

# **SAPPHIRE LAGUNA WINE DISCOVERY**

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Offering a diverse selection of wines from the top appellations of the world, the wine program at Sapphire Laguna endeavors to provide an opportunity to taste a wide variety of grapes and styles. There are so many great wines being produced, and our goal is to help you find the perfect one to suit your fancy. In striving to achieve this, we have sought a balance of old and new world producers, regions and varietals.

We also offer a large selection of wines both by the glass and the half carafe. This enables you to order a wine that may be new to you and enjoy a glass with a friend.

Please feel free to ask your server about any of the selections found on the next few pages.

Corkage is \$25 per 750 ml bottle and is limited to two 750 ml or one 1.5 liter bottle per table. We will happily waive one corkage fee for each bottle purchased from our list.

"Drink wine. This is life eternal. This is all that youth will give you. It is the season for wine, roses and friends. Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life."

-- Omar Khayyam (Rubaiyat)

**AZMIN GHAHREMAN  
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## Champagne, Sparkling Wines, and Wine by the Glass

Servings by the glass or 375 ml Half Carafe

Glass

Champagne, Perrier Jouet "Grand Brut" NV  
Rosé Sparkling Wine, Schramsberg Brut Rose '05  
Sparkling Wine, Cristalino Brut Vintage Cava '05  
Prosecco, Italy, Abbazia di San Gaudenzio, Extra Dry NV

### WHITE WINE

Glass      Half Carafe

Grüner Veltliner, Kamptal, Austria, Hiedler '08  
Albariño, Rias Baixas, Spain, Paco & Lola '08  
Riesling, Nahe, Germany, Hooked '08  
Garganega/Trebbiano, Soave, Italy, De Valier 08  
Viognier, Graff Family Vineyards, Chalone '08  
Sauvignon Blanc, Edna Valley, Tangent, '08  
Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, O Wines '08  
Chardonnay, Edna Valley, Baileyana "Firepeak Vineyard" '07  
Chardonnay, Russian River, Darioush '06  
Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie, Italy, Casa Torelli '08  
Torrantes, Salta, Argentina, Crios de Susana Balbo '09  
Gewurztraminer, Anderson Valley, Husch '08

### RED WINE

Rosé, Provence, France, Chateau d'Esclans "Whispering Angel" '08  
Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina, Doña Paula '08  
Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, MacMurray Ranch '08  
Pinot Noir, Central Coast, Testarossa "Palazzio" '08  
Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley/Carneros, Ambullneo '06  
Merlot, Hill Family Estate, Beau Terre Vineyard '06  
Merlot, Napa Valley, Duckhorn '07  
Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, Villa San Juliette '08  
Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Darioush "Caravan" '06  
Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Faust '06  
Garnacha, Calatayud, Spain, Bodegas Ateca "Atteca" Old Vines '08  
Syrah, Central Coast, Andrew Murray, "Tout Les Jours" '07  
Nebbiolo, Barbaresco, Italy, Produttori "Langhe" '08  
Tempranillo, Rioja, Spain, Bodegas Bretón "Loriñon" '05  
Petit Verdot/Merlot/Cab, Bordeaux, France, Château Bolaire '04  
Touriga Nacional Blend, Douro, Portugal "Aveleda "Charamba" '07  
Sangiovese/Cabernet, Tuscany, Italy, Il Poggiale "Morello" '08  
Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley, Quivira '07

# Azmin's Wine Discovery, Spring Picks

After tasting these wines, they have been selected for their superb quality at valuable price points. Each shows tremendous complexity, depth of flavor, varietal character, and is guaranteed to provide optimal drinking enjoyment when matched with my style of global cuisine. Cheers!

## WHITE WINES

228 Pinot Blanc Blend, Carneros, Robert Sinskey "Abraxas" '08

The aromas of this vibrant hued wine suggest a citrus note of Rangpur lime and Meyer lemon, layered with floral hints of honeysuckle, magnolia flower and spice. The aromas foreshadow lingering flavors of crisp nectarine, pear and lemon overlaying exotic spice, floral musk and a subtle but pervasive minerality. Abraxas' commanding texture and bright, fresh citrus edge refresh the palate and make the wine an amenable dinner companion and perfectly pairs with all appetizers.

210 Sauvignon Blanc, David Aurther, Napa Valley, '07

The color is light straw with aromas of lemongrass, kiwi fruit, lime, citrus and lemon thyme. The palate is focused with moderate acidity and a body rich with flavors of candied lemon and honeydew melon. It finishes clean with stone fruit and fresh herbs.

100 Fiano de Avelino DOCG, Campania, Italy Feudi di San Gregoro, '08

Enjoy the lovely bouquet of fresh peach and candied orange, with floral and mineral notes. This medium bodied wine has tropical fruit flavors with a lively freshness and mineral hints. The wines of Feudi di San Gregorio meet time and again with stellar reviews and consistently garner international critical acclaim. Enjoy this wine with chicken and vegetable dishes.

155 Assyrtiko, Santorini, Greece, Argyros Estate "Atlantis" '07

Founded in the early 1900s, Estate Argyros is one of the most significant wineries on Santorini. Its affordable Atlantis white is a great introduction to the strengths of the Assyrtiko grape -- the lemon-honey aromas, mineral intensity and citrus-zest notes that distinguish it as a great seafood wine.

249 Chardonnay, Kistler Les Noisetiers, Sonoma Mountain '07

This is a remarkable chardonnay from a perfectly situated hillside that interlaces the site and orientation to create a world class chardonnay. It carries a complex aroma of tangerine, powdered stone, and green citrus that has presence and intensity with an uncommon energy that lifts from the glass.

## RED WINES

549 Tempranillo Blend, Guadalupe Valley, Mexico, Adobe Guadalupe "Miguel," '05

Composed of 80% Tempranillo, 15% Grenache, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine packs powerful aromas of red fruits, pepper, tobacco, and chocolate. On the palate, ripe berry flavors are balanced by marked tannins wrapped around a persistent spice character to create a long-lasting, firm finish. This wine is very well paired with dishes with tomato sauce, game, lamb, duck, beef, and strong cheese. I met Don, the owner at a Charger's football tailgate party. And here you are...

349 Cab/Merlot, Hill Family, "Origin" Napa Valley '05

Dark raspberry and blackberry aromas are surrounded by coffee and caramel notes, with a little vanilla oak character. The palate has a deep, dark entry with warm plum and blackberry flavors supported with noticeable tannin. Intense, yet soft; firmly structured, yet balanced.

412 Grenache, Monterey County, Graff Family '07

Let the warmth of the sun-baked fruit slowly fill your soul as you taste this wine. The rich, ripe fruit is complemented by intriguing aromas of sweet tobacco and spice. It's ample and mouth filling on the palate with chewy tannins and just the right acidity to give vitality to the finale. Perfectly compliments meat dishes.

303 Gamay Valdiguie, Wildflower, Monterey County, J. Lohr, '09

The 2009 J. Lohr Estates Wildflower Valdiguie is a vibrant, red-purple in color with bright aromas of boysenberry, Bing cherry, raspberry and banana. The fruit complexion on the palate is equally bright, yet shows suppleness and body throughout the mid-palate. The luscious fruit finish is dominated by boysenberry and raspberry, making this wine ideal as an aperitif or paired with fish dishes.

317 Pinot Noir, Sonoma County, Scherrer '06

This wine exhibits the sassafras character of coastal Pinot Noirs, as well as the cola character of those from further inland Sonoma. Moderately structured, savory and mouth-watering, it has a bright central core of red fruits and lightly toasty oak to anchor these diverse elements, with a round, pleasant mouth feel.

## **CHAMPAGNE and SPARKLING WINES**

- 50 Brut NV Champagne, Roederer Brut "Premier"
- 51 Brut NV Champagne, Perrier Jouet Grand Brut
- 52 Brut NV Champagne, Laurent-Perrier "Brut L-P"
- 53 Rosé NV Champagne, Besserat de Bellefon
- 54 Rosé NV Champagne, Billecart-Salmon
- 69 Rosé Sparkling Wine, Schramsberg Brut Rose 05
- 55 Brut Multi-Vintage Champagne, Canard-Duchene "Grande Cuvée"
- 56 Brut Multi-Vintage Champagne, Krug "Grande Cuvée"
- 57 Brut Multi-Vintage Champagne, Krug "Grande Cuvée" half bottle
- 58 Blanc de Chardonnay Vintage Champagne, Pol Roger 99
- 59 Brut Tête de Cuvée, Dom Perignon 00
- 63 Brut Tête de Cuvée, Charles Heidsieck "Blanc des Millenaires" 95
- 60 Brut Tête de Cuvée, Roederer "Cristal" 02

## **WHITE WINES**

### **PINOT GRIGIO, ARNEIS, FIANO, VERMENTINO: THE ITALIAN WHITES**

- 100 Fiano de Avelino DOCG, Feudi di San Gregoro, Campania, Italy 08
- 101 Arneis, Piedmont, Roero, Ceretto "Blanghe" 07
- 102 Greco di Tufo, Campania, Terredora 08
- 103 Gavi Di Gavi, Broglia "La Meirana" 08
- 104 Pinot Grigio, Friuli, Collio, Venica 08
- 105 Pinot Grigio, Alto Adige, J. Hofstätter 06

### **SOUTH OF FRANCE , SPANISH, and GREEK WHITES**

- 150 Viognier, Rhone Valley, Condrieu, E.Guigal 06
- 151 Albariño, Central Coast, Iberian Remix 08
- 152 Clairette/Grenache Blanc, Ch-du-Pape Blanc, Ch. La Nerthe 05
- 153 Marsanne/Grenache Bl./Viognier, Santa Ynez Vly, Demetria "Papou" 06
- 154 Verdejo Old Vines, Spain, Rueda, Viña Sila "Naiades" 06
- 155 Assyrtiko, Santorini, Argyros Estate "Atlantis" 07

### **SAUVIGNON BLANC, CHENIN BLANC, MUSCADET, and SEMILLON: LOIRE VALLEY and BORDEAUX WHITES**

- 200 Sauvignon Blanc, Sancerre, Patient Cottat "Vielles Vignes" 05
- 201 Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon, Graves, Ch. Gravelle-Lacoste 07
- 202 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, Dog Point 08
- 204 Sauvignon Blanc, Clear Lake, Ceago Vinegarden "Kathleens" 07
- 205 Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, Duckhorn Wine Co. 08
- 210 Sauvignon Blanc, David Aurther, Napa Valley, 07
- 206 Semillon, Eden Valley, Henschke "Louis" 06
- 207 Chenin Blanc, Savenierres, N. Joly, Roche Aux Moines "Clos Bergerie" 04
- 208 Chenin Blanc, Vouvray, Domaine Pichot 07
- 209 Muscadet, Sevre et Maine Sur Lie, Ch. de la Ragotiere 06

**RIESLING, GEWURTZTRAMINER, PINOT GRIS and FRIENDS:  
THE AROMATIC WHITES**

- 220 Riesling, Rheinhessen, Gunderloch Spatlese "Diva" 07
- 221 Riesling Kabinett, Brauneberg, Mosel, Willi Haag 07
- 223 Riesling, Columbia Valley, Ch. St. Michelle/Dr. Loosen "Eroica" 08
- 224 Gewurztraminer, Alsace, Trimbach 06
- 225 Sylvaner Reserve, Alsace, Domaine Weinbach 06
- 226 Gruner Veltliner, Kamptal, Brundlmayer 08
- 227 Pinot Blanc, Alsace, Marcel Deiss "Bergheim" 06
- 228 Pinot Blanc Blend, Carneros, Robert Sinskey "Abraxas" 08
- 229 Pinot Gris, Willamette Valley, Ponzi 09
- 230 Pinot Gris, Alsace, Pierre Sparr "Reserve" 06

**CHARDONNAY: FROM WHITE BURGUNDY to NEW ZEALAND**

- 250 Chablis 1er Cru "Vaillons", William Fevre 06
- 801 Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Gagnard 04
- 251 Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru, Vincent Girardin 05
- 252 Meursault "Les Criots", Ballot Millot 06
- 253 Sonoma Coast, Flowers 07
- 254 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "Les Chaumes", Roux Pere & Fils 06
- 255 Pouilly-Fuisse, JJ Vincent 08
- 256 Napa Valley, Chateau Montelena 07
- 257 Napa Valley, Shafer "Red Shoulder Ranch" 07
- 258 Napa Valley, Darioush 07
- 262 Napa Valley, Pahlmeyer 07
- 259 Sonoma County, Peter Michael "Ma Belle Fille" 07
- 249 Sonoma Coast, Kistler "les Noisetiers" 07
- 260 Russian River, Hartford Court "Four Hearts" 06
- 261 Russian River, Olivet Lane "Estate" 07
- 263 Monterey, Joullian "Sleepy Hollow" 07
- 264 Santa Maria Valley, Foxen "Block UU-Bien Nacido" 08
- 265 New Zealand, Marlborough, Cloudy Bay 07

**PREMIUM SAKE**

- 290 Hitori Musume, Sayaka Junmai (300 ml), Ibaragi Prefecture
- 291 Kasumi Tsuru, Kimoto Extra Dry (300 ml)

**ROSÉ WINES**

- 293 Dry Rosé, Paso Robles, Tablas Creek 08
- 294 Dry Rosé, Provence, Domaines Ott "Ch. De Selle" 08

## RED WINES

### PINOT NOIR and GAMAY: THE GREAT GRAPES OF RED BURGUNDY

- 802 Le Musigny Vieilles Vignes Grand Cru, Comte Vogue 97
- 300 Morey-Saint-Denis Vieilles Vignes, Nicolas Potel 06
- 301 Volnay 1er Cru, Georges Lignier et Fils 05
- 302 Savigny-les-Beaune 1er Cru "Serpentieres", Pierre Guillemot 06
- 304 Russian River Valley, Papapietro Perry "Peters Vineyard" 07
- 299 Sonoma Coast, Cobb "Coastlands" 07
- 308 Sonoma Coast, Soliste "Sonatera Vineyard" 07
- 309 Sonoma County, Tandem "Auction Block" 06
- 317 Sonoma County, Scherrer 06
- 306 Los Carneros, Robert Sinskey Vineyards 07
- 307 Los Carneros, Saintsbury 07
- 304 Santa Lucia Highlands, Miura "Pisoni Vineyard" 07
- 305 Rancho Ontiveros Vineyards, Santa Maria/Santa Barbara, "Native 9" 08
- 310 Sta. Rita Hills, Fiddlehead "Seven Twenty Eight" 06
- 311 Sta. Rita Hills, Tantara "Rio Vista Vineyard" 07
- 312 Willamette Valley, Penner-Ash "Willamette Valley" 07
- 313 Willamette Valley, Four Graces "Dundee Hills Reserve" 06
- 314 Willamette Valley, Domaine Serene "Yamhill Cuvee" 07
- 315 Columbia Gorge, Sineann "Wyeast Vineyard" 06
- 316 Gamay, Cru Beaujolais Fleurie, Henry Fessy 07
- 303 Gamay Valdiguie, Wildflower, Monterey County, J. Lohr 09

### CABERNET, MERLOT, MALBEC, BORDEAUX AND BEYOND

- 350 Cab/Merlot, Haut-Médoc, Ch. Senejac 05
- 351 Cab/Merlot, Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé, Ch. D'Armailhac 05
- 812 Cab/Merlot, Pomerol, Ch. L'Eveche 07
- 814 Cab/Merlot, Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé, Ch. Pichon-Baron 96
- 820 Cab/Merlot, Knights Valley, Peter Michael "Les Pavots" 06
- 349 Cab/Merlot, Napa Valley, Hill Family, Origin 05
- 352 Cab/Merlot, Stellenbosch, Rustenberg "John X. Merriman" 06
- 811 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Rubicon Estate "Rubicon" 05
- 353 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Levendi "Sweetwater Ranch" 05
- 354 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Darioush 06
- 355 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Caymus "Special Selection" 07
- 817 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Dominus Estate 03
- 357 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Fisher "Unity" 06
- 358 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Rubicon "Cask" 06
- 356 Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, Stone Street '05
- 800 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, Quilceda Creek, 07
- 360 Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile, Casa Lapostolle "Cuvee Alexandre" 08

**CABERNET, MERLOT, MALBEC, BORDEAUX VARIETALS (Cont)**

- 368 Cabernet Blend, Paso Robles, Justin "Isoceles" 07  
359 Cabernet Blend, Napa Valley, Cain "Five" 05  
361 Merlot, Napa Valley, Shafer 07  
362 Merlot, Napa Valley, Nickel & Nickel "Harris Vineyard" 06  
363 Merlot, Napa Valley, Blackbird Vineyards "Arise" 06  
364 Merlot, Walla Walla Valley, Seven Hills "Seven Hills Vineyard" 06  
365 Malbec Blend, Mendoza, Clos De Los Siete 07  
366 Cabernet Franc, Bourgueil, Ch de Miniere, "Cuvee Les Bezards" 06  
367 Cabernet Franc blend, Napa Valley, Havens "Bourriquot" 04  
702 Cabernet Blend, Napa Valley, Swanson "Alexis" 03 magnum  
706 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Darioush 06 magnum

**SYRAH, GRENACHE, MOURVEDRE: THE RHONE VARIETALS**

- 399 Petite Syrah, Napa Valley, B Cellars 07  
400 Syrah, Rhone Valley, Cote Rotie, E. Guigal "Brun et Blonde" 05  
401 Syrah, Rhone Valley, Crozes Hermitage, Delas "Grands Chemins" 06  
402 Syrah, Rhone Valley, Cornas, Tardieu Laurent 04  
403 Syrah, Central Coast, Qupe 07  
405 Syrah, Columbia Valley, Gramercy Cellars "Lagniappe" 06  
404 Syrah, Santa Barbara County, Jaffurs "Thompson Vineyard" 07  
408 Syrah blend, California, Sean Thackrey Pleiades XVII Old Vines  
406 Syrah, Santa Ynez Valley, Stolpman Estate 07  
701 Syrah, Washington State, Longshadows "Sequel" 04 magnum  
407 Grenache/Shiraz/Mourvedre, Barossa Valley, Hewitson "Miss Harry" 07  
412 Grenache, Graff Family, Monterey County '07  
409 Grenache blend, Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Dom. du Vieux Lazaret 07  
411 Mourvedre/Grenache, Bandol, Domaine Gros Noré 06

**SANGIOVESE, NEBBIOLO, BARBERA, CORVINA: ITALIAN RED WINES**

- 450 Sangiovese, Chianti Classico Riserva, Monsanto 05  
451 Sangiovese, Chianti Classico, Fonterutoli 05  
452 Sangiovese, Brunello di Montalcino, Argiano 04  
453 Merlot/Cabernet blend, Tuscany, Ornellaia "Le Serra Nuove" 07  
454 Sangiovese/Merlot, Tuscany, Frescobaldi/Mondavi "Lucente" 06  
455 Sangiovese/Cab/Merlot, Tuscany, Castello del Terriccio "Tassinaia" 05  
456 Nebbiolo, Barolo, Vietti "Castiglione" 05  
804 Nebbiolo, Barbaresco, Gaja 05  
457 Nebbiolo, Barbaresco, Marchesi de Gresy "Martinenga" 04  
458 Barbera d'Asti, Piedmont, La Spinetta "Ca' Di Pian" 06  
459 Corvina blend, Veneto, Amarone, Masi 05  
460 Corvina blend, Veneto, Amarone, Caterina Zardini 03

## ZINFANDEL: THE RED GRAPE OF CALIFORNIA

- 500 Zinfandel Blend, Sonoma, Ridge "Geyserville" 07
- 501 Zinfandel, Sonoma, Seghesio "Old Vine" 07
- 502 Zinfandel, Amador County, Renwood "Grand Mere" 05
- 503 Zinfandel, Napa Valley, Frog's Leap 07

## TEMPRANILLO and GARNACHA: SPANISH AND MEXICAN RED VARIETALS

- 549 Tempranillo, Baja California, Mexico, Adobe Guadalupe "Miguel" 05
- 550 Tempranillo, Rioja, Beronia 06
- 551 Tempranillo, Rioja Reserva, Lopez de Heredia "Vina Bosconia" 01
- 552 Tempranillo, Ribera del Duero, Condado de Haza 06
- 553 Garnacha/Cariñena, Priorat, Vall Llach "Embruix" 05
- 554 Garnacha, Campo de Borja, Alto Moncayo "Old Vines" 07

### DESSERT WINES (all 375 ml except where noted)

- 600 Sauternes, Ch. Rabaud-Promis 05 (375 ml)
- 603 Riesling/Chenin Blanc Eiswein, Yakima Valley, Kiona 07 (375 ml)
- 604 Tokaji Aszu 5 Puttonyos, Royal Tokaji Wine Co. 05 (500 ml)
- 605 Old Muscat, Rutherglen, Australia, Chambers Rosewood NV (375 ml)
- 606 Cabernet Port, Justin, "Obtuse" 07 (375)
- 607 Malvasia delle Lipari, Cantine Colosi 06 (375 ml)
- 608 Pinot Gris, Late Harvest, Robert Sinskey, Los Carneros 06 (375 ml)
- 609 Vin Santo del Chianti, Borghi 02 (750ml)

*"It is well to remember that there are five reasons for drinking:  
the arrival of a friend; one's present or future thirst;  
the excellence of the wine; or any other reason".*

*-- Latin saying*

*"Drinking good wine with good food in good company is one of life's  
most civilized pleasures". – Michael Broadbent*

*"Drink Wine, and you will sleep well.  
Sleep, and you will not sin.  
Avoid sin, and you will be saved.  
Ergo, drink wine and you will be saved".*  
*--Medieval German Proverb*