

Flights & Wines-by-the-Glass



Noir Food & Wine
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WINES BY THE GLASS

All Wines are personally tasted by Mike Farwell, Katie Putterlik & Claud Beltran before being selected to the wine list. Wines that are drinking particularly well are chosen for the By-The-Glass program and presented both by the glass and in Flights. If you are not satisfied with the wine you selected we will replace it with another wine of the same price at no additional cost.

SPARKLING WINES

Year	Description	glass	bottle
NV	Barcino, Cava, Brut, Navarra, Spain	9.	30.
NV	Comte de Nablens, Brut Rosé, Champagne	9.	30.
NV	Jean Philippe, Brut, Champagne	9.	30.
1998	Duval-Leroy, Blanc de Chardonnay, Champ.	15.	60.

ROSE WINES

2007	Jack, Grenache Rosé	7.	28.
2006	Copian, Saisons des Vin, Mendocino	8.	30.

SAUVIGNON BLANC

2007	White Cottage, Napa Valley	9.	32.
2008	Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, New Zealand	11.	42.
2007	Domaine Merlin Cherrier, Sancerre, Loire Valley	12.	43.

CHARDONNAY

2008	Jade Mountain, Monterey	8.	30.
2006	C. Donatiello, Russian River Valley	9.	32.
2008	William Fevre, Champs Royaux, Chablis	10.	35.
2008	ZD, Napa Valley	11.	39.

VIOGNIER

2007	Anaba, Coriol, Sonoma Valley	9.	32.
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GRENACHE BLANC

2008	Infinity, Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Central Coast	8.	28.
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PINOT GRIGIO

2008	Eisacktaler Kellerei, Alto Adige	9.	35.
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PINOT BLANC

2008	St. Innocent, Willamette Valley, Oregon	11.	40.
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RIESLING

2007	Schäfer-Frölich, Medium Dry, Nahe, Germany	9.	32.
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GRÜNER VELTLINER

2008	Huber, Hugo, Obere Steigen, Austria	8.	30.
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Wine Events

Date	Event	Time	Cost.
Feb 21, Sun	Kris Curran Winemaker Dinner	6:30pm	\$129.

Kris Curran formerly of Sea Smoke and now winemaker at Foley and D'Alfonso-Curran will join Bruno D'Alfonso formerly winemaker at Sanford and now producing Badge and D'Alfonso-Curran will be pouring their new single vineyard Pinot Noirs at Noir. We will also pour Sea Smoke and Curran wines during our 5-course, 12 wine dinner. **\$129.** per person (inclusive) For more information Go to: <http://www.noirfoodandwine.com>

SPECIAL MADMAN SELECTIONS

Tempranillo (92+ Robert Parker)

2003 Bodegas Pinita, Tempranillo, Toro 19.
The 2003 Pinita is a powerful, opaque purple effort that spent 12 months in new French oak. The expressive nose offers toast, vanilla, charcoal, and blue and black fruits which jump from the glass. There is a boatload of tannin but more than enough fruit for balance. Currently the 2003 is tight, firm, and a bit austere but a few years of bottle age should bring things into harmony.

RED WINES

PINOT NOIR

Year	Description	glass	bottle
2008	Cooralook, Strathbogie Ranges, Australia	8.	30.
2006	Stephen Ross, Edna Valley	9.	38.
2007	Lemelson, Thea's Selection, Willamette Valley	13.	55.
2007	Carr, Turner Vineyard, Sta Rita Hills	15.	59.
2007	Loring	16.	69.

SYRAH/SHIRAZ/RHÔNE BLENDS

2008	Domaine Paul Autard, Côtes du Rhône	9.	32.
2007	Stephen Test, Unti Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley	12.	40.
2006	Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux, Gigondas	13.	58.
2006	Dm. Raymond Usseglio, Châteauneuf du Pape	15.	75.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2007	Alcance, Valle del Maule, Chile	9.	30.
2007	Newton, Napa Valley	10.	36.
2006	ZD, Napa Valley	14.	52.
2005	Neal, Napa Valley	15.	68.

MERLOT

2006	Parcel 41, Napa Valley	10.	36.
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ZINFANDEL

2007	Sextant, Central Coast	9.	32.
2007	Rancho Arroyo Grande, SLO	19.	75.

MALBEC

2007	Proemio, Reserve, Mendoza, Argentina	10.	36.
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ITALIAN RED

2007	Alcesti, Nero d'Avola, Sicilia	9.	30.
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EXOTIC RED WINES

PETIT SIRAH

Even though the origins of this grape are in France, California is the place to look for the best expressions of Petite Sirah. The "Petite" in the name refers not to the size of the vines but rather to the size of the grapes. In fact, the high skin to juice ratio that accompanies the small berries allows Petite Sirah to produce wines with high tannins and acidity, components that give them the ability to age well. The grape originated as a cross of Syrah pollen germinating a Peloursin plant.

2007	Titus, Petit Sirah, Napa Valley	15.	60.
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DOLCETTO D'ALBA

Dolcetto is a black wine grape variety widely grown in the Piedmont region of northwest Italy. The Italian word dolcetto means "little sweet one". They can be tannic and fruity with moderate, or decidedly low, levels of acidity and are typically meant to be consumed one to two years after release.

2007	Cascina Morassino, Dolcetto d'Alba	10.	35.
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MONTEPULCIANO

A vigorous varietal widely grown in central Italy. Best known in Abruzzo where it is known for producing wines of heavy color, extract, smoothness and alcohol. Also grown in The Marches where it is a part of such blends as Rosso Conero and Rosso Piceno. The Montepulciano ripens late and is best consumed young. Wines from the Montepulciano are rich with red and black fruits. Not to be confused with Vino Nobile di Montepulciano which is made in the same region but from the Sangiovese grape.

2006	Arshura, Montepulciano, Marche	16.	63.
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Wine pours are each 2 ounces

\$15.00 Pinot Noir Flight

"California, Oregon and Australia"

2007 Carr, Turner Vineyard, Sta Rita Hills

This is a well balanced, delicate wine with a lovely garnet color. Aromatics of spicy vanilla, lush black cherries and cola are followed by a soft, silky mouthfeel."

2007 Lemelson, Thea's Selection, Willamette Valley

Smoked tea, black raspberry, forest floor, and coffee are lifted by strawberry, bing cherry and asian spice. The palate shows classic, silky smooth Pinot noir texture, with sweet red fruit and vibrant acidity that is the hallmark of this vintage. The finish is long, with briary raspberry and cocoa on the penetrating finish.

2008 Cooralook, Strathbogie Ranges, Australia

n elegant Pinot Noir that exhibits aromas of fresh strawberry, raspberry and red cherry. This well structured wine with soft middle palate leaves you with a velvety silk mouthfeel.

\$13.00 Southern Rhone Flight

2008 Domaine Paul Autard, Côtes du Rhône

A blend of the Grenache, Syrah, Mouvèdre, and Cinsault grapes. Full bodied and distinctly fruit forward, the wine is a wonderful complement to grilled meat dishes, hearty stews, and ripe cheeses.

2006 Domaine Raymond Usseglio, Châteauneuf du Pape

Juicy and direct, with a solid beam of raspberry ganache and fig fruit backed by hints of shiso leaf, spice and mineral on the long, slightly taut finish.

2006 Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux, Gigondas

Intense, persistent red and dark fruit aromas. Raspberry, pepper and spice flavors. Silky tannins.

\$13.00 Chardonnay Flight

"from Monterey, Russian River, and Napa Valley"

2008 Jade Mountain, Monterey

This mouthwatering Chardonnay showcases the perfect marriage of vineyards for a complex combination of characters. Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, cool-climate regions ideal for Chardonnay, contribute white floral aromas and flavors of tropical fruits, with a hint of lemon meringue pie. Monterey County provides bright acidity with citrus and green apple crispness. Spice notes add to the complexity of this mouthfilling wine with a creamy, long and lingering finish.

2006 C. Donatiello, Russian River Valley

The wine exhibits a delicate balance of bright fruit, luscious oak, balancing acidity, and an indisputable sense of place. The finish is long and lingering, with an inviting hint of baked piecrust.

2008 ZD, Napa Valley

Pineapples, pears, mangoes, green apples and Key lime pie dance on the palate. A touch of oak adds vanilla cream and buttered toast.

\$14.00 Italian Flight

"Italy, the best you've never had!"

2007 Alcesti, Nero d'Avola, Sicilia

Gorgeous, full-bodied Nero d'Avola bursting with sweet dark cherries, menthol, sage and flowers. It offers notable clarity and elegance.

2007 Cascina Morassino, Dolcetto d'Alba

Young, fresh 100% pure Dolcetto, delicious. This is a true crowd pleaser, juicy and easy to drink with a plummy character.

2006 Arshura, Montepulciano, Marche

Big on the nose recalling some Rhone wines, not clean but intriguing, very spicy, with notions of salt and rock. In the mouth shows slightly softer and clean with a pleasant acidity. The after taste carries notes of fruit.

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\$13.00 Sauvignon Blanc Flight

"California, New Zealand & France"

2007 White Cottage, Napa Valley

This refreshing, food-friendly wine has a lemon and lime aroma that leads to a crisp green apple flavor.

2009 Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, New Zealand

Its aromatics encapsulate a broad spectrum of varietal flavours; tropical fragrances of guava and mango to ripe lime/ citrus and sweet herbs. The palate also is juicy and voluminous, combining concentrated flavours with a mineral acidity that leaves a long, fresh, intense finish.

2007 Domaine Merlin Cherrier, Sancerre, Loire Valley

Firm structure with an aromatic leafy, blackcurrant character and an extra richness of gooseberry and lees on a long, zesty finish.

\$18.00 Loring Pinot Noir

2007 Loring, Durell, Sonoma Coast

Elegant and stylish, with subdued dried currant, earth, mushroom and savory herb notes that are complex and balanced, medium- to full-bodied. Ends with a tasty burst of dark berry fruit.

2007 Loring, Gary's, Santa Lucia Highland

Tight, focused and medium-bodied, with ripe plum and black cherry fruit that's trim and mineral, ending with a pretty burst of dark berry fruit and fine-grained tannins.

2007 Loring, Russell, Paso Robles

Full-bodied blackberry and wild berry fruit that shows a hint of mocha and spice, with floral notes and firm tannins that beg for short-term cellaring. There's a wonderful finish of pure dark fruit.

\$15.00 Cabernet Sauvignon Flight

"California's Great New Napa Valley Cabs"

2007 Newton, Napa Valley

Sourced from Newton's estate vineyards and other premier Napa vineyards, this wine is made in the classic Newton style showcasing the purity of fruit. Vibrant, rich and approachable, this wine's plum aromas are accented by intriguing white chocolate, vanilla and anise character. Deep blackberry and supple leather flavors are supported by smooth tannins.

2005 Neal, Napa Valley

A ripe, bold mouth-feel, there is a complexity to this vintage that we love. Ripe fruit, cherry candy and floral characters linger as layers of fruit continue to reveal themselves. There is an earthy, mature tannin texture from the Rutherford Dust and mountain vineyards that contribute to create a bitter-sweet cocoa powder taste and feel. Also lingering in the background is a baked or caramelized sugar note that adds to the long finish.

2006 ZD, Napa Valley

Aromas of ripe dark plums, cassis and black cherries are complimented with subtle hints of cocoa, anise, tobacco and sweet, toasty vanilla. On the palate, lush, silky tannins envelop a solid core of ripe, forward black fruit, with perfectly integrated oak.

MORE FLIGHTS ON THE BACK
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