

Harvey Steiman's Recommended Wines From Washington

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TOP WINES

| WINE | SCORE | PRICE |
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| CAYUSE Syrah Walla Walla Valley En Cerise Vineyard 2008 Rich and round, yet amazingly transparent as the cherry, mineral, tar and saffrafrs flavors expand on the expressive palate. | 96 | \$70 |
| CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE-DR. LOOSEN Riesling Columbia Valley Eroica Single Berry Select 2007 Rich and unctuous, but polished and refined, balancing pear, pineapple, tobacco and tea leaf flavors against pinpoint acidity. | 96 | \$200 375ml |
| CHARLES SMITH Syrah Columbia Valley Royal City Stoneridge Vineyard 2008 A savory red whose velvety style emphasizes olive and roasted meat flavors around a core of blackberry, tar and spice. | 96 | \$140 |
| ANDREW WILL Sorella Horse Heaven Hills 2008 Impressive for its intensity and elegance, packed with black cherry, cherry, plum and spice flavors. Cabernet Sauvignon blend. | 95 | \$72 |
| BAER Ursa Columbia Valley 2008 Shows great presence, with a dense cloud of blackberry, cherry and spice flavors that hover over a sleek frame. Merlot blend. | 95 | \$35 |
| CAYUSE Syrah Walla Walla Valley Cailloux Vineyard 2008 This polished wine is refined in structure and exuberant in flavor, bursting with cherry, smoke, paprika and tar character. | 95 | \$70 |
| EFESTE Syrah Yakima Valley Jolie Bouche Boushey Vineyard 2008 Focused and expressive, offering an enormous range of red berry, pomegranate, tomato leaf and roasted beet flavors. | 95 | \$36 |
| GORMAN Cabernet Sauvignon-Petit Verdot Red Mountain The Albatross 2008 Vivid and broad, delivering a vibrant mouthful of berry, cherry, mulberry, red chile pepper and tangy spices. | 95 | \$80 |
| GORMAN Syrah-Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain The Evil Twin 2009 Firm in texture, expansive and generous, with focus and intensity to its licorice-accented blackberry, cherry and tar flavors. | 95 | \$60 |
| K Roma En Chamberlin Walla Walla Valley 2008 Polished and supple, with an olive note coursing through ripe plum, currant and stone flavors. Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. | 95 | \$50 |
| K Syrah Walla Walla Valley Morrison Lane 2008 This supple red exhibits a beguiling purity to its black currant, plum and savory spice flavors. Offers poise and tremendous presence. | 95 | \$45 |
| RASA Creative Impulse DuBrul Vineyard Yakima Valley 2008 Lithe, supple and full of personality, with disarmingly lovely plum and currant fruit. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. | 95 | \$95 |
| REYNVAAN Syrah Walla Walla Valley The Contender 2008 Ripe and expressive, offering a plush mouthful of stony mineral, cola and saffrafrs flavors. Shows depth, power and elegance. | 95 | \$60 |
| REYNVAAN Syrah Walla Walla Valley The Unnamed Syrah 2008 Brimming with rich berry flavors and scads of mineral notes, this sets up a marvelous tension between the two flavor poles. | 95 | \$45 |
| SLEIGHT OF HAND Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley The Illusionist 2008 Supple, almost satiny, with gorgeous cherry, raspberry and rhubarb flavors mingling with clove and rose hints on the finish. | 95 | \$45 |

TOP VALUES

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| OWEN ROE Syrah Columbia Valley Ex Umbris 2009 Supple and round, with plum, currant, saffrafrs, cream and spice flavors. This has style and grace to go with its power. | 93 | \$24 |
| CHARLES SMITH Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Chateau Smith 2009 Supple and inviting, with complex flavors of dark berries and plum shaded with hints of bacon and star anise. | 91 | \$20 |
| CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Indian Wells 2009 Fresh and vibrant, offering a plush mouthful of currant, cherry and roasted beet flavors. Lingers gracefully. | 90 | \$18 |
| COLUMBIA CREST Chardonnay Columbia Valley Reserve 2008 Smooth and polished, displaying a toasty edge to the creamy pear and nutmeg flavors, lingering on the refined finish. | 90 | \$20 |
| COLUMBIA CREST H3 Les Chevaux Horse Heaven Hills 2009 Firm in texture, with chocolate and leather overtones to the dark berry flavors, which persist nicely. Merlot blend. | 90 | \$15 |
| CHARLES SMITH Riesling Columbia Valley Kung Fu Girl Evergreen 2010 Vivid and distinctive, offering juicy apple, apricot and citrus notes. | 90 | \$12 |
| WATERBROOK Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Reserve 2008 Velvety, generous and open-textured, offering pear-accented currant and mint flavors that linger effectively. | 90 | \$20 |
| AIRFIELD Chardonnay Yakima Valley Unoaked 2010 This lively white is silky in texture, with pear, citrus and floral flavors. | 89 | \$13 |
| BOOMTOWN Syrah Washington 2008 Tightly focused, with juicy blackberry, cream and floral flavors. | 89 | \$15 |
| HOGUE Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Genesis 2007 Airy, with pure currant and blackberry flavors that hint at coffee. | 89 | \$16 |
| MILBRANDT Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Traditions 2008 Polished and generous with its currant, blackberry and espresso notes. | 89 | \$15 |
| CASTLE ROCK Syrah Columbia Valley 2008 Lithe, with a juicy feel to the flavors of blackberry and orange peel. | 88 | \$11 |
| CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE Syrah Columbia Valley 2008 Polished, displaying a subtle core of black currant and plum flavors. | 88 | \$13 |
| BARNARD GRIFFIN Chardonnay Washington 2010 Fresh and tangy, with a citrus edge to the pear and tomato leaf notes. | 88 | \$14 |
| HOGUE Riesling Columbia Valley Late Harvest 2010 Sweet and appealing for its lemon curd and apple pie flavors. | 88 | \$11 |
| SNOQUALMIE Riesling Columbia Valley Winemaker's Select 2010 Juicy and aromatic, with notes of pear, apple, honey and mayflower. | 88 | \$8 |
| STONECAP Chardonnay Columbia Valley 2010 A polished white, with a tangerine note to the pear and apple flavors. | 88 | \$8 |
| PINE & POST Red Blend Washington NV Aromatic, with plum and spice flavors on an airy frame. Syrah blend. | 87 | \$7 |
| STONECAP Merlot Columbia Valley 2010 Bright and racy, with a zing to the black cherry and tobacco flavors. | 87 | \$8 |