



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

- 2008 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand (about \$13 retail)
- 2007 Angeline Pinot Noir, California (about \$15 retail)
- 2007 Banfi Chianti Classico, Italy (about \$15 retail)
- 2008 Clean Slate Riesling, Germany (about \$13 retail)
- 2008 Lindemans Bin 77 Semillon Chardonnay, Australia (about \$10 retail)
- 2007 Marques de Riscal Tempranillo, Spain (about \$13 retail)
- 2007 Concannon Pinot Noir, California (about \$12 retail)
- 2007 Michele Chiarlo Barbera d'Asti, Italy (about \$15 retail)
- 2007 Trapiche Malbec, Argentina (about \$9 retail)
- 2007 Remy Pannier Chinon Cabernet Franc, France (about \$20 retail)
- 2009 Casa Lapostolle Sauvignon Blanc, Chile (about \$13 retail)
- 2009 Pine Ridge Viognier/Chenin Blanc, California (about \$14 retail)
- 2008 Silver Ridge Pinot Noir, California (about \$9 retail)
- 2007 Tamas Double Decker Red, California (about \$9 retail)
- 2008 Santa Rita Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile (about \$13 retail)
- 2007 Gnarly Head Cellars Zinfandel, California (about \$14 retail)
- 2007 Ventisquero Carmenera, Chile (about \$13 retail)
- 2008 Lindemans Bin 45 Cabernet Sauvignon, Australia (about \$10 retail)
- 2009 Cupcake Sauvignon Blanc, California (about \$12 retail)
- 2007 La Playa Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile (about \$11 retail)
- 2008 Wyndham Estate Bin 555 Shiraz, Australia (about \$15 retail)
- 2009 Pine Ridge Viognier/Chenin Blanc, California (about \$14 retail)
- 2008 Root One Chardonnay, Chile (about \$12 retail)
- 2009 Bloom Riesling, Germany (about \$10 retail)
- 2008 Rodney Strong Sonoma Zinfandel, California (about \$20 retail)
- 2009 Bonny Doon Big House White, California (about \$11 retail)
- 2008 Bouchaine Pinot Noir Buchli Station, California (about \$20 retail)
- 2007 Kaiken Malbec, Argentina (about \$14 retail)
- 2007 La Linda Bonarda, Argentina (about \$10 retail)
- 2008 Trapiche Malbec, Argentina (about \$10 retail)
- 2008 Rodney Strong Sonoma Zinfandel, California (about \$20 retail)
- 2009 Bonny Doon Big House White, California (about \$11 retail)
- 2008 Bouchaine Pinot Noir Buchli Station, California (about \$20 retail)
- 2009 Estampa Sauvignon Blanc, Chile (about \$9 retail)
- 2009 Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi Sauvignon Blanc, California (about \$8 retail)
- 2009 La Vieille Ferme Rhone Rose, France (about \$11 retail)
- 2009 Bodega Norton Rosado, Argentina (about \$13 retail)
- NV Zonin Prosecco, Italy (about \$15 retail)
- NV Candoni Prosecco, Italy (about \$15 retail)
- NV Seaview, Australia (about \$13 retail)
- NV Domaine Ste Michelle, Washington (about \$18 retail)

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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

- 2008 Presqu'île Winery Sauvignon Blanc, California (about \$22 retail)
- 2008 Brancott Classics Riesling, New Zealand (about \$18 retail)
- 2008 Bird Marlborough Riesling, New Zealand (about \$18 retail)
- 2009 Frey Organic Cabernet Sauvignon, California (about \$22 retail)
- 2009 Bonterra Vineyards Chardonnay, California (about \$16 retail)
- 2006 Campo Viejo Crianza, Spain (about \$15 retail)
- 2009 Hardys Nottage Hill Shiraz, Australia (about \$12 retail)
- 2004 Peter Lehmann Clancy's Red, Australia (about \$22 retail)
- 2009 Whitehall Lane Sauvignon Blanc, California (about \$16 retail)
- 2009 Broadbent Vinho Verde, Portugal (about \$13 retail)
- 2009 Stella Rosa Rosso, Italy (about \$13 retail)
- 2009 Stella Rosa Bianco, Italy (about \$13 retail)
- 2007 Raimondo Family Winery Tempranillo, California/Arkansas (about \$16 retail)
- 2008 Raimondo Family Winery Zinfandel Old Vine, California/Arkansas (about \$14 retail)
- 2007 Raimondo Family Winery Barbera, California/Arkansas (about \$13 retail)
- 2009 Raimondo Family Winery Viognier, California/Arkansas (about \$15 retail)
- 2009 Yalumba Y Series Shiraz, Australia (about \$12 retail)
- 2008 Montinore Estate Pinot Noir, Oregon (about \$15 retail)
- 2009 Voga Pinot Grigio, Italy (about \$12 retail)
- 2009 Martin Weyrich Moscato Allegro, California (about \$14 retail)
- 2008 Mark West Central Coast Pinot Noir, California (about \$12 retail)
- 2009 Cupcake Central Coast Merlot, California (about \$10 retail)
- NV Cowie Wine Cellars Robert's Port, Arkansas (about \$19 retail)
- 2007 Piccini Chianti Classico DOCG, Italy (about \$14 retail)
- 2008 Franken Silvaner Spatlese Riesling, Germany (about \$14 retail)
- 2009 Vertikal Blue Auslese Riesling, Germany (about \$18 retail)
- 2008 Polka Dot Sweet Reising, Germany (about \$13 retail)
- 2003 Chateau d' Armajan Sauternes, France (about \$30 retail, 375 m)

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- 2008 Bonny Doon Ca'del Solo Albarino, California (about \$25 retail)
- 2008 Tohu Marlborough Pinot Noir, New Zealand (about \$28 retail)
- 2007 Kunde Estate Reserve Zinfandel, California (about \$32 retail)
- 2008 Spann Vineyards Chardonnay-Viognier, California (about \$20 retail)
- 2007 Gloria Ferrer Etesian Pinot Noir, California (about \$19 retail)
- 2007 Renwood Barbera (Amador County), California (about \$28 retail)
- 2009 Sbragia Family Vineyards Dry Creek Sauvignon Blanc, California (about \$20 retail)
- 2007 Francis Coppola Malbec, California (about \$19 retail)
- 2007 Alexander Valley Vineyards Cabernet Franc, California (about \$24 retail)
- 2007 Olivier Leflaive Chablis Les Deux Rives, France (about \$29 retail)
- 2008 Villa Maria Estate Private Bin Pinot Noir, New Zealand (about \$28 retail)

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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

- 2009 Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand (about \$24 retail)
- 2008 Argyle Willamette Valley Chardonnay, Oregon (about \$20 retail)
- 2007 Hugel Gewurtztraminer, France (about \$40 retail)
- 2007 Robert Mondavi Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, California (about \$38 retail)
- 2006 Grgich Hills Winery Napa Chardonnay, California (about \$58 retail)
- 2004 Bell Vineyards Clone 6 Cabernet Sauvignon, California (about \$98 retail)
- 2007 Luigi Bosca Reserva Malbec, Argentina (about \$17 retail)
- 2008 Catena Nicholas Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina (about \$28 retail)
- 2007 Gloria Ferrer Brut Sparkling Wine, California (about \$28 retail)
- 2008 Cakebread Cellars Chardonnay, California (about \$68 retail)
- 2007 Tokaji Aszu 4 Puttonyos, Hungary (about \$40 retail)
- 2006 Jackson Triggs Riesling Icewine, Canada (about \$53 retail, 375 ml)
- 2007 Rudi Wiest V Buhl "Jazz" Riesling, Germany (about \$24 retail)
- 2009 Schug Sauvignon Blanc, California (about \$20 retail)
- 2007 Halleck Vineyard Little Sister Sauvignon Blanc, California (about \$36 retail)
- 2009 Bonny Doon Vin Gris de Cigare, California (about \$18 retail)
- 2008 E. Guigal Cotes du Rhone Rose, France (about \$24 retail)
- NV Jean Laurent Blanc de Blanc Champagne, France (about \$55 retail)
- NV Pommery Champagne, France (about \$49 retail)
- 2008 Presqu'île Winery Pinot Noir, California (about \$45 retail)
- 2008 Presqu'île Winery Chardonnay, California (about \$35 retail)
- 2008 Spy Valley Riesling, New Zealand (about \$24 retail)
- 2008 Daniel Schuster Waipara Riesling, New Zealand (about \$24 retail)
- 2008 Mount Difficulty Roaring Meg Riesling, New Zealand (about \$22 retail)
- NV Laurent Perrier Champagne, France (about \$68 retail)
- 2007 Recanati Merlot, Israel (about \$23 retail)
- NV Mumm Napa Brut Rose, California (about \$40 retail)
- 2008 Pascal Jolivet "Attitude" Sauvignon Blanc, France (about \$24 retail)
- NV J Brut Sparkling Wine, California (about \$ 35 retail)
- NV Roederer Sparkling Wine, California (about \$35 retail)
- 2008 Robert Mondavi Chardonnay, California (about \$20 retail)
- 2009 Joseph Drouhin Grand Cru Chablis, France (about \$29 retail)
- 2006 Banfi Chianti Classico, Italy (about \$18 retail)
- 2009 Marco Negri Moscato d' Asti, Italy (about \$22 retail)
- 2008 Siduri Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, Oregon (about \$22 retail)
- NV Sandeman 10 year Tawny Port, Portugal (about \$40 retail)
- 2006 Robert Mondavi Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, California (about \$50 retail)