

Wines by the Glass

Oyster Wines

Pinot Blanc, Julien Schaal, 2007, Alsace	8.50
Grüner Veltliner, Groiss, 2008/09, Austria	9.
Sancerre, “Les Bonnes Bouches”, 2009, Loire	11.
Sauvignon Blanc, St.Supery, 2008/09, Napa	9.
Prosecco, Mionetto, Veneto, 375 ml	16.
Chablis, William Fevre “Champs Royaux”, 2008/09, France	16.

Sparkling

Domaine St. Michelle, Blanc de Blancs, Washington	7.
Domaine Chandon, Brut Classic, California, 187ml	13.
Perrier Joûet, Grand Brut, Champagne	13.
Piper Heidsieck, Brut, Champagne, 187ml	21.
Veuve Cliquot, Brut, Yellow Label, NV, Champagne	14.

Whites

Sauvignon Blanc, Mohua, 2009, New Zealand	9.
Pinot Grigio, Canaletto, 2008/09, Della Venezia	8.
Pinot Gris, Montinore, 2007, Willamette	9.
Riesling, S. A. Prum “Essence”, 2009, Germany	9.
Moschofilero, Nasiakos, 2009, Greece	8.50
Chardonnay, Estancia, 2008, Monterey	8.
Chardonnay, Archstone, 2008, Napa	10.
Chardonnay, Ferrari Carano, 2007, Alexander Valley	14.
Chardonnay, Talbott Vineyard, 2007, Monterey County	15.50

Reds

Pinot Noir, Block Nine, 2008/09, California	9.
Pinot Noir, Archstone, 2008, Carneros	10.
Pinot Noir, Soter, 2005, Mineral Springs	15.
Merlot, Grove Street, 2006/08, Sonoma	11.
Merlot, Duckhorn, 2006, Napa	17.50
Shiraz / Petit Sirah, Rutherglen Red, 2007, Australia	9.
Zinfandel, Joel Gott, 2008, CA	10.
Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Crest Two Vines, 2008, Columbia Valley	7.50
Cabernet Sauvignon, Arboleda, 2007, Chile	10.
MAX FAMILY CUVÉE Private Reserve, 2008, Napa	12.50
Barbera, Terra d'Oro, 2006/07, Amador	9.



MARTINIS & COCKTAILS

CUCUMBER GINGERTINI

Hendricks, Domaine Canton, Cucumber

JAMMIN' CELLO

Ketel Citroen, Stoli Blueberi, Lemoncello, Bonne Maman Jam, Hibiscus Flower

DARK & STORMY

Gosling's, Ginger Lemongrass Syrup, Ginger Beer

MAX'S NECTAR

Hotel California Blanco, Domaine Canton, Pineapple, Agave Nectar

LEMON DROP

Ketel Citroen, Lemoncello, Sour Mix

RUBY RED BREEZE

Absolut Ruby Red, Cointreau, Grapefruit & Cranberry

MAX'S WHITE COSMOPOLITAN

Ketel Citroen, Cointreau, White Cranberry Juice, Lime Juice

WATERMELON MARTINI

Smirnoff Watermelon, Red and White Cranberry Juice, Cherry Juice, Sour Mix

MAX'S BLOODY OYSTER

Absolut Peppar, a Freshly Shucked Oyster, Max's Bloody Mary Mix

PEACH BELLINI

Stoli, Peachtree, Midori, Cranberry, Pineapple Juice and Mionetto Prosecco

MAXARITA

Cuervo Gold, Chambord, Grand Marnier, Sour Mix

ESPRESSO

Van Gogh Espresso Vodka, Kahlua, Tuaca, Mozart Chocolate Pure, Fresh Brewed Espresso

SOUR APPLE

Smirnoff Apple Vodka, Midori, Sour Mix

MAX PRICKLY PEAR

Absolut Pear, Peachtree, Cointreau, Sour Mix

DRAUGHT BEER

BREWTUS MAXIMUS Pale Ale

*Brewed by Thomas Hooker
especially for The Max Restaurant Group*

Guinness Stout

Blue Moon

Sam Adams Seasonal

Stella Artois

Amstel Light

Smuttynose Robust Porter

Stone IPA

BOTTLED BEER

Domestic

Budweiser, Bud Light

Bud Light Lime, Bud Light Golden Wheat

Coors Light

Miller Lite

Michelob Ultra

Samuel Adams Lager, Samuel Adams Light

Sierra Nevada Pale Ale

Dale's Pale Ale (Can)

Stone Arrogant Bastard, Stone Smoked Porter

Imported

Chimay Grande Reserve
Corona
Duvel Belgian Ale
Franziskaner Hefeweisen
Heineken, Heineken Light
Newcastle
Harpoon Oyster Stout 22oz
Beck (non alcoholic), Buckler (non-alcoholic)

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>		
Louis Roederer, Brut Premier, Champagne	Half Bottle	39.
<i>A golden colour with fine bubbles and a nose of fresh fruit and hawthorn. Smooth, complex palate mingling flavors of apple and pear with red berries and notes of toast and almonds.</i>		
Moët & 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>		
G�rard 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, 2006		56.
<i>Aromas of Gala apple, toasted almond and vanilla with focused, creamy Asian pear and spice flavors finishing with a vibrant crispness.</i>		
Perrier-Jou�t, Grand Brut, Champagne		72.
<i>Floral and fresh fruit aromas with balanced flavors of fresh butter, brioche and shortbread.</i>		
Billecart-Salmon, Brut Ros�, Champagne	Half Bottle	74.
<i>Pale pink yet elegant, with delicate flavors of red currant, raspberry and fresh pears</i>		
Perrier Gimonnet & Fils, Brut, Champagne		75.

*Brisk and compact, exhibiting apple, floral and lemon notes on a lean profile.
Nicely balanced and crisp on the finish.*

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, Cuvée Dom Pérignon, 2000, 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, 2008/09, 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.

Nasiakos, Moschofilero, 2009, Greece 34.
This wine captures the fine aromas of a field of fragrant flowers and a peach orchard, the pronounced flavors of dry mountain spices and the acidic tones of lemon zest as an aftertaste.

Cote Du Rhone, E. Guigal, 2009, France 35.
Fresh and crisp with white peach fruit flavors and aromas of white flowers

Gewurztraminer, Trimbach, 2006/07, France 40.
Richly fragrant and full bodied.

Conundrum, 2008/09, California 52.
A big, rich blend with intense tropical fruit flavors, light oak and an off-dry finish

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” 2009, 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.
- 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, 2008, California** 35.
Flavors of pear, mango and ginger with toasty, creamy-vanilla and citrus finish.
- Archstone, 2008, Napa Valley** 37.50
Lively fruit flavors of ripe apple and lemon, crisp acidity with toasted vanilla notes.
- Pouilly Fuisse, Joseph Drouhin, 2007, Burgundy** 52.
Full-bodied, lush ripe fruit and a creamy, long finish.
- Ferrari Carano, 2007/08, Alexander Valley** 56.
With upfront apple, pear, honey, butter cream, and honeysuckle floral notes, this wine is perfectly balanced with fruit and creamy caramel, marshmallow and a lingering, toasted oak finish..
- Talbott Vineyards, Monterey County, 2007** 59.
Flavors of apple, pear and roasted almond flavors followed by a long, creamy finish.
- Simi, 2007, Russian River Valley** 59.
Complex flavors of fig, tropical fruit, melon and spice.
- William Fevre “Champs Riaux”, 2008/09, Chablis** 64.
The perfect oyster wine! A distinctly tropical lemon lime fragrance, ripe pear flavor and fishing with nice minerality.

Jordan, 2007/08, Russian River Valley	69.
<i>Delicate aromas of Fuji apple, citrus, nutmeg, honey, and lightly toasted oak.</i>	
<i>Lively and complex flavors of pear, key lime, and almond. Rich, bold flavors with a long, elegant finish.</i>	
Ramey, 2007, Russian River Valley	79.
<i>Broad and full with spicy aromas of apple, pear and lemon with honey and vanilla oak.</i>	
Shafer, Red Shoulder Ranch, 2008, Carneros	84.
<i>Abundant, full-bodied fruit bowl of honeysuckle, peach, apricot and flavors of the tropics with a long exotic finish.</i>	
Flowers, 2006, Sonoma Coast	99.
<i>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.</i>	
Kistler, 2007/08, Sonoma Valley	107.
<i>Rich, powerful and full-bodied with apple and pear fruit and mineral tones on the finish.</i>	
Talbot, Diamond T Estate, 2003, Monterey	110.
<i>Rich, balanced and crisp with pear fruit and subtle oak, French styled.</i>	
Puligny-Montrachet, Louis Latour Les Truffieres, 2005, Burgundy	123.
<i>Packed with ripe exotic fruits and a buttery fatness, the acidity balances the wine and keeps it steely.</i>	
Chassagne-Montrachet, Les Champs Gains Premier Cru, 2006, Burgundy	130.
<i>From winemaker Pierre Yves Colin, this is pure, supple white Burgundy from the outstanding 2005 vintage.</i>	

Pinot Grigio

Canaletto, 2009, Venetie	32.
<i>Light, crisp and dry with powerful suggestions of pineapple and grapefruit.</i>	
Montinore Estate Pinot Gris, 2007, Willamette Valley	36.
<i>Rich flavors of ripe pear, yellow apple, and quince with accents of hazelnut, lanolin, fresh herbs and mint.</i>	
Ca'Montini, 2008/09, Trentino	40.
<i>Citrus fruit flavors with a clean, dry finish</i>	
Köfererhof, 2009, Trentino-Alto Adige	47.
<i>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!</i>	
Santa Margherita, 2009, Alto Adige	Half Bottle 28. 56.
<i>Dry and refreshing with hints of almonds and delicate citrus fruit</i>	

Sauvignon Blanc

Mud House, 2009/10, New Zealand	30.
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<i>Clean and crisp with vibrant fresh gooseberry and grassy characters and nuances of tropical fruit lingering.</i>	
Mohua, 2009, New Zealand <i>Crisp, elegant and refreshing with lots of lively, penetrating fruit characters</i>	36.
St. Supery, 2008/09, Napa <i>Zesty fruit flavors with aromas of grapefruit and guava.</i>	36.
Pouilly Fumé, Michel Bailly “Les Loges”, 2009, Loire <i>Perfumed, refreshingly bright and crisp, with the depth of flavor and body to support a wide variety of dishes.</i>	41.
Sancerre, “Les Bonnes Bouches”, 2009, Loire <i>Clean with citrus fruits, capsicum and yellow plum with a lightly steely edge, lively and vivacious.</i>	44.
Sancerre, Comte LaFond de Ladoucette, 2008, Loire <i>Intense white flower aromas with crisp grapefruit flavors.</i>	60.
Rochioli, 2009, Russian River <i>Aromas of grapefruit with a touch of grass and flinty characteristics, an intense, complex and richly flavored wine.</i>	64.
Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, 2008, New Zealand <i>An elegant, aromatic wine with appealing fruit and crisp acidity.</i>	65.
Quintessa, Illumination, 2006, 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, 2008/09, Mendoza <i>Great intensity of fruit, a powerful wine with aromas of raspberry, red currant and plum.</i>	36.
Barbera, Terra d'Oro, 2007, 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, 2006/07, Chile <i>Rich, intense and distinctive with exotic flavors.</i>	42.
Sangiovese, Torre Di Ceparano, Zerbina, 2005, Emilia Romagna <i>Fantastic structure with sturdy tannins.</i>	45.
Chianti Classico Riserva, Monsanto, 2006, Tuscany <i>Sturdy tannins with dark cherry fruit flavors and spice.</i>	48.
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.
Joseph Drouhin, Cote de Beaune, 2006, France <i>Delicate fruity aromas of strawberry and red currant with nice roundness and an elegant aftertaste.</i>	65.
Barolo, Zonchera, Ceretto, 2005, 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, France 85.
Aromas and flavors of ripe black cherry with nuances of sweet oak and spice ended in a full finish.

Barbaresco, Giuseppe Cortese, Rabaja, 2003, Piedmont 89.
Big, full-bodied, and earthy with plum and cherry fruit showing.

Brunello di Montalcino, Fanti, 2003/2004, Tuscany 125.
Big and powerful with deep black cherry fruit.

Syrah/Shiraz

Shiraz/Petite Sirah, Rutherglen, 2007, Australia 36.
Medium-bodied with jammy flavors of cassis, licorice, raspberry and blackberry.

Syrah, Rock Block by Domaine Serene, "Del Rio", 2004/05, Oregon 75.
Vibrant black cherry, dark plum, flint and cassis. Rich and intense with powerful structure and wonderful length.

Syrah, Shafer, Relentless, 2005/06, 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, 2004/05, Barossa Valley 155.
Generously flavored, ripe and well-rounded with exceptional balance and complexity.

Merlot

Clos du Bois, 2006/07, Sonoma 38.
Fruit forward with tasty blackberry fruit and subtle vanilla oak.

Grove Street, 2006/08, Sonoma 44.
Deep purple, nose of chocolate, vanilla and cherry and cassis.

Frog's Leap, 2006/2007, 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, 2003/05, 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.

Zinfandel

Joel Gott, 2008, CA 40.

Packed with flavors of licorice, plums, Bing cherries and blackberries with a deep, long finish.

Dashe, 2007/08, Dry Creek Valley 48.

Very complex raspberry and cherry fruit, chocolate, clove spice very full-bodied with round chalky tannins.

Downing Family, Fly by Night, 2006/07, Oakville 50.

Full-bodied wine that finishes with notes of vanilla and cracked pepper.

Ravenswood, Dickerson Vineyard, 2007, Napa Valley 65.

Cedar, eucalyptus, and raspberry aromas with pungent dark fruit flavors.

Ridge, Geyserville, 2006, California 68.

Potent ripe boysenberry and blackberry fruit with firm tannins and notes of leaf and briar.

Great Blends

Chateau Greysac, 2005/06, Bordeaux 45.

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

MAX Family Cuvée, 2008, 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, 2006/07, 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, 2006, 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, 2007, 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, 2006/07, 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

- Block Nine, Caiden's Vineyards, 2008/09, California** 36.
Light bodied with aromas of bright cherry and earth notes. The wine cements its quality with soft and complex flavors of dark fruit and spice.
- Archstone, 2008, Carneros** 37.50
Scents of strawberry, ripe plum and black cherry deliver consistent fruit flavor with toasty oak and velvety tannins lead to a long finish.
- Estancia, Pinnacles Ranches, 2008/09, Monterey** 45.
Medium bodied with rich berry flavors, hints of leather, and a long finish.
- 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”, 2007, 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.
- Soter, 2005, Mineral Springs** 57.50
Flavors of blackberry, black cherries, white pepper with floral notes that recall freesias and roses, and a distinctively exotic personality.
- Saintsbury, 2007, Carneros** 64.
Medium bodied with plum and cherry fruit flavors and a hint of spice.
- Chorey-Cote de Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut, 2007, Burgundy** 66.
Ripe raspberry fruits, rustic tannins, and a light, yet firm mouth feel
- David Bruce, 2006/07, Sonoma Coast** 70.
Delicious dark red fruit flavors with a hint of vanilla on a long velvety finish.
- Gary Farrell, 2006, Russian River** 72.
A boldly flavored wine with tastes of spice and blueberries. This Pinot has depth, concentration, and a long finish.
- Etude, 2007, Carneros** 79.
Very deep and intense with long flavors of black cherry, vanilla and licorice.
- Domaine Serene, Evenstad Reserve, 2006, Willamette Valley** 95.
The palate displays ripe cherry, dried flowers, candied strawberry, cassis, mint, toasty oak, ripe tannins with ample acidity and nice length.
- Flowers, Sonoma Coast, 2007, Sonoma Valley** 113.
Aromas of crushed fresh strawberries with Bing cherry, spice and toasty, smoky oak.
- Domaine Serene, Grace Vineyard, 2004, Willamette Valley** 150.
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.

Cabernet Sauvignon

- Columbia Crest “Two Vines”, 2008, Columbia Valley** 30.
Aromas and flavor of slight blueberry and cherry throughout the palate. The balance of fruit and soft oak provides a lingering finish.
- Arboleda, 2007, Chile** 40.
Ripe blackberry fruit with excellent tannin structure, which is softened by the balanced oak.
- Joel Gott, 2008, 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.
- Robert Mondavi, 2006/07, Napa Valley** 52.
Velvety classic layers of cassis and black berry with nuances of spice, mocha and violet.

Kunde, 2006, Sonoma	54.
<i>The aromas of raspberry and sage combine with a mouthful of chocolate richness to uniquely express this part of California.</i>	
Beringer, Knights Valley, 2007, Napa Valley	56.
<i>Aromas of oak and cherry, violets and currant with dried plum fruit flavors.</i>	
Franciscan, Oakville Estate, 2007, Napa Valley	58.
<i>Ripe black cherry, plum and currant flavor with hints of cedar, spice and long, supple finish.</i>	
Raymond Reserve, 2007, Napa Valley	60.
<i>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.</i>	
Mount Veeder, 2006, Napa Valley	72.
<i>Big black cherry, violets and currant bouquet with ripe black cherry, chocolate, black olive and vanilla flavors.</i>	
Hess Collection, 2005/2006, Napa Valley	85.
<i>Stylish and balanced with black currant fruit, subtle oak and medium-body.</i>	
Faust, 2006/07, Napa Valley <i>(From the makers of Quintessa)</i>	90.
<i>The epitome of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, a burst of intense fruit in the nose bold and powerful, yet elegant and concentrated.</i>	
Jordan, 2006, Alexander Valley	92.
<i>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.</i>	
Chimney Rock, 2006, Stags Leap	93.
<i>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.</i>	
Hendry Vineyards, 2004/05, Napa Valley	97.
<i>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.</i>	
Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Artemis, 2007, Napa Valley	97.
<i>Silky tannins and lush black currant flavors with aromas of violets, rosemary and raspberries.</i>	
Caymus Vineyards, 2007/08, Napa Valley	125.
<i>A lush, layered wine with rich, concentrated berry and cocoa flavors.</i>	
<u>Cabernet Sauvignon(cont.)</u>	
Simi, Reserve, 2004, Alexander Valley	125.
<i>Aromas and flavors of ripe blueberry, blackberry, vanilla, black tea and cherry with a supple long finish</i>	
O' Shaughnessy, 2006, Howell Mountain	130.
<i>Aromas of black cherry, black currant, tobacco. Mixed red berry flavors and sweet vanilla cream with an excellent balance.</i>	
Silver Oak, 2005, Alexander Valley	140.
<i>Full bodied with bright aromas of black cherry, dark chocolate, black tea, allspice and ginger.</i>	

Etude, 2003/2004, Napa Valley	145.
<i>Aromas of red currant, cherry and dark chocolate with juicy, crystallized dark berry fruit and ripe tannins.</i>	
Black Coyote, 2005, Napa Valley	150.
<i>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.</i>	
B.V., Private Reserve, 2005/06, Napa Valley	175.
<i>Bold black currant fruit with dry, dusty tannins.</i>	
Silver Oak, 2003, Napa Valley	175.
<i>Luscious and full bodied with a long finish of ripe berry fruit, vanilla and a hint of dill.</i>	
Robert Mondavi, Reserve, 2003/05, Napa Valley	220.
<i>Rich and velvety with layers of dark fruit flavors.</i>	
Ridge, Monte Bello, 2004, California	225.
<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>	
Rubicon Estate, Rubicon, 2004, Rutherford	230.
<i>Super ripe fruit, supple tannins and a prolonged finish of licorice, dark berries and vanilla..</i>	
Spottswoode, 2003/05, Napa Valley	240.
<i>Ripe, expressive, plummy fruit with hints of raspberry, ripe dark cherries, toasty oak notes, and a long finish.</i>	
Caymus Special Select, 2008, Napa Valley	250.
<i>Big and full-bodied, with tremendous intensity of currant, cassis and oak flavors.</i>	
Shafer, Hillside Select, 2003, Napa Valley	315.
<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>	



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.

