

OntarioWineReview Vintages Release Guide

A bi-weekly report about the upcoming wines being released through LCBO's Vintages program.



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I am using a 5-star rating system, which appears at the end of each review; here's the key to the stars:
5 = Outstanding ... 4.5 = Excellent ... 4 = Very Good ... 3.5 = Good ... 3 = Average

Key: Wine colour indicators - Red are red wines, Yellow are whites, etc.

The Foci ... Aussie Cabs, Chards and Shiraz (**AC2S**), Italian Whites (**IW**) and Dad (**DAD**)
The Skinny ... Seems to be a light week for good wine, but once again I'll give you the skinny on the good ones to buy.

Australia ...

Domaine Tournon 2011 Mathilda Shiraz (\$19.95 - #327395) – clearly smoky and meaty come through on the French/Australian joint venture, thought more French than Oz. (****) – **AC2S**

Grant Burge 2010 The Holy Trinity Grenache/Shiraz/Mourvedre (\$29.95 - #236257) – red fruit and herbal notes come together with finesse and delicacy yet shows muscle mid-palate. (****) – **AC2S**

Mitolo 2010 GAM Shiraz (\$39.95 - #596031) – smoky, meaty, mocha with accents of dark fruit and nice acid backbone. (****) – **AC2S**

Trust 2010 Shiraz (\$25.95 - #371468) – Eucalyptus, black cherry, violet and mocha. (****) – **AC2S**

Wynns Coonawarra Estate 2010 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon (\$27.95 - #084996) – pleasant creaminess of chocolate with nice acidity black currant, blackberry, mocha. (****+) – **AC2S**

Wild River 2011 Pinot Noir (\$21.95 - #376244) – nicely fruit forward with cherry and dusty mineral, plum and spice. (** ½+)

Canada (Ontario) ... [click on wine name for full review](#)

[Creekside 2013 Cabernet Rosé](#) (\$15.95 - #048819) - *** ½+

[Creekside 2010 Laura's Red](#) (\$19.95 - #117960) - ****

[Konzelmann 2012 Heritage](#) (\$26.95 - #149179) - ****

[Malivoire 2012 Pinot Gris](#) (\$19.95 - #591305) - *** ½+

[Su-Ann Staff 2012 Loved By Lu Riesling](#) (\$16.95 - #322636) - *** ½+

[Thirty Bench 2011 Red](#) (\$24.00 - #320986) - *** ½+ - **DAD**

Chile ...

I Latina 2010 Syrah (\$22.95 - #371120) – nice minty and smoky notes, hints of chocolate / caramel and black fruit. (** ½+)

Morande 2009 Gran Reserva Carmenere (\$20.95 - #371112) – plenty of mint and blackberry, touch of vanilla with raspberry, cherry and sweet blueberry. (****)

France (Alsace) ...

Arthur Metz Brut Prestige Cremant D'Alsace (\$19.95 - #369116) – green apple and lemon, good acidity with lively bubble and long finish. (****)

France (Bordeaux) ...

Chateau Roc St-Michel 2009 (\$28.95 - #366369) – starts off toasty but mocha and blackberry creeps in. (** ½+)

France (Burgundy) ...

Pierre Andre 2010 Volnay (\$35.95 - #365072) – nice tannins, cherry, black raspberry, earthy and herbal. (****)

France (Loire) ...

Chavet & Fils 2012 La Dame de Jacques Coeur Menetou-Salon Blanc (\$19.95 - #525048) – touch of melon and apple blossom subtle yet enjoyable. (** ½+)

Langlois-Chateau Brut Cremant de Loire (\$21.95 - #996272) – biscuit, lemon drop and mac apple; real pleasant. (** ½+)

France (*Midi*) ...

Carignanissime de Centelles 2010 (\$18.95 - #041913) – sweet fruited to its core; a real slug it back and enjoy around the BBQ kinda wine. (****)

Domaine Gardies Les Milleres 2011 (\$24.95 - #370205) – mocha, blackberry, black cherry, plum, vanilla, dark chocolate; flavourful and seductive with good tannin backing. (****+)

France (*Provence*) ...

Carte Noir 2013 Rosé (\$17.95 - #319384) – dry and delicate; lavender and apricot notes with herbal backing and a nice long finish. (****)

France (*Rhone*) ...

E. Guigal 2012 Cotes du Rhone Blanc (\$18.95 - #290266) – wet stone, peach pit, floral notes with citrus pith. (** ½+)

Germany ...

Konigschaffhauser Vulkanfelsen 2013 Pinot Noir Rosé Trocken (\$13.95 - #168237) – pleasant and easy drinking, raspberry dominated. (** ½)

Italy (*Campania*) ...

Fontanavecchia Taburno Falanghina del Sannio 2012 (\$18.95 - #375287) – citrus, pear and floral; pleasing on the palate. (** ½+) – **IW**

Terredora di Paola Loggio della Serra Greco di Tufo 2012 (\$20.95 - #983197) – apple skin, wet stone and peach pit with a long finish. (****) – **IW**

Italy (*Piedmont*) ...

Pio Cesare 2011 Barbera D'Alba (\$24.95 - #938886) – rich dark fruit, cassis with blackberry and black cherry. (** ½+)

San Silvestro Fossili 2012 Gavi di Gavi (\$16.95 - #368753) – citrus with a mineral seam along with zesty and rindy notes. (** ½+) – **IW**

Italy (*Puglia*) ...

Leone de Castris 2010 Riserva Salice Salentino (\$19.95 - #597534) – sweetness of plum and black cherry all nicely spiced. (****)

Italy (*Veneto*) ...

La Cappuccina 2013 Soave (\$15.95 - #081489) – crisp and refreshing showing grapefruit zest and melon rind. (** ½+) – **IW**

New Zealand ...

Loveblock 2012 Sauvignon Blanc (\$29.95 - #366310) – typical but still tasty, grass dominated with grapefruit backing. (** ½+)

South Africa ...

Delheim 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon (\$18.95 - #981357) – pleasant dark and red fruit mix with nice oak balance. (** ½+)

Spain ...

Borsao 2011 Tres Picos Garnacha (\$19.95 - #273748) – rich and juicy red berries with blueberry and cherry, very quaffable with all its sweet fruit. (****)

Breca 2010 Old Vines Garnacha (\$19.95 - #329086) – complex and tasty; black fruit and mineral mingle with big alcohol and big flavour profile all at an impressive price. (****+)

United States (*California*) ...

Artesa 2012 Chardonnay (\$24.95 - #657585) – has the Cali-Chard flavours down pat with oak, vanilla, toasted apple and touches of spice. (****)

Ferrari-Carano 2012 Fume Blanc (\$22.95 - #354993) – vanilla, lemon grass, pineapple tropicality; comes across as a Chardonnay with plenty of acidity. (****)

Geyser Peak 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon (\$19.95 - #343467) – nice balance of juicy smoothness, black fruit with a chocolate interior. (****)

Marimar Estate 2009 Mas Cavalls Pinot Noir (\$42.95 - #368316) – lots of California appeal with richness of plum and cherry with pomegranate backing. (** ½+)

Smith-Madrone 2011 Chardonnay (\$39.95 - #363556) – muscle and finesse meet in the glass, it's

a bruiser and a tasty one at that. (****)

In-Store Discoveries – wines that just appear on the shelves of your local Vintages outlet ...

Bassermann-Jordan 2008 Deidesheimer-Hohenmorgen Riesling Auslese (\$54.95 - #377515) – Germany - ****+

Burrowing Owl 2010 Athene (\$44.95 - #371336) – British Columbia - Canada ****+

Raymond 2009 Red Room Red (\$150.00 - #369264) – California, USA - ****

If You Can Afford It – wines worth their high price ...

Ridge 2011 Geyserville (\$52.95 - #723072) - ****+ (DAD)

What I'll Be Lining Up For – June 7, 2014 ...

Arthur Metz Brut Prestige Cremant D'Alsace (\$19.95 - #0369116) – France

Breca 2010 Old Vines Garnacha (\$19.95 - #329086) – Spain

Domaine Gardies Les Milleres 2011 (\$24.95 - #370205) – France

Happy Shopping

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