

# 2023 Double-Barrel Sampler Case Wine Selections



The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ presents the 2023 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 510(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.

## *The Wine Selections*

### **Le Chemin Du Roi Brut, Champagne AOC, NV**

Grand Champion Best of Show, Class Champion, Gold Medal

Le Chemin du Roi (The King's Path) is a brilliant and lively champagne that illuminates the King's Path. It is made with grapes from only the finest vineyards in Champagne that have matured to peak ripeness. Flavors of stone fruit, toasted brioche, bay leaf and white cherries fill your palate it finishes with subtle notes of citrus and minerals for a refreshing mouthfeel.

### **Bernhardt Winery Antiquity Chardonnay Reserve, Danube Plain, 2020**

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

Elegant and clean nose of ripe fruits, melon, and peach. Complemented with tarragon and stony tones on the palate; bright, gentle acidity that mingles with citrus and a soft honey finish.

### **Bernardus Marinus Estate Red, Carmel Valley, 2015**

Top Red Wine, Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Each block of Marinus is farmed individually and picked at its perfect moment of ripeness. Then it's aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, after which the final blend is created. The aromas exhibit scents of candied cranberry and plum, accented with baking spices, with intense flavors and good structure that make for ageing potential, much like a fine Bordeaux.

### **Château Saint-Roch Old Vines White, Côtes du Roussillon AOP, 2020**

Top White Wine, Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Created to maximize its Grenache Blanc and Roussanne fruits. This is a wine leads to aromas of lime zest and flavors of ripe pear. A medium bodied white made with great precision. Pair with shellfish, sushi, poultry, or vegetarian cuisine.

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## **Champagne Nicolas Feuillatte Réserve Exclusive Brut Rosé Champagne AOC, NV**

**Top Sparkling Wine, Class Champion, Double Gold Medal**

Réserve Exclusive Rosé is a delicate Champagne bursting with red summer fruit flavors. A delicious blend of redcurrant, blueberry and raspberry notes, combined with a hint of strawberry. From within its vibrant structure, its clean flavors are delicate and nuanced.

## **Becker Vineyards GSM, Texas, 2018**

**Top All-Around Winery, Reserve Class Champion, Texas Class Champion, Double Gold Medal**

Open a bottle and allow this wine a moment to breathe, revealing its bright fruits and aromas.

Raspberries and black pepper greet you, followed by notes of dark toast, vanilla, and layers of lively red fruits with a subtle hint of creosote. This complexity makes pairing with your favorite weekday dishes an easy bet.

## **Catena Zapata Malbec, Lujan de Cuyo, 2019**

**Class Champion, Double Gold Medal**

The Catena Malbec presents a deep violet color with purple reflections. This blend offers intense aroma, soft texture, and concentrated flavor. Aromas of ripe red and dark fruits are joined by delicate violet and lavender notes, with traces of vanilla and mocha. A rich, concentrated mouthfeel is highlighted by flavors of blueberries and blackberries with a touch of leather and cinnamon. The wine has well-integrated tannins, bright acidity and a flinty minerality that provides exceptional length to the finish.

## **Hall Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2019**

**Double Gold Medal**

2019 Napa Valley Cabernet is expressive with aromas of dark cocoa, red berry, and dried herbs. The palate is lush and fruit-forward with hints of spice and leather. The tannin is polished—fully integrated and balanced through the lengthy finish.

## **Chateau Tanunda Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa Valley, 2019**

**Reserve Class Champion, Regional Class Champion, Double Gold Medal**

Lifted aromas of blackcurrant, blackberry and vanilla are accompanied by vibrant, dark berry fruits on the palate. The finish is long with fine-grained tannins from 18 months maturation in a combination of new and older French oak hogsheads.

## **Frank Family Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2018**

**Gold Medal**

2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon exposes its depth immediately with its dense dark purple color. The aromas are bountiful, brimming with juicy brambleberries and ripe black cherries that are laced with notes of smoke and roasted espresso and followed by hints of tobacco, earth, and cedar. The palate is bursting with ripe blackberries and currants, with just a touch of sage. The rich fruit is balanced with complex tannins providing a plush, yet firm mouthfeel that is round and supple with lasting depth.

## **Stoller Family Estate Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, 2020**

**Gold Medal**

The nose opens with luscious threads of a juicy tart and baking spice, continuing to a generosity of red fruit on the palate. Bramble and cocoa linger on the finish, echoing notes of fresh marionberry and shortbread as it fades. Drink now through 2028.

## **DeLoach Vineyards Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, 2019**

**Gold Medal**

A welcoming bouquet of vanilla-tinged black cherry and mulberry fruits with notes of herbs greet the nose in this 2019 Pinot Noir. Plum and blackberry flavors are balanced by nuances of chocolate, tea and spice. This is a medium-bodied wine with an outstanding and refreshing finish.



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