

# BonVida Wines



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## **BACKGROUND AND PROFILES**

### ***HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF BONVIDA WINES***

*BonVida Wines was founded by Jane Depraitere in March of 2006 as a wine importing, sales and marketing company with operations in the Province of Alberta. Andrew Jones and Mark Bata joined the company in 2009 and become partners in the business in 2010.*

*BonVida represents the collective business experience, knowledge, and philosophy of its three partners. We are committed to providing high standards of quality, professionalism, innovation, service and support in all aspects of our business. Our business, and success comes from great relationships with our suppliers and clients.*

*The partners of BonVida travel frequently and meet with wineries and wine professionals around the globe to continuously build our knowledge and bring great products to Alberta.*

### ***PARTNER PROFILES***

*JANE DEPRAITERE, President - Jane has more than 20 years founding, growing and running successful businesses in the investment industry. Jane travelled to Argentina and Chile in 2005 where she located wineries that formed BonVida's first portfolio. Jane left the investment industry in 2009 to concentrate solely on BonVida. Jane is the BonVida representative for accounts in Edmonton and surrounding areas.*

*ANDREW JONES, Vice President, Sales – Andrew has over 20 years experience in sales management in the beverage industry. Andrew oversaw sales management in the premium coffee sector (Illy Canada), specialty beer (Big Rock Brewery) and the fine wine sector (Vendemmia International). He is the BonVida representative for a base of accounts within Calgary, as well as the mountain regions and Southern Alberta*

*MARK BATA, Sales Director - Mark has more than 10 years sales and management experience in the restaurant and wine sectors. Prior to joining BonVida Mark held sales positions with wine importing and distribution agencies specializing in fine Italian and Spanish wines. He is the BonVida representative for a base on accounts within Calgary and the surrounding area.*

**NEW WINERIES & WINES****STATUS****WINES**

Brigaldara, Veneto, Italy

Available

Valpolicella &amp; Amarone

Chakana Andean Winery, Agrelo, Argentina

Aug-10

Estate Selection Malbec

Lagarde, Luyan de Cuyo, Argentina

Available

Rose of Malbec and Pinot Noir

Massolino, Serralunga, Piemonte, IT

Aug-10

Nebbiolo and Barolo

Tuck Beckstoffer Wines

Available

75 Cabernet and The Sum

**Chakana Andean Wines - Agrelo, Mendoza**[www.chakanawines.com.ar](http://www.chakanawines.com.ar)

Chakana Andean Wines is a modern winery rooted in family legacy. At the turn of the 19th century, Giovanni Pelizzatti started producing high quality wines in the DOCG Valtellina, Lombardia, in Northern Italy. The descendants of this pioneer have continued his passion in Italy and most recently in the Andes foothills of Argentina.

Chakana integrates agricultural and enologic practices, with the skill and experience of reknown wine consultant Alberto Antonini to make wines of superior expression. In addition to Torrontes from the Salta region, Chakana produces estate wines made from Bonarda, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah from its unique terroir in Agrelo, a premier growing region in Lujan de Cuyo area of the province of Mendoza.

718322 Malbec 2009	0.750	12	IVWA Judges Choice 2010 - Malbec
718323 Malbec Reserva 2008	0.750	12	
718325 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva 2008	0.750	12	
740123 Estate Selection 2008	0.750	6	ETA August

**Benvenuto de la Serna - Valle de Uco, Mendoza**[www.benvenutodelaserma.com](http://www.benvenutodelaserma.com)

Founded in the year 2000 this is a dream realized by the Benvenuto family who are formerly from Genova, Italy. The high tech winery is in the foothills of the Andes and they have assembled a dedicated team that includes famed winemaker Angel Mendoza who worked at Trapiche for many years and Michel Rolland assisting with oenological consulting.

734887 Malbec Signature Blend, 2005	0.750	6	Malbec 60% & Merlot 40%
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**Bodegas Lagarde - Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza**[www.lagarde.com.ar](http://www.lagarde.com.ar)

Founded in 1897, Lagarde is one of Argentina's oldest wineries focussing on traditional and artisanal winemaking. The vineyards are located in Lujan de Cuyo in the upper Mendoza River region, an area considered to be a premium zone for grape growing. The vineyards are founded on alluvial clay, sand and rock, which are well suited to drainage. Vine roots grow deep to source hydration for the plants. Winemaking style leans toward elegant expression of Lagarde's privileged location, soil and climate.

**Altas Cumbres Series**

727335	Altas Cumbres Viognier, 2009	0.750	12
726171	Altas Cumbres Malbec, 2009	0.750	12
727334	Altas Cumbres Cabernet Sauvignon, 2006	0.750	12

**Henry Lagarde Series**

726172	Viognier, 2009	0.750	12	
727333	Blanc De Noir, 2009 (rose)	0.750	12	Malbec/Pinot Noir
726173	Malbec, 2008	0.750	12	
727331	Cabernet Sauvignon, 2007	0.750	12	
728643	Syrah, 2007	0.750	12	

**Guarda Series**

726175	Malbec, DOC, 2007	0.750	12	Robert Parker 90 pts - 2007 vintage. Old vines, single veinyard
726176	Guarda Malbec Blend, 2007	0.750	12	Malbec 40%, Cabernet Sauvignon 30%, Merlot 20% & Syrah 10%
726177	Henry Gran Guarda No.1, 2006	0.750	6	Robert Parker 90 pts - 2006 vintage

**Blasted Church - Okanagan Valley, British Columbia**[www.blastedchurch.com](http://www.blastedchurch.com)

Blasted Church is located on a picturesque lakeside bench north of Okanagan Falls. The view from the winery of the lake and surrounding mountains is indeed heavenly, not to mention the excellent conditions for grape growing with the cooling breezes and moderating effects of the Lake Skaha. Blast Church is named after the 1929 explosion of a church located in a mining camp to move it to Okanagan Falls. After the explosion, the church was successfully moved to OK Falls where it stands today. From Hatfield's Fuse, named for the man who lit a fuse under a certain church, a blend of Gewürztraminer, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Optima, Ehrenfelser and Pinot Blanc, to its 100% Syrah, a grape with which the Okanagan Valley is making its mark, these wines are VQA and produced in limited quantities for heavenly results. All wines feature a screw top closure and are moving to eco friendly bottles which are 30% lighter for a lower carbon foot print.

**White wines**

714564	Hatfield's Fuse, VQA, 2009	0.750	12	Aromatic blend of Gewürztraminer, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Optima, Ehrenfelser & Pinot Blanc
726903	Gewürztraminer, VQA, 2009	0.750	12	
712836	Chardonnay Musque, VQA, 2009	0.750	12	
714566	Pinot Gris, VQA, 2009	0.750	12	

**Red wines**

37531	Syrah, VQA, 2008	0.750	12	
37515	Merlot, VQA, 2007	0.750	12	
712838	Cabernet Merlot, VQA, 2008	0.750	12	
35881	Pinot Noir, VQA, 2008	0.750	12	

**Vineland Estates - Niagara Peninsula, Vineland, Ontario**[www.vineland.com](http://www.vineland.com)

Vineland Estates Winery is located in the hamlet of Vineland, near Niagara on the Lake. The winery sits against the backdrop of "the bench". This is a part of the geological formation known as the Niagara Escarpment. This location affords scenic views across rolling vineyards to Lake Ontario as well as soil types and micro-climates that contribute to the characteristics of their wines. The estate covers 75 acres and was planted by Hermann Weis, of St. Urbans Hof fame, of the Mosel region in Germany. In 1992 the winery was purchased by the deGasparis family. Vineland now has over 350 acres planted out with varieties such as: Riesling, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. The red varieties include Merlot, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, as well as Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Classic Series**

167551	Riesling Dry, VQA, 2007	0.750	12
232033	Riesling Semi Dry, VQA, 2008	0.750	12
563361	Sauvignon Blanc, VQA, 2008	0.750	12
563460	Pinot Gris, VQA, 2007	0.750	12
594127	Cabernet Franc, VQA, 2008	0.750	12

**Elevation Series**

422808	Cabernet Elevation, VQA, 2007	0.750	12
316307	Riesling Elevation, VQA, 2007	0.750	12

**Reserve Series**

563486	Brut Reserve, VQA, NV	0.750	12	Pinot Meunier & Chardonnay. Charmat Method.
708383	Cabernet/Merlot Reserve, VQA, 2005	0.750	6	

**Ice Wines**

637165	Vidal, Icewine, VQA 2006	0.200	12	In gift boxes
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**VICE**[www.vicemartini.com](http://www.vicemartini.com)

739934	VICE Vodka IceWine Martini	0.500	12
738401	VICE Vodka IceWine Martini	0.750	12

**Vitivinicola Teillery - Isla de Maipo**[www.teillery.cl](http://www.teillery.cl)

Certified organic Swiss IMO

This progressive and pioneering winery follows organic viticulture and winemaking and is certified by IMO Switzerland. The winery is located on the Island in the Maipo River where its neighbours are other organic wineries; this produces an optimal organic microclimate. The Teillery family heritage originates from France and winemaker Jose Teillery, the second generation to run the vineyards is Bordeaux trained.

<b>729588 Shiraz, 2009</b>	0.750	12
<b>729589 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009</b>	0.750	12
<b>729587 Merlot Reserva, 2006</b>	0.750	12
<b>732755 Syrah Reserva, 2006</b>	0.750	12
<b>732754 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva, 2006</b>	0.750	12

**Antech - Limoux, Languedoc**[www.antech-limoux.com](http://www.antech-limoux.com)

Sustainable viticultural practices

The sparkling wine maker Antech (*pronounced ahn-tesh*) is located between the medieval city of Carcassonne and the Pyrenees. They have been making wine on their estate for six generations. Vineyards are south facing and are located at 400 meters above sea level. Soils are rocky and are primarily composed of clay and limestone. The Limoux zone is famous for AOC Blanquette di Limoux, a sparkling wine made primarily from the Mauzac grape variety. The name Blanquette is Occitan and comes from the white colour of the leaves in the early days that the vines leaf out. For over a decade Antech has been focused on sustainable viticulture and are signatories of the *Charter for the Progress of Sustainable Agricultural Development for Languedoc-Roussillon*. Documentation shows that in 1531 a monk in the abbey of St-Hilaire near Limoux created the first sparkling wine, using the mauzac variety, and production was ongoing. This predates all records in Champagne by about 100 years.

<b>738750</b>	<b>Blanquette de Limoux, Brut Reserve, AOC, 2008</b>	0.750	12	90% Mauzac & 10% Chardonnay
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**Domaine Begude - Limoux, Languedoc**[www.domainebegude.com](http://www.domainebegude.com)

Organic practices

Domaine Begude is a 25 hectare family owned estate set high in the foothills of the Pyrenees in the Limoux region of the Languedoc near Carcassonne. Vineyards were established here in the late 16th century and has always enjoyed an excellent reputation for success due to great terroir. The vineyards have been organically farmed for 25 years and further attention is garnered from biodynamic practices particularly during planting, pruning & harvesting. The winery is a modern facility located within 5 minutes of all the estate's vineyards. At Begude, winemaking intervention is minimized to permit the maximum expression of the chardonnay grape. Bottles feature screw top closure

<b>738366</b>	<b>Le Bel Ange Chardonnay, 2009</b>	0.750	12	
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**Domaine Grangeneuve - Roussas,****Rhone Valley**[www.domainesbour.com](http://www.domainesbour.com)

This 65 hectare estate is near Roussas in the heart of the Rhone Valley, in the region Coteaux du Tricastin AOC. It was established in 1964 by Odette and Henri Bour on some of the very best south facing parts of the Coteaux de Tricastin appellation. This area neighbours the Cotes du Rhone Villages appellation. The soil is composed of pebbles, chalk and clay and the average age of vines is 25 years. Vineyard composition is primarily Syrah and Grenache with additional parcels of Mourvedre and Cinsault.

<b>736286</b>	<b>Terre d'Epices, Coteaux du Tricastin, AOC, 2006</b>	0.750	12	Syrah 50% & Grenache 50%
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<b>736287</b>	<b>La Truffiere, Coteaux du Tricastin, AOC, 2006</b>	0.750	12	Syrah 90% & Grenache 10%
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**Stephane Vedeau - Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Rhone Valley**[www.vertuvin.com/producers](http://www.vertuvin.com/producers)

Stephane Vedeau is an agri-scientist turned winemaker and winery owner. In the library of wine stories, this is a spirited and truly sincere version. Mr. Vedeau is fervently dedicated to making clean, terroir expressive wines and uses techniques that ensure an integrated oak profile in the wines. This includes his own trips to the best forests of France to select oak and a close relationship with his Cooper. For instance he has incorporated his own toasting procedure for the barrels complete with tools of his own design!

Stephane is a self confessed fanatic for Grenache and is a lover of Syrah. His quest is to provide an expression of flavour that is true to varietal and place. This has led him to grow grapes in extremely high elevation vineyards in both of the Rhones, north and south. It has even propelled him to purchase vineyards and a winery in Spain that are home to vineyard elevations that are unavailable in France. But this is another story.

**La Ferme du Mont, Southern Rhone - Red wines**

736237	Cotes du Rhone, Premier Cote, AOC, 2007	0.750	12	
737541	Gigondas, Cotes Jugunda, AOC, 2006	0.750	6	Grenache 80% & Syrah 20%
737539	Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Cotes Capelan, AOC, 2007	0.750	6	ETA August 2010. Very Limited  <b>Robert Parker 96 pts - 2007 vintage</b>

**J Boutin, Northern Rhone - Red wines**

736236	Crozes Hermitage, Les Hautes Granites, AOC, 2007	0.750	12	
737540	St Joseph, Parcelle de Jean, AOC, 2006	0.750	6	Old Vine Syrah 98% & Roussane 2%

**Chateau de Jau - Cases de Pène, Roussillon**[www.chateaudejau.com](http://www.chateaudejau.com)

Chateau de Jau is situated in the heart of the Agly Valley in the Roussillon back country about 20 km from Perpignan. The Chateau itself dates back to its founding by Cisterian monks in the 12th century. Today it is owned by the Daure family and the estate has 134 hectares under vine and 500 hectares of garrigue in the foothills of the Corbières. The Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cabernet, Muscat, Vermentino (Rolle) and Grenache (red and white) vines are influenced by the nearby Mediterranean and cool breezes from the north as well as their specific soil composition.

736333	JaJa de Jau Sauvignon Blanc, 2009	0.750	12	Screw top closure
736795	JaJa de Jau Syrah Rose, 2009	0.750	12	Screw top closure
736332	JaJa de Jau Syrah, 2009	0.750	12	Screw top closure
736331	Cotes du Roussillon Villages, AOC, 2007	0.750	12	Grenache, Syrah & Mourvedre

**La Valentina - Spoltore, Montepulciano, Abruzzo**[www.lavalentina.it](http://www.lavalentina.it)

Organic viticultural practices

This winery was founded in 1990 to pursue quality and to promote the Abruzzese DOCs. Their new and ultra modern winemaking facility in Spoltore near Pescara and is only a few kilometers from the Adriatic Sea. This proximity combined with the mountains provides many influences to the various microclimates found in the La Valentina vineyard holdings. The winery believes that wines are made by nature and their work should not inhibit the expression of the vine. La Valentina seeks to respect the fruit of the land, both on the vine and in the bottle, and to practice winemaking that allows for the fullest expression of the region's special qualities.

<b>737469</b>	<b>Montepulciano D'Abruzzo, DOC, 2006</b>	0.750	12	
<b>737468</b>	<b>Montepulciano D'Abruzzo, DOC, Spelt 2005</b>	0.750	6	Gambero Rosso Tre Bicchieri - 2005 vintage
<b>737467</b>	<b>Montepulciano D'Abruzzo, DOC, Belovedere 2004</b>	0.750	6	Gambero Rosso Tre Bicchieri - 2004 vintage

**Colterenzio - Bolzano, Alto Adige**[www.colterenzio.it](http://www.colterenzio.it)

Sustainable viticultural practices

Colterenzio is a hamlet, located just south of Bolzano, in the Alto Adige region of northern Italy. This is where northern Europe meets southern Europe. The winery is equidistant from Innsbruck and Verona. Wine has been made here since 15 Anno Domini by a Roman wine maker named Cornelius. In current times this area is home to the most progressive and high quality cooperatives in the wine-making world. Colterenzio has 290 "families" and over 300 hectares of rigorously controlled vineyards in an area described as having diverse micro-climates in lush glacier carved valleys well suited to grape growing. The conditions of this geographical area called the Uberetsch, facilitates a style for these wines combining Alpine freshness with the warmth and spice of the Mediterranean. Price to quality ratio for the wines is exceptional.

<b>739122</b>	<b>Colterenzio Pinot Grigio, DOC, 2009</b>	0.750	12	
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**Elvio Cogno - Novello, Piedmont**[www.elviocogno.com](http://www.elviocogno.com)

Sustainable viticultural practices

Elvio Cogno began his winery in 1990. Although sounding new to the scene Elvio was the driving force and winemaker at Marcarini for years. The vineyards and winery are in Novello and soils have sterling exposure for viticulture. The estate is 10 hectares with 9 under vine and annual production is 65,000 bottles. The winery is considered a rising star in the Langhe. Beppi Caviola consults to the winery.

## 2009 WINE &amp; SPIRITS MAGAZINE WINERY OF THE YEAR

<b>727849</b>	<b>Barbera d'Alba Bricco dei Merli, DOC, 2007</b>	0.750	6	Robert Parker 90 pts - 2007 vintage
<b>727851</b>	<b>Barolo Cascina Nuova, DOCG, 2005</b>	0.750	6	
<b>727850</b>	<b>Barolo Ravera Cru, DOCG, 2005</b>	0.750	6	ETA August Robert Parker 92 pts - 2005 vintage

**COMING SOON Massolino, Vigna Rionda – Serralunga d'Alba, Piedmont**[www.massolino.it](http://www.massolino.it)

As the Piemontese saying goes, "eleven towns for a great wine" and so is defined the Barolo zone. These towns, and their surrounding hills and slopes, comprise the Barolo Cru (or designated geographical single vineyard plots). It is from one of these medieval villages, Serralunga, that Massolino coaxes elegance and power from their vineyards; vineyards with famous Cru names such as Margheria, Parafada, and Vigna Rionda. The estate was founded in 1896 and is made up of 20 hectares that are now farmed by the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of the Massolino family.

It is widely considered that Serralunga makes the most powerful Barolo, one that is highly suitable for long ageing, though this estate is able to produce wines that are in both camps. Massolino's careful vineyard work, knowledge of their indigenous grape varieties and skilled winemaking techniques bring graceful and highly perfumed wines that are a pleasure to add to any cellar, or table!

Our research of press articles on Massolino span many years of top ratings ranging through their various labels. There is an enthusiastic vote of confidence from both European and North American publications. The Italian wine bible Gambero Rosso has awarded them with over 10 of the coveted "Tre Bicchieri" designations and tout the wines as "expressing the very soul of the Serralunga hills". The Massolino website describes all of the reviews.

<b>652479</b>	<b>Langhe Nebbiolo, DOC, 2006</b>	0.750	6	
<b>11205</b>	<b>Barolo, DOCG, 2006</b>	0.750	6	Robert Parker 90pts - 2006 vintage
<b>12419</b>	<b>Barolo Parafada Cru, DOCG, 2005</b>	0.750	6	Wine Spectator 91 pts & Robert Parker 93 pts - 2005 vintage

**Averna - Caltanissetta, Sicily**[www.avernausa.com](http://www.avernausa.com)

Averna is an ageless and exemplary Italian brand and it is steeped in history as one of Italy's most famous liqueurs. This herbal elixir (bitters) was originally created by friars of the Santo Spirito Abbey and it became famous in that area. They gifted the recipe to their benefactor Salvatore Averna. In 1868 the infusion was commercialized by the Averna family and it has been awarded numerous times over many years. Averna occupies the top selling position year in and year out in the Amaro category in Italy

**109843 Averna Amaro**

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## Donnafugata - Contessa Entellina and Island of Pantelleria, Sicily

[www.donnafugata.it](http://www.donnafugata.it)

Organic viticultural practices

Donnafugata has been making wine in the western part of Sicily for 150 years. The Rallo family's business philosophy thrives on the island's culture and focusses on indigenous grape varieties to make balanced, innovative and high quality wines. The Donnafugata wines embody the Rallo family's will to convey a passion for Sicily's history, culture and folklore. Vineyards and production are located in the Contessa Entellina and Island of Pantelleria DOCs

### **White wines**

737435	Anthilia, IGT, 2009	0.750	12	Ansonica & Catarratto. IVWA 2010 Judges Choice
722031	Lighea, IGT, 2009	0.750	6	Zibibbo & Catarratto

### **Red wines**

720770	Sedara, IGT, 2008	0.750	12	Nero d'Avola
720771	Angheli, IGT, 2006	0.750	6	Nero d'Avola & Merlot
720772	Tancredi, DOC, 2006	0.750	6	Nero d'Avola & Cabernet Sauvignon Robert Parker 91pts - 2005 vintage
722030	Mille e Una Notte (Nero d'Avola), DOC, 2005	0.750	6	Gambero Rosso Tre Bicchieri & Robert Parker 90pts - 2005 vintage

### **Dessert Wines**

738323	Kabir, Moscato di Pantelleria, DOC, 2008	0.375	12	Moscato d'Alessandria
720773	Ben Rye, Passito di Pantelleria, (Zibibbo), DOC, 2006	0.375	12	From dried Zibibbo grapes. Gambero Rosso Tre Bicchieri - 2006 vintage

### **Grappa**

738324	Grappa di Zibibbo	0.500	6	Moscato d'Alessandria Pomace
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**Anselmi - Monteforte d'Alpone, Veneto**[www.robertoanselmi.com](http://www.robertoanselmi.com)

Sustainable viticultural practices

The winery was founded in 1948 and has 70 hectares of select vineyards in Monteforte d'Alpone located high up on the hills between Soave and Monteforte near Verona, Anselmi has built a reputation built on genuine quality and a love for their area. Anselmi wines are a direct expression of Roberto Anselmi and his vision. Roberto has left no room for compromise. From one of the most technically advanced wineries in Italy, each wine label produced here represents a top expression of Soave's potential. Truly a family business, Roberto has been joined in business by his daughter Lisa and his son Tommaso.

**White wines**

740787	San Vincenzo, IGT, 2008	0.375	12	ETA November with screw cap
726232	San Vincenzo, IGT, 2009	0.750	12	Garganaga 85% & Chardonnay 15%
737433	Capitel Foscario CRU, IGT, 2009	0.750	6	Garganaga 80%, Chardonnay 15% & Soave Trebbiano 5%
740788	Capitel Croce CRU, IGT, 2008	0.750	6	ETA August

**Red wine**

737434	Realda Cabernet Sauvignon, IGT, 2006	0.750	6	
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**Dessert Wine**

726281	I Capitelli, 2006	0.375	6	WS 92 pts - 2006 vintage
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**NEW Brigaldara - San Pietro in Cariano, Veneto**[www.brigaldara.it](http://www.brigaldara.it)

Stefano Cesari produces fresh, clean, expressive terroir driven Veronese wines from his 45 hectares of prime vineyard parcels not far from Verona in San Floriano. The holdings lie in the heart of the Valpolicella Classico area. Brigaldara takes its name from the place and first mention of the land called as such was in 1260 AD. Stefano is a no nonsense individual who knows that wine is born in the vineyard and Brigaldara's viticultural team works diligently to achieve this. Stefano is also the president of the Valpolicella Region Grower's Association. In this mission he is dedicated to improving the quality of the wines through lowered yields, improved viticultural practices, clonal selection, and promoting modernization of winemaking equipment and techniques.

739713 Valpolicella Classico DOC, 2008	0.750	12	
739714 Amarone Classico DOC, 2006	0.750	6	Robert Parker 90 pts

**PORTUGAL**

Size

Case

Remarks

**Quinta do Judeu - Peso da Regua, Douro**[www.quintadojudeu.com](http://www.quintadojudeu.com)

The Carvalho family has owned the estate since 1932. The estate is located in a premier growing location in the Douro. It is named for the ancient Roman statue that was located on the estate grounds. The winery was born out of passion for the potential of the Douro and making wine in an expressive emerging style of the area. In recent years the cellar has been completely modernized.

729584	Corgo da Regua, Douro, DOC 2007	0.750	6
729583	Manuel do Talho, Douro, DOC 2006	0.750	6
729581	Quinto Do Judeu, Douro, DOC 2007	0.750	6

**SLOVENIA**

Size

Case

Remarks

**Verus - Ormož, Podravje's Slovenske Gorice Hills**[www.verusvino.com](http://www.verusvino.com)

*(pronounced "Veerus - Ormage, Podraviee Slovenske Goreetsee Hills)*

Sustainable viticultural practices

Verus is a dream realized by the three friends who started this new winery in 2007. Danilo, Bojo and Rajko share a common heritage which is wound through the historic vineyards in this beautifully well-suited grape growing area and finishes with their considerable wine-making skills in their new cellar. Their motto is "dedication to family tradition and friendship". Amen. Verus produces an inspiring range of wines in northeastern Slovenia in the Jeruzalem-Ormož (pronounced "Ormoge") hills, about 120 kilometers south of Austria. Archeological research carried out in their area has revealed that wine has been made in this region since well before the time of the Romans. Verus' vineyards wind across steep south facing terraces which protect the vines from the prevailing north wind. Varieties include pinot gris, furmint, riesling, sauvignon blanc and muscat.

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739123	Verus Pinot Gris, 2008	0.750	6
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**NEW Tuck Beckstoffer Wines, Napa Valley, California**[www.tbwines.com](http://www.tbwines.com)

SEVENTY FIVE WINE COMPANY: Many found inspiration in 1975 - Bill Gates founded Microsoft, Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace, and the first episode of Saturday Night Live debuted and Tuck Beckstoffer's family set up shop in Napa Valley to become the largest vineyard owner producing fruit from storied vineyards like Tokolon and pioneering in Lake County, the northern Napa appellation. Tuck's exposure to premium grape growing and fine winemaking began at a very early age. When he was a young boy, he spent summers working in the vineyards and the wineries of the Napa Valley. After many years of collaborating with some of the most talented vineyard managers and winemakers in the world, Tuck founded The Seventy-Five Wine Company, desirous of offering handcrafted wines of great quality and value.

Articulating the sense of place in every bottle, The Seventy-Five Wine Company revels in expressing California wine country's sun, earth and abundance. The wine in the bottle tells the tale of the enormous personal care and craftsmanship that begins in the vineyard. The vineyards are meticulously tended from first bloom to harvest and beyond. These wines are produced from the highest quality fruit, farmed on some of the best vineyard sites in the world. The Seventy-Five Wine Company is dedicated to pioneering change by producing premium wines of great distinction at reasonable prices. Tuck put it best "I insist on over-delivering on every one of your expectations: wine quality, pedigree and price."

Code	Wine Name	Size	Case	Remarks
740289	75 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2007, Amber Knolls Vineyard	0.750	12	Lake County & Napa Valley Cabernet
740287	75 The Sum, 2008	0.750	12	Cabernet, Syrah and Petite Sirah.
197863	Vinifera Vineyards, Vitis Cabernet, Napa Valley 2007	0.750	6	Coming Fall 2010

**Brandlin Vineyards - Mount Veeder, Napa Valley, California**[www.brandlinvineyard.com/](http://www.brandlinvineyard.com/)

sustainable and organic practices

First settled by the Brandlin family, historic Brandlin ranch is a 170-acre parcel on Mount Veeder, overlooking the Napa Valley. As early as the 1870s, the Brandlins settled on these steep, rocky slopes, becoming grape growing pioneers in Napa's Mount Veeder region. With over 50 years of experience, they staked their claim to the Brandlin Ranch and planted their own vineyards in 1926. Purchased by Cuvaison Estate Wines in 1998, this noble site has been carefully restored, remaining home to many of its original vines and Chester Brandlin himself. Respectfully maintaining the integrity of the estate, only a fraction of the land has been planted to vineyards carefully designed to honour the integral beauty of the property. Glens of old oak trees and sustainable viticultural practices support natural biodiversity and abundant wildlife.

656355	Brandlin Cabernet Sauvignon, Mt Veeder, Napa Valley, 2006	0.750	6	Wine Spectator 90 pts - 2006 vintage
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**Cuvaision Estate Winery - Carneros, & Mount Veeder, Napa Valley, California**

[www.cuvaision.com](http://www.cuvaision.com)

sustainable and organic practices

Founded in 1969 in southern Napa, Cuvaision began with 27 acres. In 1979 the Schmidheiny family purchased the winery from the previous owners and added 400 acres in southern Napa in Carneros. They again expanded holdings in 1998 when they added the famed 170 acre Brandlin vineyard on Mt Veeder. Subsequently a new winery was built to meet their focus on quality. Cuvaision operates solely on solar power and pursues a sustainable approach to viticulture.

527432	Chardonnay, Carneros, 2008	0.750	12	
725814	Chardonnay, Carneros, 2007	0.375	12	half bottle
734894	S Block Special Chardonnay, Carneros, 2006	0.750	6	
622993	Pinot Noir, Carneros, 2008	0.750	12	
233841	Pinot Noir, Carneros, 2007	0.375	12	half bottle
734893	F 5 Block Special Pinot Noir, Carneros, 2006	0.750	6	SOLD OUT
736516	Cabernet Sauvignon, Mt Veeder, Napa Valley 2006	0.750	6	

**Edward Sellers Winery - Templeton Gap, Paso Robles, California**[www.edwardsellers.com](http://www.edwardsellers.com)

This winery has 30 acres of vines on the west side of Paso Robles in the area of the Templeton Gap. The soil is rich in calcareous materials and the microclimate is influenced by the Santa Lucia Coastal Mountain Range and the Pacific Ocean. There is a terrific range of temperatures between day and night during the grape growing season with differences of 40° and here they grow classic Rhone varieties which are deemed "handmade American Rhone Style wines" and the wines really speak their own language.

**WINE SPECTATOR - "WINERY TO WATCH IN PASO ROBLES"**

739611 Viognier, 2008	0.750	6	
736285 Syrah, 2007	0.750	12	Screw top enclosure
739612 Le Thief, 2006	0.750	6	65% Syrah, 21% Grenache, 14% Mourvèdre