering finish.
- Flowers, Sonoma Coast, 2009, Sonoma Valley** 113.
Aromas of crushed fresh strawberries with Bing cherry, spice and toasty, smoky oak.

Cabernet Sauvignon

- Columbia Crest “Two Vines”, 2010, Columbia Valley** 32.
Aromas and flavor of slight blueberry and cherry throughout the palate. The balance of fruit and soft oak provides a lingering finish.
- Joel Gott, 2010, Sonoma** 44.
*Rich and concentrated with layers of juicy plum, black currant and coffee nuances.
A gorgeous, medium bodied wine that finishes with polished tannins allowing the ripe fruit flavors to show through.*
- Robert Mondavi, 2008/09, Napa Valley** 52.
Velvety classic layers of cassis and black berry with nuances of spice, mocha and violet.
- Kunde, 2009, Sonoma** 54.
The aromas of raspberry and sage combine with a mouthful of chocolate richness to uniquely express this part of California.
- Beringer, Knights Valley, 2009, Napa Valley** 56.
Aromas of oak and cherry, violets and currant with dried plum fruit flavors.
- Franciscan, Oakville Estate, 2009, Napa Valley** 58.
Ripe black cherry, plum and currant flavor with hints of cedar, spice and long, supple finish.
- Raymond Reserve, 2009, 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, 2009, Napa Valley** 75.
Big black cherry, violets and currant bouquet with ripe black cherry, chocolate, black olive and vanilla flavors.
- Hess Collection, 2008, Napa Valley** 85.
Stylish and balanced with black currant fruit, subtle oak and medium-body.
- Jordan, 2007/08, Alexander Valley** 92.
Aromas and flavors of cassis, cherry, cedar and rose petal combine with flavors of blackberry, blueberry, currant and vanilla. Round tannins balance and support this medium-bodied wine’s ripe fruit.
- Stag’s Leap Wine Cellars, Artemis, 2009, Napa Valley** 97.
Silky tannins and lush black currant flavors with aromas of violets, rosemary and raspberries.
- Chimney Rock, 2008, Stags Leap** 105.
This wine has bright red fruit aromas in tandem with the extroverted fruit, some sassy spices such as clove and even a hint of cinnamon.
- Faust, 2008/09, Napa Valley** (From the makers of Quintessa) 122.
The epitome of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, a burst of intense fruit in the nose bold and powerful, yet elegant and concentrated.
- Caymus Vineyards, 2009/10, Napa Valley** 125.
A lush, layered wine with rich, concentrated berry and cocoa flavors.
- Simi, Reserve, 2005, Alexander Valley** 125.
Aromas and flavors of ripe blueberry, blackberry, vanilla, black tea and cherry with a supple long finish

Cabernet Sauvignon(cont.)

- Silver Oak, 2005/07, Alexander Valley** 140.
Full bodied with bright aromas of black cherry, dark chocolate, black tea, allspice and ginger.
- Etude, 2006, Napa Valley** 145.
Aromas of red currant, cherry and dark chocolate with juicy, crystallized dark berry fruit and ripe tannins.
- Black Coyote, 2007, Napa Valley** 165.
*Aromas of turned earth, black current and all spice, with flavors of bright cherry, cedar, spice, and toasted oak..
Finishing with kirsch, blackberry jam and long slightly dusty tannins at the very end.*
- B.V., Private Reserve, 2007, Napa Valley** 180.
Bold black currant fruit with dry, dusty tannins.
- Silver Oak, 2006, Napa Valley** 180.
Luscious and full bodied with a long finish of ripe berry fruit, vanilla and a hint of dill.
- Robert Mondavi, Reserve, 2005, Napa Valley** 220.
Rich and velvety with layers of dark fruit flavors.
- Ridge, Monte Bello, 2006, California** 225.
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.
- Rubicon Estate, Rubicon, 2004, Rutherford** 230.
Super ripe fruit, supple tannins and a prolonged finish of licorice, dark berries and vanilla..
- Spottswode, 2006/09, Napa Valley** 255.
Ripe, expressive, plummy fruit with hints of raspberry, ripe dark cherries, toasty oak notes, and a long finish.
- Caymus Special Select, 2008, Napa Valley** 250.
Big and full-bodied, with tremendous intensity of currant, cassis and oak flavors.
- Merus, 2007, Napa Valley** 299.
*Deep saturated garnet in color, with intense aromas of black cherry, blackberry, currant, cedar and graphite.
In the mouth it is rich, seamless and expansive, layered yet clean and clearly focused.
An abundance of black fruit and exotic spice is carried by silken tannins to a long, almost endless finish.*
- Shafer, Hillside Select, 2003, Napa Valley** 315.
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.



Decanting young wines in Riedel decanters gives the wine a chance to bloom and attain a stage of development that normally requires years of aging – liberating the aromas, intensifying the fruitiness of the mid-palate and rounding out the texture. The sensuous curves of Riedel's new lead crystal, mouth blown decanters are not only seductive, but functional.