



2021 Double-Barrel Sampler Case Wine Selections

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ presents the 2021 Double-Barrel Sampler Case to showcase the Show's annual Rodeo Uncorked! International Wine Competition. 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.



Alexander Valley Vineyards CYRUS, Alexander Valley, 2014

Grand Champion Best of Show, Class Champion, Regional Class Champion, Double Gold

In 1840, Cyrus Alexander rode into present day Alexander Valley. Calling it the "brightest and best spot in the world," he built his home and raised his family. Decades later, the Wetzel Family is paying tribute to the man and the region with CYRUS. This Bordeaux style blend has characteristics of cassis, dark chocolate, dark fruits, dusty cherry and hints of cedar that draw you into the glass. CYRUS will only get better with age with its smooth texture, excellent balance and structured finish.

Le Chemin Du Roi Brut, Champagne AOC, NV

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

This brilliant and lively brut illuminates "the King's Path." Made from some of the finest vineyards in Champagne, it has delicate aromas of apricot, white peach and eucalyptus. Flavors of stone fruit, toasted brioche, bay leaf and white cherries dance on the palate. The persistent bubbles lead to a crisp finish, and subtle notes of citrus and minerals.

Famiglia Pasqua Amarone della Valpolicella, DOCG, 2015

Top Red Wine, Class Champion, Double Gold

Our Top Red wine is appreciated by enthusiasts for its majestic style and complexity. Fresh, decisive aromas of blackberry and cherry are brought together with spicy tones reminiscent of chocolate, toast and sweet notes of vanilla. On the palate, it is balanced and structured, with soft tannins and withering notes on the finish.

William Hill Estate Winery Chardonnay, Napa Valley, 2017

Top White Wine, Class Champion, Double Gold

This William Hill Chardonnay has aromas of caramel and buttered croissant that lead to beautifully integrated layers of Bosc pear, yellow apple and Meyer lemon. The indulgent, velvety mouthfeel gives way to sparkling acidity that lingers on the finish. Enjoyable on its own or paired with mild or creamy dishes such as a fresh seasonal salad or linguini pescatore.

Ron Yates Tempranillo, Friesen Vineyards, Texas High Plains, 2017

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

Sourced from one of the most meticulous vineyards in Texas, the 2017 Ron Yates, Friesen Vineyards Tempranillo is a shining example of how great Texas Tempranillo can be. The deep dark purple hue and beautiful aromatics of dried cherries and black tea give way to elegant flavors of red plum and blackberries, with silky soft tannins. A great wine to age in your cellar.

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Wilson of Dry Creek Carl's Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley, 2018

Gold

Perfect for roasted pumpkin, goat cheese, and pine nuts on focaccia. While deep violet in the glass, the cocoa greets you on the nose framed by supple notes of currant. A pairing of bright and dark fruits simultaneously dance across the palate with a second wave of candied blueberry and star anise. This wine can go the distance in the cellar, further developing its versatile and concentrated body.

JAX Vineyards Jax Y3 Taureau Blend, Napa Valley, 2017

Class Champion, Double Gold

The name Taureau derives from the Jackson family's prized bull, legendary for his high-kicking, feisty and vibrant personality. Medium bodied, luscious and approachable, the 2017 Taureau is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. The supple, voluminous entry cascades into beautifully rich and integrated flavors of ripe raspberry, black plum and baking spices in pitch-perfect balance.

The Prisoner Wine Company Unshackled Cabernet Sauvignon, California, 2018

Reserve Class Champion, Double Gold

Unshackled is set free to make its mark on the world. This Cabernet Sauvignon is blended with small amounts of Petite Sirah, Syrah and Merlot to give it layers of deep complexity. Featuring aromas of plum, blackberry and olive hints, with flavors of black stone fruit, clove and dried herbs. The solid tannin structure and flavor showcases the best of what California has to offer.

Willamette Valley Vineyards Estate Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, 2018

Reserve Class Champion, Double Gold

Complex aromas of red and bramble fruits including cherry, raspberry and blackberry, accented by notes of florals and anise spice, create an alluring nose. On the palate, this Pinot Noir is round and full-bodied with a silky mouthfeel and flavors of dark fruit, cedar, baking spice and signature earth. It's exceptionally balanced with seamlessly integrated tannins, balancing acidity and a lingering finish.

Amici Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2018

Double Gold

This deep garnet-purple Cabernet Sauvignon is blended with Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc to give it expressive notes of warm cassis, black cherries, blackberries and fragrant earth, with hints of bay leaves and black truffles. Medium to full-bodied, it delivers mouth-coating cassis flavors and compelling herbal sparks, framed by a lively backbone, wonderfully velvet tannins and long finish.

Trefethen Family Vineyards Dragon's Tooth Red, Napa Valley, 2018

Reserve Class Champion, Gold

For three generations, the Trefethen Family has devoted itself to wine made solely from the fruit of their estate vineyards in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. Dragon's Tooth is an Estate blend of Malbec, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon from the Main Ranch Vineyard. The nose features intense aromas of dark brambly fruit and layers of cinnamon, violet and vanilla. Rich, yet fresh and bright, this wine is incredibly enchanting.

Francis Ford Coppola Director's Cut Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, 2018

Gold

With its unique wraparound label designed after a Zoetrope strip from Francis's personal collection, the Director's Cut Pinot Noir embraces its Sonoma roots. The 2018 vintage is 100% Pinot Noir aged in French oak barrels. You will get nuances of raspberries, plums, tea leaves and cedar on the nose, and the palate has fresh flavors of cherries, blackberries and anise with a spicy finish.



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