

2024 Collector's Case Wine Selections



The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ presents the 2024 Rodeo Uncorked! Collector's Case, formerly Double Barrel Sampler Case, to showcase the Show's annual Rodeo Uncorked! International Wine Competition winners. The case contains 12 award-winning wines from popular categories, placed in a commemorative, branded wooden box.

The sampler case is available for \$650 (FMV \$350). All net proceeds benefit the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization that promotes agriculture by hosting an annual, family-friendly experience that educates and entertains the public, supports Texas youth, showcases Western heritage and provides year-round educational support within the community. The amount of the contribution that may be deductible for federal income tax purposes is the excess value contributed by the donor over the fair market value of goods or services received. Consult your tax professional for eligibility.



Beau Joie Brut, Champagne AOC, NV

Grand Champion Best of Show, Class Champion, Gold Medal

Beau Joie Brut puts the champ in Champagne. This wine is a unique Champagne that sets itself apart with its low dosage approach, ensuring minimal added sugars commonly found in other Champagnes. It undergoes a meticulous aging process on lees for at least 4 years. During the disgorgement stage, a tiny amount of dosage is delicately added to each bottle, accentuating the fruit characteristics and preserving the delightful acidity and citrus notes.

Smith-Madrone Riesling, Spring Mountain District, 2018

Reserve Grand Champion Best of Show, Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Aromatically, the wine opens with Meyer lemons, pomelo, orange flowers, and mandarin orange hiding shyly behind a rose bush. This is all backed up with a solid dose of minerality. On the palate, the wine is racy and beautifully balanced with a backbone of juicy fruit acidity. Wonderfully stylish, delicious and built to last. Drink now, or 20 years from now. Seriously!

Meierstone Vineyards The Airship Red, Texas High Plains, 2021

Top Texas Wine, Class Champion, Texas Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

This medium-bodied Sangiovese blend ascends the palate with soft red fruit and glides effortlessly to a smooth and graceful finish. Soft and juicy red plum and cherry notes command the palate, followed by a hint of cedar that provides elegant and balanced structure.

Marchesi di Barolo Tradizione, Barolo DOCG, 2018

Top Red Wine, Class Champion, Gold Medal

The grapes in this wine come from vineyards located on nicely sloped hills, that are characterized by soil mainly composed of clay and limestone, interspersed with sandstone, quartz sand, and fine silt. These elements give the wine a solid structure, a vigorous yet balanced personality and a remarkable bouquet. The color is garnet red with ruby reflections. The aroma is intense with distinct traces of spices, cinnamon, absinthe, tobacco and wild rose. The taste is full and elegant with soft tannins.

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Perissos Vineyards and Winery Pape Blanc, Texas High Plains, 2022

Top White Wine, Class Champion, Texas Class Champion, Gold Medal

Winemaker Brent Pape's salute to the great white blends of France's Rhône region perfectly captures the complexity of this Viognier - Roussanne - Marsanne combination, pairing heady fruit aromatics with a honeyed, mouth-filling texture and crisp acidity. The wine is medium gold and fills the nose with pear, honeycomb, quince, and peach predominating. The palate opens up to more pear, apple, peach, and honeyed notes with sweet spiciness. The finish is bright with crisp acidity and citrus rind hints.

Champagne Telmont Réserve Brut, Champagne AOC, NV

Top Sparkling Wine, Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Réserve Brut is the result of a subtle marriage of three grape varieties. It is a blend of seven distinct years, together beautifully balanced, a perfect harmony of richness, fruitiness and freshness. A genuine expression of terroir, a tribute to the excellence and singularity of each year's harvest.

Trefethen Family Vineyards Dragon's Tooth Red, Napa Valley, 2020

Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Rich aromas of Bing cherry and boysenberry are complemented by hints of vanilla and cinnamon. On the palate, flavors of cherry and raspberry, as well as earthy notes of sandalwood, lead to a long smooth finish. The wines from this vintage feature concentrated flavors and Trefethen Family's signature brightness on the palate.

The Calling Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, 2021

Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Bing cherry, wild strawberry, red plum, and raspberry aromas greet the nose, as well as hints of baking spices like clove and nutmeg. The palate is characterized by a lush, round mouthfeel and vibrant, juicy red fruit flavors. The wine also features a well-balanced acidity and silky tannins.

JAX Vineyards Y3 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, 2022

Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Bright ruby in color and scented with red raspberry and Darjeeling tea, this lively expression of Russian River Valley fruit dispels layers of blackberry and Bing cherry along with subtle hints of vanilla and forest floor. Supple tannins and balanced acidity grace a long finish. This wine was bottled unfiltered and unfined.

Albert Bichot Secret de Famille Pinot Noir, Bourgogne AOC, 2020

Reserve Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Bourgogne Pinot Noir Secret de Famille ("Family Secret") is crafted from a carefully sourced blend of grapes from prestigious terroirs of the Côte d'Or region only. This charming wine features predominant fruity aromas of blackcurrant and wild red berries. Velvety and silky, this wine boasts soft, balanced structure on the palate, which ends with a delicate finish reminiscent of red fruit.

Gravel Bar Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, 2021

Reserve Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Black cherry and blackberry on the nose, with dried savory herbs and hints of vanilla. A long, fruit-driven finish rests on the palate with well-rounded tannins.

DAOU Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, 2021

Gold Medal

This wine is emblematic of Paso Robles as a world-class region for Bordeaux-style wines. Intense purple-red hues foreshadow deep aromas of black fruit, pomegranate, tobacco, mocha, and bay leaf. Trailing notes of clove, nutmeg, and vanilla emerge in the glass. Opulent textures expand on the palate with flavors of red fruit, blueberry, and chocolate-covered raspberry. The overall experience is fresh and rich, concluding with velvety tannins and impressive length.



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