

Top 12

Spring is a time for rebirth and renewal. Once again, we give you a wine sampler that is packed to the brim with fresh reds and whites from all over the world to accompany your upcoming picnics, barbecues, family get-togethers and celebrations of the birds and the bees and all those groovy things.

Top 12 Sampler \$123.99



1. Le Roc Blanc 2007 Languedoc, France

\$9.99 750ml \$95.90 case

This unique blend of 52% Carignan, 23% Old Vine Syrah, 18% Mourvedre and 7% Grenache not only has aromas of blackberry and blueberry, but also a nice minerality, which comes from the white rocks in the soil of the Languedoc region in southern France.

2. Chateau Vessiere Blanc 2008

Costières-de-Nimes, France

\$11.99 750ml \$115.10 case

Made from 85% Roussanne and 15% Grenache Blanc, this white exhibits aromas and flavors of citrus, peach, white flower, and mineral aromas and a tad bit of grapefruit and honeysuckle on the finish. To be savored on the back porch as the days grow longer.

3. X Winery Red 2007

North Coast, California

\$12.99 750ml \$124.70 case

Fleshy with rich fruit and herbaceous notes are three characteristics that make for a good grillin' wine. This blend of 60% Syrah, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon and 19% Zinfandel is a crowd pleaser. *Wine Advocate*: 89 pts.

4. Masciarelli Trebbiano d'Abruzzo 2008

Abruzzi, Italy

\$10.99 750ml \$105.50 case

Until his passing, Gianni Masciarelli was one of the greatest wine makers in all of Italy, though his work lives on. This white, with its aromas and flavors of apple, apricot and iris, makes the perfect accompaniment to fresh fish or pasta with seafood and a light butter sauce.

5. Fattoria ColSanto Sagrantino di Montefalco 2007

Umbria, Italy

\$19.99 750ml \$95.95 6pk case

Dark garnet in color. Huge aromas of raspberry and dark cherry followed by a hint of earth. Great match for grilled meats and heavy cheeses. *Read more in the article 'Sagrantino' inside...*

6. Encostas do Lima Vinho Verde 2008 Portugal

\$8.99 750ml \$86.30 case

Hot day? The fresh citrus flavors, crisp acidity and touch of spritz will definitely refresh you. 80% Loureiro 20% Trajadura.



X Winery
Red X 2007



Masciarelli
Trebbiano d'Abruzzo
2008



Porcupine Ridge
Syrah 2008



Estampa
Viognier/Chardonnay
2009

7. Gnarly Head Pinot Noir 2008

California

\$9.99 750ml \$95.90 case

This is a wine that everyone can enjoy; not too dry and fruit forward! Bright maraschino cherry aromas balanced by soft tannins and good acidity. Finishes ever so elegantly with a tiny bit of earth and spice.

8. Estampa Viognier/Chardonnay 2009

Colchagua Valley, Chile

\$8.99 750ml \$86.30 case

Bright yellow color, a nose of fresh flowers, and tastes of apricots, pears, exotic tropical fruits, crisp green apples, and lively hints of citrus. Make a toast to the down, but not defeated people of Chile!

9. Mulderbosch Rose of Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Mulderbosch, South Africa

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

Aromas of fresh rose petals and cinnamon that lead to an ambrosia mouthfeel, and savor the lively layers of strawberry, cherry, roses, and peach that will cover your palate and leave you with a zingy finish.

10. Cueva de las Manos Old Vine Bonarda 2008

Mendoza, Argentina

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

Now, here is a grape variety that many of you have not experienced yet. The nose and palate are bursting with aromas and flavors of dried plum, dark fruits, exotic spices, hints of violet, and chocolate.

11. Porcupine Ridge Syrah 2008

Boekenhoutskloof, South Africa

\$11.99 750ml \$115.10 case

Natural Top 12 wine: rich, bold, and affordable. The dark red color, sumptuous nose, and rich flavors of black raspberry, black pepper, and licorice will match your grill.

12. Bodegas Ostatu Verdejo 2009

Rioja, Spain

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

If we've said it once, we've said it a thousand times: Verdejo is the new Sauvignon Blanc. Fresh aromas and flavors of gooseberry and pineapple combined with crisp acidity make for a refreshing spring beverage.

Stuck in Lodi, again!

Peirano Estate Winery

The title of the Credence Clearwater Revival song rings true for us, here at Midway, because we seem to run into winner after winner every week from this Northern California treasure trove of vineyards.

The story of Giacomo Peirano should be made into a movie. It is full of adventure, romance, and tragedy. Giacomo, a grape farmer, emigrated to San Francisco, Ca. in 1879 from Genoa, Italy with fifty dollars in his pocket. He was hoping to strike it rich in the Great Gold Rush age, but as his fifty bucks began to dwindle, he realized the gold idea wasn't going to happen and moved to a mining town called Lodi. There he opened a general store and made enough money to return to Italy to bring back his lovely bride to be, Maria. He also brought back Italian Zinfandel vine cuttings from his family's vineyard. He bought 300 acres of land in Lodi, and, together, they created one of the first vineyards there. Through the years that followed they had five sons who all worked the vineyards. Sadly, at the age of ten, his son Fred was kicked in the head by a horse and later died from the injury. Not long after that, another son, Frank, succumbed to blood poisoning at the age of twenty. Through all this, WWI, the Depression and prohibition, Mama and Papa Peirano and the three remaining boys kept their store and vineyards going. Son Charlie married and they had a daughter, Charlotte, who later married Randy Randolph. They had a son, Lance, who now creates their award winning wines. There is plenty more to the story, but we're here to talk about the wines that the Peirano family produces today. Wines of great tradition.

Peirano Estate "The Other" Red 2007

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, and 10% Syrah, this wine packs quite a wallop! First of all, the sexy label is very interesting. Secondly, the vibrant color will entice you. Thirdly, the aromas and flavors of blackberries, sweet black cherries, plum, and boysenberries will astound you!

Peirano Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

The rich, dark color and fetching nose will lead you into luscious dark berry, black currant, and black cherry flavors that fill the mouth with a delightful, elegant experience. It can be enjoyed now and for the next 8-10 years.

Peirano Estate Petite Sirah 2007

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

This is a wine for those who like boldness. Jam packed with various aromas and flavors of black raspberry, spice, coffee, cocoa, cola, and white pepper, you'll want to hold it in your mouth for as long as possible. The warm, firm tannins finish it off in fine fashion. A fat, juicy wine that will stay on your palate for a lonnng time.

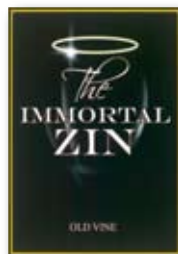
Peirano Estate "The Other" White 2007

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

An unusual blend of 65% Chardonnay, 25% Sauvignon Blanc, and 10% Viognier, and it works beautifully. The aromas of apples, pears, tropical fruit, and a whiff of bubble gum are accompanied by hints of coconut and vanilla. On the palate, you will taste all those things along with homemade lemon pie. Have fun with it!



Peirano Estate
"The Other Red" 2007



The Immortal Zin
O.V. Zinfandel 2008



Peirano Estate
Chardonnay 2009



Fattoria ColSanto
Sagrantino di
Montefalco 2007



Fattoria ColSanto
Ruris 2007

Peirano Estate "The Immortal Zin" O.V. Zinfandel 2008

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

Old Vine Zinfandel is the monarch wine of Lodi. Describing this wine is just too difficult, it is so overwhelming! Such an abundant array of aromas and flavors, well, it boggles the mind! Gee, let's see, you get black cherry, red fruit, minerals, earthy rhubarb, sweet cherry, strawberry, cocoa, and a finish that goes on and on. Truly a "Zin lover's Zin".

Peirano Estate Chardonnay 2009

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

This stunning white is 100% barrel fermented and 100% malolactic fermentation, thus bringing a buttery style with vanilla undertones. The multi-scented nose will arouse your interest, followed by layers of pear, apple, tropical fruit, and homemade lemon meringue pie flavors. The finish is long and silky. Have it with tossed green salads, grilled chicken sprinkled with fresh basil, or some delicious cheeses and apple slices.

Peirano Estate Six Clone Merlot 2007

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

Aged for 12 months in all French oak barrels with hand harvested grapes, this red gem is full of ripe cherries, blackberries, and hints of toast and vanilla aromas. Flavors of cherry, plum, cranberries, sweet raspberry, and strawberry cover the palate. It all comes together with a round, lingering finish. A Merlot that you are going to fall in love with!

The Umbrian Grape

Fattoria ColSanto

Sagrantino is a native Italian varietal grown mostly in the hills of Umbria, in central Italy. The wines produced from the grape are fat, juicy, delights...if you can find them. The wines are very rare, as there are only about 250 acres of it planted, most of it just south of Perugia, in a DOC called Montefalco. They are usually expensive treats, however, due to the recent global economic situation, these esoteric beauties are available for cheap. We have three wines from one great producer.

Fattoria ColSanto Sagrantino di Montefalco 2007

\$19.99 750ml \$95.95 6pak case

No. 5 on the Top 12, this 100% Sagrantino usually sells for \$40 to \$60 a bottle. Big, lush, unrelenting flavor and true sense of terroir.

Fattoria ColSanto Montefalco Rosso 2007

\$13.99 750ml \$134.30 case

A blend of 50% Sangiovese and 50% Sagrantino, it is an authentic Umbrian "vino di tavola." It's the little brother of the 100% Sagrantino di Montefalco; huge dark cherry aromas and big mouthfeel. Beautiful expression of Italian Wine making. Enjoy with strong salty cheese, like pecorino, and roasted pork tenderloin.

Fattoria ColSanto Ruris 2007

\$10.99 750ml \$105.50 case

Another past Top 12 wine, it remains one of our favorite \$10 wines. Enjoy this blend of 70% Sangiovese, 20% Merlot, and 10% Sagrantino with a variety of foods or just for sipping.

All 'a Boot' the Beer

Italy's craft brew scene comes to Midway

We recently added a new singles rack to our beer section, that means over 60 new beers from around the world. We brought in some magnificent Belgian and American beers, but the craziest, most memorable brews that we tasted in the search to fill the rack, were from Italy! And you thought the Italians were just known for their impeccable taste in food, wine, fashion, design, art, and anything else that requires creativity. I guess it makes sense that they should be great brewers because they have mastered the grain in food. Don't be put off by the prices, these beers are so unique and memorable, you will forget how much you payed. We recommend the Italian six pack deal because we give you 15% off. Remember, single beers are Mix or Match 12 bottles or more - **10% OFF** bottle price!

Italian Beer Sampler 6 Pack \$64.55 (2 of each, 15% off)

Birrificio Le Baladin Nora Piedmont, Italy

\$17.99 750ml \$97.15 case

From my favorite Italian brewery. This special brew has been concocted from an ancient Egyptian recipe. unmalted kamut which was used in ancient Egyptian beers is employed. Hops, which would not have been used in Egypt, are used sparingly and solely for their preservative power. Rather, ginger, myrrh, and orange peel are used to represent the balancing spices of ancient times. The myrrh provides the bittering.

BeerAdvocate.com: A-

Birrificio Pausa Cafe Chicca Piedmont, Italy

\$9.49 12oz.

How do Italians rehabilitate prisoners? They teach them to brew world class beer! Pausa Cafe crafted this beauty using gourmet Huehuetenango coffee beans and created a medium bodied, fruity, intensely dark malt, coffee and cocoa flavored brew.

Birrificio Montegioco Demon Hunter Piedmont, Italy

\$10.49 750ml \$103.14 case

This beer needs no selling, the packaging and name do all the work. However, I will humor all you brew fanatics with a description. Belgian Dark Ale style; aromas and flavors of ripe plum, raisins, chestnut, honey, caramel, and a slight herbaceous and pepper hop character on the finish.

New Beer Events

Third Thursdays Brews News

In 2009, beer sales were way down, U.S. beer sales were down 2.2% and Imports were down 9.8%, however, despite the sinking of suds stocks, craft brews were up. Last year craft beer grew 7.2% by volume and 9.8% in dollars and 1,585 breweries were in operation, that's the first time the number has been that high since before prohibition. It's true, the beer revolution is in full swing, and Midway has joined the revolution of taste! **Please join us every third Thursday of each month for new beer tastings.** We are also planning a beer dinner for sometime in the near future, so keep checking those e-mails!



Birrificio Montegioco
Demon Hunter
Belgian Dark Strong Ale



Birrificio Pausa Cafe
Chicca Coffee Stout



Birrificio Le Baladin
Nora
Egyptian Style Ale



Oud Beersel Oude
Geuze Vieille



Four Roses
Single Barrel

A Rising Star in SoRhone

If Stephane Vedeau strolled up to a bar he would probably get carded. But his young looks belie his talent and passion as a winemaker. He rises at 4am to train for long distance running, then works in the vineyards and winery all day, after that it is home to help his two sons with their homework.

His excellence has been recognized by Jancis Robinson, world renowned master of wine and author, with her rating the 2007 La Ferme du Mont Chateauneuf du Pape as one of the top three wines of the vintage. Robert Parker rated the CNP 96 points and the CDR 90 points.

There is only one catch. Our supplier, who imports wines from Vedeau had a commitment for many cases of the 2007 CNP and CDR, however, before the wine was shipped, Vedeau signed an exclusive agreement with Peter Weygandt, a very fine importer, to represent La Ferme du Mont for the entire USA. Stephane honored his commitment to our supplier, LVDH, by creating a new label for the exact same wine. These wines will go fast, so order now! Approximate arrival date: first week of May.

La Tour Coste Les Trencats Cotes du Rhone 2007

Rhone Valley, France

\$12.99 750ml \$124.70 case

La Tour Coste Les Pialons Chateauneuf du Pape 2007

Rhone Valley, France

\$43.99 750ml \$422.30 case

A Bourbon Reborn

The Story of Four Roses

Four Roses? it may be 8 roses short of a valentine's dozen, but it certainly isn't just another rotgut American blended whiskey. In fact, for most of its existence it was a fine American Bourbon. Created by Paul Jones, Jr. in the late 1800's, the brand changed hands several times before being bought by Seagram's in the 1940's. Seagram's shipped all of their 4 Roses bourbon overseas and focused on creating an American blended whiskey in the US. The bourbon was wildly successful in Asia and Europe, and remains the #1 selling bourbon in Japan.

Along with the demise of the Seagram's Company, the American blend too met its end. Four Roses is now owned by Kirin Breweries of Japan and the bourbon has been reintroduced to the US market. so forget what you thought you knew about Four Roses and give it a chance- you might just decide it's the perfect bouquet.

Four Roses Yellow Label

Sale \$16.99 750ml \$192 case/12 \$29.99 1.75L

Hints of pear and apple compliment floral aromas and mix with a taste of honey and spice. Smooth and mellow.

Four Roses Small Batch

\$25.99 750ml \$145 Case/6

A beautiful blend of four original and limited bourbons expertly selected by the master distiller. The sweet and fruity nose is followed by spicy flavors with hints of caramel and sweet oak. The finish is soft, smooth and pleasantly long. 90 proof

Four Roses Single Barrel

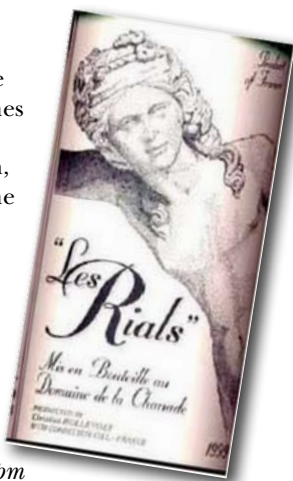
\$35.99 750ml \$195 case/6

Hints of ripe plum and cherry tastes with fruity spicy aromas including maple syrup and cocoa. Complex, full bodied and surprisingly smooth. 100 proof

Tasting Schedule and Events

It's fun and informative at our free tastings. Friday and Saturday the wine tastings are from 11:00am to 7:00pm. Not all of you can make it during these tasting hours, but don't fret, there are always many wines open and available for tasting. We are always adding tastings, so check our website, www.midwayliquors.com, for the most recent schedule. Here are just some of the highlights of the season...

Apr 30/May 1 Fattoria Col Santo 11am - 7pm
May 7/8 Top 12 pt. 1 (wines 1-6) 11am - 7pm
May 8 Cold River Vodka 1pm - 4pm
May 14/15 Top 12 pt. 2 (wines 7-12) 11am - 7pm
May 21/22 Peirano Estates Winery 11am - 7pm
May 21 Tequila Weekend: Don Julio 4pm - 7pm
May 22 Tequila Weekend: Cazadores 1pm - 4pm
May 28/29 Top 12 pt. 1 (wines 1-6) 11am - 7pm
June 4/5 Top 12 pt. 2 (wines 7-12) 11am - 7pm



Dom. de la Chanade
"Les Rials"
2009

A Spring Wine Ritual "Les Rials" Returns

Five years ago, we took a chance on this unusual white wine called "Les Rials" by Domaine de la Chanade in the Cotes de Tarn (Gaillac region of southwestern France). It was made with a grape we never heard of called Loin de L'oeill, which means far from the eye. It is called this because the grape extends from the vine with a long stem. These vines are said to be 1000 years old and were resurrected by these two enterprising young wine makers. We all practically swooned at the floral aromas, (jasmine and lilacs), and honeysuckle, pear, and ripe, juicy white peach flavors. Year after year we double, triple and quadruple the order, and we still leave people wanting more! Right now the cases are stacked high in our rather large warehouse. So come and get it! It won't last long! The best part is that the price has remained the same since 2005! It still sells for a ridiculously low **\$8.99 750ml. and \$86.30 a case** (\$7.19 a bottle). That's "chump change" for all the joy it will bring you and your friends. Think we're a little excited here?!

Our Discount Policy

1. Table and Dessert Wine (750mL) 15% off regular price, 12 bottles or more, mixed / 20% off solid case.
2. Sparkling Wine (750mL) 10% off regular price, 12 bottles or more, mix or match.
3. Beer Single Bottles 10% off regular price, 12 bottles or more, mix or match.
4. No extra discount on sale items.

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