



Throughout the year, I make recommendations in my UnCorked column to help readers choose great wines at every price. Then, at the end of the year, I compile those recommendations into this – a detailed list of the year's standout choices.

My annual Wine Review will help you select the perfect wine for every budget and occasion, and hopefully save you a little trial-and-error in the process. So here's to another great year. Cheers!

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Wine prices can vary, but these price ranges will help you find a great bottle at a great price. Cheers!

VALUES

About \$7-10 retail

2007 Kesser Concord, New York
2007 St. James Winery Friendship School Red, Missouri
2008 Penfold's Rawson Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Australia
2008 Rosemount Estate Semillon-Chardonnay, Australia
2008 Alexander Valley Vineyards Gewurztraminer, California
2007 Rex Goliath Cabernet Sauvignon, California
2008 Cline Cellars Zinfandel, California
2007 Jacob's Creek Shiraz, Australia
2008 Yali Sauvignon Blanc, Chile
2008 Yellow Tail Pinot Grigio, Australia
2007 Lindemans Bin 77 Semillon-Chardonnay, Australia
2008 Yali Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile
2007 Bloom Riesling, Germany
2007 Arido Malbec, Argentina
2007 Andeluna Malbec, Argentina
2007 337 Cabernet Sauvignon, California
2007 Codice Tempranillo, Spain
2008 Estampa Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Chile
2006 Renwood Sierra Foothills Zinfandel, California
2006 BV Coastal Zinfandel, California
2007 Vega Sindoa Viura-Chardonnay, Bodegas Nekeas, Spain
2007 Wrongo Dongo Jumilla, Spain
2007 Garnacha del Fuego, Spain

About \$11-12 retail

2008 Jacob's Creek Winery Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Australia
2007 3 Blind Moose Pinot Grigio, California
2007 Concha y Toro, Casillero del Diablo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile
2008 Sterling Vintner's Collection Pinot Grigio, California
2008 Benziger Sauvignon Blanc, California
2007 La Playa Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile
2007 Ravenswood Vinters Blend Merlot, California
2008 Kendall-Jackson Estate Sauvignon Blanc, California
2007 Cellar No. 8 Zinfandel, California
2008 Cupcake Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
2008 Twisted River Gewurztraminer, Germany
2008 Dancing Bull Zinfandel, California
2008 Toad Hollow Eye of the Toad Dry Pinot Noir Rose, California
2007 Chateau Bonnet Sauvignon Blanc, France
2007 Root 1 Cabernet Sauvignon Blanc, Chile
2008 337 Cabernet Sauvignon, California
2007 Solena Pinot Gris, Oregon
2008 Solena Pinot Gris, Oregon
2007 Paso A Paso Verdejo, Spain
2007 Paso A Paso Tempranillo, Spain
2008 Yali Sauvignon Blanc, Chile
2007 La Playa Block Estate Reserve Carmenere, Chile
2007 Cupcake Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
2008 Root: 1 Sauvignon Blanc, Chile
2008 Geyser Peak Winery Sauvignon Blanc, California
2008 Mezzacorona Moscato, Italy

2007 Mark West Pinot Noir, California
2008 Cellar No. 8 Pinot Noir, California
2007 Gallo Family Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, California
2008 Bonny Doon Big House White, California
2007 Gnarly Head Cellars Pinot Grigio, California
2008 Castello di Gabbiano Pinot Grigio, Italy
2007 Rosemount Diamond Label Chardonnay, Australia
2006 Jacob's Creek Shiraz, Australia
2006 Cellar No. 8 Cabernet Sauvignon, California
2006 Cline Cellars Zinfandel, California
2007 Bogle OV Zinfandel, California
2008 Blackstone Sauvignon Blanc, California
2007 Yali Winemaker's Selection Cabernet-Carmenere, Chile
2006 Cellar No. 8 Cabernet Sauvignon, California
2007 Cline Pinot Grigio, California
2006 Cline Sonoma Zinfandel, California
2007 Rosemount Estate Diamond Label Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon, Australia
2007 Clean Slate Riesling, Germany

About \$13-14 retail

2006 Clean Slate Riesling, Germany
2008 The Little Penguin Merlot, Australia
2008 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
2007 Penfolds Koonunga Hill Cabernet Sauvignon, Australia
2007 Rudi Wiest Mosel River Riesling, Germany
2008 Clean Slate Riesling, Germany
2007 Lindemans (Coonawarra) Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon, Australia
2008 Monkey Bay Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
2007 Cellar No. 8 Cabernet Sauvignon, California
2008 Il Conte d'Alba Moscato d'Asti, Italy
2008 Hess Monterey Chardonnay, California
2008 Rosemount Sauvignon Blanc, Australia
2008 Casa Lapostolle Sauvignon Blanc, Chile
2007 Concannon Pinot Noir, California
2007 Montes Classic Series Chardonnay, Chile
2007 Monkey Bay Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
2007 Castello Banfi Centine Rose, Italy
2007 Paso a Paso Tinto, Bodegas Volver, Spain
2006 Vega Sindoa Cabernet-Tempranillo, Spain
2008 Santa Rita Chardonnay, Chile
2008 Brancott Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
2007 Irony Pinot Noir, California
2008 Eola Hills Pinot Noir, Oregon
2008 Casillero Del Diablo Sauvignon Blanc, Chile
NV Villa Granda Prosecco, Italy
2008 Michele Chiarlo Moscato d'Asti Nivole, Italy 375 ml
2008 Beringer Vineyards Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc, California
2007 Michele Chiarlo Moscato d'Asti Nivole, Italy, 375ml
2008 Ecco Domani Pinot Grigio, Italy
2004 Domaine La Montagnette Cotes du Rhone, France
2006 Paul Jaboulet Aine Parallele 45 Cotes du Rhone, France
2006 Hayman & Hill Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir, California

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Cabernet Sauvignon

One of the world's most well-known red wine varieties.

- 2008 Yali Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile About \$10
- 2008 Chateau St. Jean Cabernet Sauvignon, California, About \$15
- 2007 Martin Ray Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, California About \$25

Chardonnay

A white wine ranging from light and elegant to rich and buttery.

- 2007 Lindemans Bin 77 Semillon-Chardonnay, Australia, About \$10
- 2007 Baron Herzog Chardonnay, California, About \$19
- 2007 Spann Vineyards Chardonnay/Viognier, California, About \$27

VALUES, continued

About \$15-17 retail

- NV Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut, Spain
- 2008 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2008 Santi Pinot Grigio, Italy
- 2008 Il Conte Stella Rosa, Italy
- NV Domaine Ste. Michelle Blanc de Blancs, Washington
- NV Zonin Prosecco, Italy
- 2007 Kendall Jackson Vintners Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, California
- 2008 Los Vascos Blend, Chile
- 2008 Chateau St. Jean Cabernet Sauvignon, California
- 2008 Kris Pinot Grigio, Italy
- 2007 Greg Norman Estates Pinot Noir, California
- 2007 Les Garrigues Cotes du Rhone, France
- 2007 Maddalena Cabernet Sauvignon, California
- 2007 Recanati Cabernet Sauvignon, Israel
- 2007 Veramonte Sauvignon Blanc, Chile
- 2008 Dashwood Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- NV Cockburn's Fine Tawny Port, Portugal
- NV Villa Sandi Prosecco, Italy
- 2006 Louis M. Martini Cabernet Sauvignon (Sonoma), California
- 2007 Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2008 Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2007 Honig Sauvignon Blanc, California
- 2007 Brancott Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand

About \$18-27 retail

- 2007 Honig Sauvignon Blanc, California
- 2006 Bell Rose, California
- 2007 Baron Herzog Chardonnay, California
- 2006 Layer Cake Cotes du Rhone, France
- 2005 E. Guigal Cotes Du Rhone, France
- 2007 Martin Ray Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, California
- Taylor Fladgate LBV (Late Bottled Vintage) Port, Portugal

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About \$12-17 retail

- 2007 Bodega Norton Malbec, Argentina
- 2008 Matua Valley Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2007 Hess Monterrey Chardonnay, California
- 2006 Stephen Vincent Pinot Noir, California
- 2006 Trapiche Oak Cask Malbec, Argentina
- 2007 Maddalena Cabernet Sauvignon, California
- NV Umberto Fiore Moscato d'Asti, Italy
- 2006 Liberty School Chardonnay, California
- 2007 Vina Godeval Valdeorras, Spain
- 2008 Honig Sauvignon Blanc, California
- 2006 Atteca Calatayud, Spain

About \$18-19 retail

- 2007 Liberty School Syrah, California
- 2005 Trimbach Pinot Blanc, Alsace, France
- 2007 Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2006 Volver Tempranillo, Spain
- 2007 Tohu Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2008 Honig Sauvignon Blanc, California
- 2008 Montes Cherub Rose of Syrah, Chile
- 2007 Dashwood Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2007 Turkey Flat Vineyards Rose, Australia
- 2007 Can Blau Montsant, Spain
- 2008 St. Supery Sauvignon Blanc, California
- NV Gruet Brut, New Mexico
- 2008 Anne Amie Riesling, Oregon
- 2008 Pacific Rim Organic Riesling, California
- 2007 Botani, Spain
- NV Marco Negri Moscato d'Asti, Italy
- 2007 King Estate Pinot Gris, Oregon
- 2006 Pierre Sparr Alsace One, France

About \$20-21 retail

- 2008 Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- NV Zardetto Prosecco, Italy
- 2007 Marchesi di Barolo Moscato d'Asti, Italy
- 2007 Cline Cashmere, California
- 2007 Cline Marsanne Roussane, California
- 2007 Cline Ancient Vines Carignane, California
- 2006 Cline Cool Climate Syrah, California
- NV Roederer Anderson Valley Brut, California
- 2008 MacMurray Ranch Pinot Gris, California
- 2008 Anne Amie Vineyards Pinot Gris, Oregon
- 2008 Cline Cellars Cool Climate Syrah, California
- 2007 Saint Clair Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2007 Pascal Jolivet Attitude, France
- 2007 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2006 Volver Tempranillo, Spain
- 2007 Pierre Sparr Gewurztraminer, France
- 2006 Santa Rita Medalla Real Chardonnay, Chile
- 2008 Trimbach Pinot Gris, Alsace, France

About \$22-25 retail

- 2008 Honig Sauvignon Blanc, California
- 2008 Ravenswood Napa Valley Zinfandel, California
- 2007 Leewin's Sibling Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Australia
- NV Roederer Estate Brut, California
- 2007 Montes Alpha Pinot Noir, Chile
- 2006 Montes Alpha Syrah, Chile
- 2007 Montes Alpha Chardonnay, Chile
- 2008 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2008 Mt. Difficulty Sauvignon Blanc, Central Otago, New Zealand
- NV Canella Prosecco, Italy
- NV Sofia Blanc de Blancs, California

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Merlot

A medium-bodied red wine with fruity hints of berry, plum and currant.

- 2008 Estampa Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Chile About \$10
- 2008 Lot 1 Candor Merlot, California About \$23
- 2005 Schug Sonoma Merlot, California About \$38

Zinfandel

Either a bold red wine or the popular, semi-sweet blush variety known as White Zinfandel.

- 2008 Cline Cellars Zinfandel, California About \$10
- 2008 Ravenswood Napa Valley Zinfandel, California. About \$22
- 2006 Ridge Lytton Springs Zinfandel, California. About \$40

SPLURGES, continued

- 2008 J Vineyards and Winery Pinot Gris, California
- 2007 Artesa Carneros Chardonnay, California
- 2006 Gordon Brothers Syrah, Washington
- 2007 Cape Mentelle Sauvignon Blanc–Semillon, Australia
- 2007 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2008 Lot 1 Candor Merlot, California
- NV Oriel 365 Prosecco, Italy
- 2007 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2006 Altos de Luzon Jumilla, Spain
- 2007 Banfi Rosa Regale, Italy
- 2007 Talbott Kali Hart Pinot Noir, California
- 2007 Wild Horse Chardonnay, California
- NV Santa Margherita Prosecco, Italy
- 2006 Bennett Family Russian River Chardonnay, California
- 2007 Bonny Doon Vineyard Ca'del Solo Albarino, California

About \$26–29 retail

- 2007 Candor Zinfandel, California
- 2007 Bell Winery Big Guy Red, California
- 2005 Hugel Riesling, France
- 2003 San Simeon Cabernet Sauvignon, California
- 2006 Solena Grande Cuvee Pinot Noir, Oregon
- 2007 Spann Vineyards Chardonnay/Viognier, California
- 2005 La Playa Axel Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile
- 2006 St. Francis "Old Vine" Zinfandel, California
- 2008 Trimbach Gewurztraminer, France
- 2006 Bell Wine Cellars Syrah, California
- 2007 Raymond R Collection Cabernet Sauvignon, California
- 2005 Renwood Jack Rabbit Flat Zinfandel, California
- 2006 Sonoma Cutrer Sonoma Coast Chardonnay, California
- 2007 Sonoma-Cutrer Sonoma Coast Chardonnay, California
- 2005 Emilio Moro Ribera del Duero, Spain
- 2007 Chateau de Sancerre, France

About \$30 retail

- 2005 Bell Big Guy Red, California
- NV Roederer Estate Brut (Anderson Valley), California
- NV Piper Heidsieck Brut, France
- 2007 Anne Amie "A" Pinot Noir, Oregon
- 2006 Bell Chardonnay, California
- NV Roederer Estate Brut Anderson Valley, California
- 2007 St. Francis Old Vines Zinfandel, California
- 2005 Gravity Hills The Sherpa Zinfandel, California
- 2005 Antinori Peppoli Chianti Classico, Italy

About \$34–37 retail

- 2006 Domaine Drouhin Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, Oregon
- NV Sofia Blanc de Blanc Sparkling, California
- 2007 Keenan Carneros Merlot, California
- 2008 Cakebread Cellars Sauvignon Blanc, California
- NV Domaine Carneros Brut, California
- 2003 Paul Jaboulet Aine Domaine de Thalabert Crozes Hermitage, France

About \$38–40 retail

- 2005 Schug Sonoma Merlot, California
- 2008 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2007 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand
- 2005 Chateau Haut-Bergeron Sauternes, France
- 2006 Bell Wine Cellars Chardonnay, California
- 2006 Leonard Kreuzsch Eiswein, Germany, 375 ml
- 2000 Chateau D'Armajan Sauternes, France
- 2006 Ridge Lytton Springs Zinfandel, California
- 2007 Ponzi Pinot Noir, Oregon
- 2007 Bell Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, California
- 2007 Honig Cabernet Sauvignon, California
- 2001 Coudoulet de Beaucastel Cotes du Rhone, France

About \$42–52 retail

- NV Bell Wine Cellars Port, California
- 2006 Honig Cabernet Sauvignon, California
- NV Taylor Fladgate 10 year Tawny Port, Portugal
- 2001 Paul Jaboulet Aine Domaine Raymond Roure Crozes Hermitage, France
- NV Domaine Carneros by Taittinger, California
- 2006 Frog's Leap Merlot, California

About \$57–70 retail

- 2006 Jim Barry McRae Wood Shiraz, Australia
- 2006 Duckhorn Paraduxx, California
- 2003 Paul Jaboulet Aine Les Jumelles Cote Rotie, France
- 2003 Castello Banfi Summus, Italy

About \$74–75 retail

- NV Laurent Perrier Brut Champagne, France
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About \$86–88 retail

- 2006 Bell Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, California
- 2005 Ambullneo Big Paw Chardonnay, California

About \$150

- 2006 Chateau Lascombes Margaux, France