

Harvey Steiman's Recommended Wines From Washington

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CAYUSE Syrah Walla Walla Valley Bionic Frog 2006 Ripe, complex and harmonious, weaving green olive, tobacco and mineral notes through blackberry, boysenberry and plum.	96	\$75
ANDREW WILL Sorella Horse Heaven Hills 2006 Focused and distinctive, this sharp-edged red shows ripe currant, spice, tobacco and coffee. Cabernet Sauvignon blend.	95	\$74
CAYUSE Syrah Walla Walla Valley Cailloux Vineyard 2006 Plush and polished, brimming with cherry and blackberry flavors shaded with streaks of mineral and green olive.	95	\$65
CAYUSE Syrah Walla Walla Valley En Cerise Vineyard 2006 This plays its effusive ripe cherry and currant fruit deftly against wisps of mineral, black olive and tobacco.	95	\$65
COLUMBIA CREST Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Reserve 2005 Ripe in flavor, with a vivid array of black currant, blackberry, violet, black tea and black pepper aromas and flavors.	95	\$27
GORMAN Syrah-Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain The Evil Twin 2006 Big, ripe and explosive in flavor, carrying black cherry, dark plum and an array of sweet spices through the long finish.	95	\$55
K Syrah Walla Walla Valley Cougar Hills 2006 Dense and complex. Hits hard, then backs off, leaving a trail of plum, blackberry, black olive, smoke and mineral flavors.	95	\$50
21 GRAMS Walla Walla Valley 2005 Ripe, focused and distinctive, with dark plum and black currant fruit. Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot.	94	\$125
CÔTE BONNEVILLE DuBrul Vineyard Yakima Valley 2004 Lithe, supple, refined and focused, delivering mocha-accented blackberry and cherry fruit. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.	94	\$120
CÔTE BONNEVILLE DuBrul Vineyard Yakima Valley 2005 Polished and juicy, with bright red fruit flavors that mingle with chocolate and cherry. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.	94	\$120
FIDELITAS Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain Ciel Du Cheval Vineyard 2006 Big, ripe and round, delivering black currant, blueberry and cola flavors that keep pumping through the finish.	94	\$50
K Syrah Walla Walla Valley Morrison Lane 2006 This brawny red offers tar- and black olive-accented plum and currant flavors. A sizable wine with poise.	94	\$45
K Syrah Walla Walla Valley Phil Lane 2006 Rich and ripe, with spicy green and black olive flavors that weave through plum, blackberry and wet stone character.	94	\$70
MARK RYAN Syrah Red Mountain Wild Eyed 2006 This supple, open-textured and spectacularly flavorful red has gorgeous plum, blackberry, wild flower and espresso notes.	94	\$45
QUILCEDA CREEK Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2006 Very ripe and generous. Not a big wine, but brims with plum, currant, black olive, cedar and roasted meat flavors.	94	\$125

TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
NOVELTY HILL Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2006 Dense and chewy, but with a nice lift of acidity and freshness as the finish rolls in, framing the flavors.	92	\$25
THE MAGNIFICENT WINE COMPANY Syrah Columbia Valley 2006 Smooth, polished and wide-open in texture, showing gorgeous plum and blueberry fruit, with hints of Indian spices.	91	\$20
WATERBROOK Merlot Columbia Valley Reserve 2006 Polished and refined, glowing with currant, blackberry, sage and bay leaf aromas and flavors.	91	\$22
CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE Merlot Columbia Valley Indian Wells 2005 This is vibrant and appealing for its pure cherry and herb flavors, hinting at tobacco and black olive on the finish.	90	\$18
COLUMBIA CREST Chardonnay Horse Heaven Hills H3 2007 This generous version offers a spicy edge to its soft, ripe pear, cream and lime aromas and flavors.	90	\$15
BARNARD GRIFFIN Riesling Columbia Valley 2008 Light, refreshing and off-dry, with pretty peach, pineapple and floral aromas and flavors, echoing enticingly.	90	\$8
BARNARD GRIFFIN Syrah Columbia Valley 2007 Smooth and velvety, with a racy edge to the spicy currant and wild blueberry flavors, persisting nicely into the finish.	90	\$17
COLUMBIA Gewürztraminer Columbia Valley 2007 Off-dry and bright. Tangy grapefruit, nectarine and pineapple flavors show restraint even as they linger on the finish.	89	\$12
COLUMBIA CREST Chardonnay Columbia Valley Grand Estates 2007 Lithe, open-textured and inviting, offering a very pretty mouthful of delicately spicy pear and fig flavors.	89	\$11
HOGUE Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2007 Bright and flavorful. A juicy, focused mouthful of raspberry-tinged currant and spice flavors. Ends with a velvety texture.	89	\$10
CHARLES SMITH Riesling Columbia Valley Kung Fu Girl 2007 Tangy and juicy with refreshing acidity, offering lime, grapefruit, green grape and peach flavors in a nicely focused beam.	89	\$12
WATERBROOK Merlot-Cabernet Columbia Valley 2006 Polished in texture, this is balanced well to show expressive currant, blueberry and coffee flavors, lingering beautifully.	89	\$12
CASTLE ROCK Pinot Noir Columbia Valley 2007 Light and fragrant, delivering a ripe core of blueberry flavor, with pleasant hints of spice and chalk around the edges.	88	\$12
SNOQUALMIE Sauvignon Blanc Columbia Valley 2007 Crisp, dry and vibrant, with pear and citrus flavors persisting on the lively finish.	88	\$7
DOMAINE STE. MICHELLE Brut Columbia Valley NV A bit coarse, but flavorful with pear, lime and balsamic aromas and flavors, lingering on the lively finish.	87	\$12