

2025 Collector's Case Wine Selections



The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ presents the 2025 Rodeo Uncorked! Collector's 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 (Fair Market Value \$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.



Champagne Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut Champagne AOC, NV

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

Fine and seamless with mouthwatering acidity well meshed with a range of crème de cassis, poached apricot, gingerbread and almond extract flavors, plus accents of fleur de sel, Meyer lemon peel and star anise. Long and lively on the creamy finish. Comprised of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier.

Markham Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2021

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

With this bottling, the rich and concentrated characteristics Yountville Ranch Vineyard are balanced by the Rockerbox Vineyard's bright juicy fruit and floral aspects. Intense aromas of dark chocolate, blackberries and mocha will draw you in, further leading to a dense palate of blackberry jam, toasty oak with a lovely briary character. Big chewy tannins make for a long finish that lingers on the palate. Aged 17 months on French Oak.

Peters Prairie Vineyard Barbera, Texas Hill Country, 2019

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

The Peters Prairie Vineyard 2019 Barbera showcases a captivating sunset red hue and an aroma brimming with smoky, savory spices. On the palate, you will discover vibrant dark fruits like cherry, delicate hints of lemon seed, and smooth tannins, resulting in a beautifully balanced tasting experience.

Barlow Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga, 2018

Top Red Wine, Class Champion, Regional Class Champion, Gold Medal

This 2018 vintage was one of the best and largest growing seasons. Average rainfall and steady temperatures allowed for even ripening and an unhurried, calm harvest. This wine brings out great flavor, including bold, strong structure with dark fruits such as blackberries, black cherry and subtle hints of pepper and vanilla. Hints of floral paired with plum fill the aroma in your glass.

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Krutz Family Cellars Chardonnay, Soberanes Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands, 2022

Top White Wine, Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

This Chardonnay is an unfiltered blend between the new world Old Wente clone and the old world Montrachet clone. Aged sur lie for the life of the wine, there is a richness and complexity in texture that balances the present and refreshing acidity. Tropical fruit and the expected minerality from the Soberanes Vineyard are on full display with a backing of subtle oak and a lingering finish of lemon zest.

Champagne Pommery Brut Royal Champagne AOC, NV

Top Sparkling Wine, Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Elegant and lively bubbles with small assertive notes of red fruits. A rounded, rich, delicate wine that lingers in the mouth. In short, a clean taste with no dryness. A very smooth wine which never wanes on the palate.

Nice Winery Courage Red, Yakima Valley, 2022

Top All Around Winery, Reserve Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

Courage is a beautiful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Syrah & Mourvedre. The palate is perfectly balanced with well integrated velvety tannins. There are notes of blackberry, roasted cacao bean, and boysenberry on the palate. The finish has lingering notes of mocha and candied cherry. The result is complex, delicious, and layered with flavor.

Corazón del Sol Cabernet Franc, Los Chacayes, 2022

Class Champion, Gold Medal

Corazón del Sol is the pioneer of the Argentina's Rhone movement and a family grower-producer from the ancient riverbeds of Los Chacayes IG within the high-elevation Uco Valley of Mendoza, Argentina. This Cabernet Franc is complex and structured, with elegant tannins from 12 months of aging in French Oak barrels.

Cakebread Sauvignon Blanc, North Coast, 2023

Reserve Class Champion, Double Gold Medal

This 2023 Sauvignon Blanc opens with aromas of pink grapefruit, lemon curd, fresh pear, melon, and passionfruit. Flavors of citrus, kiwi, and lemon zest give way to more subtle hints of mango, guava, and pineapple. Crisp and refreshing, this light-bodied wine beautifully balances concentrated fruit flavors and lively acidity with a gently textured mineral finish.

Etude Pinot Noir, Grace Benoist Ranch, Carneros, 2021

Reserve Regional Class Champion, Silver Medal

This dark ruby-red Pinot Noir is bright and juicy. Fragrant aromas of red cherry, cranberry, and cassis sit alongside lifted dusty rose and tobacco leaf, while crushed stone and minerality support the vibrant fruit. On the palate, fresh, mouthwatering acidity accompanies a core of fresh red berries and dried cherry, while perfumed cedar, white pepper spice, caramel, and toasty vanilla oak come through as a tribute to the oak aging. The medium body supports soft tannins with a firm grip. The wine finishes long, smooth, and round with nuanced hints of graphite, clove, and earthy minerality derived from the volcanic soils adding complexity and depth.

Post & Beam Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2022

Gold Medal

Classically crafted from carefully selected Napa Valley vineyards, Post & Beam Cabernet Sauvignon honors the fundamentals of sustainable farming and time-honored winemaking techniques. It is a pure expression of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, with elegant layers of fruit, supple tannins, whispers of oak, and a finish that is pure silk.

Leviathan Red, California, 2022

Gold Medal

The 2022 Leviathan is marked by alluring aromas of sweet cigar wrapper, luxardo cherry, and plum. Currants, baking spices, and black tea contribute to a palette that is both earthy and savory, shaped by the rocky Northern California terrain. The fine, chalky tannins are structured and elegant. It is approachable now and built to cellar for a decade or more.



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