

Harvey Steiman's Recommended Wines From Washington

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CAYUSE Syrah Walla Walla Valley En Cerise Vineyard 2008 Rich and round, yet amazingly transparent as the cherry, mineral, tar and saffras 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 saffras 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

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
OWEN ROE Syrah Columbia Valley Ex Umbris 2009 Supple and round, with plum, currant, saffras, 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