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CHAMPION WINE SERIES

The Stampede Cellar Showdown is an annual wine competition that supports the Calgary Stampede's Agri-Food Vision and strengthens year-round engagement with producers, industry and consumers.

Open to Canadian and international wines available at Alberta retail, the Showdown upholds world-class standards through highly respected officials and a refined format to guarantee integrity and quality.

In 2025, 415 wines competed across six categories—red, white, rosé, sparkling, fruit and mead. Judged double-blind by 31 experts including Masters of Wine and Master Sommeliers, the competition was supported by over 60 volunteers over three days. Wines are awarded bronze, silver, gold or double gold purely on quality, with champions crowned in each major category.

Congratulations to all the 2025 Stampede Cellar Showdown Champions. These celebrated wines are featured in our Champion Wine Series.

**We encourage you to enjoy the greatest wines on earth,
at The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth!**

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BODEGA SALENTEIN BRUT CUVEE EXCEPTIONNELLE 2023

85

Uco Valley, Argentina

Celebrities Choice Gold

A sparkling wine crafted from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes grown in the high elevation vineyards of Argentina's Uco Valley, it is produced by the 'traditional method' meaning that the second fermentation that creates the bubbles, takes place in the bottle.

In the glass, a pale gold tinge with fine bubbles creates expressive aromas and flavours of green apple, lime, crostini and apple crumble. There is a great balance of acidity coupled with a creamy mouthfeel.



NICOLAS FEUILLATTE RESERVE EXCLUSIVE BRUT NV

200

Champagne, France

Top Sparkling Gold

A harmonious blend of Pinot Noir, Meunier and Chardonnay, the three grapes of the Champagne region, this bubble is from the Champagne House of Nicolas Feuillatte, renown for quality and innovation.

The grapes combine for a light, fresh and vibrant with intense fruit aromas and flavours of pear, apricot and apple pastry notes with refreshing acidity.



MORAINE ESTATE PINOT GRIS 2024

85

Okanagan Valley, Canada

Consumer Choice White Silver

The Moraine Estate is a family-owned winery located on the Naramata Bench in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, where Pinot Gris grapes produce great wine.

A pale straw color with a green tinge robes the glass. On the nose, it offers aromas of ripe pear, green apple, and subtle floral notes. The palate is crisp and refreshing, with flavours of citrus and stone fruits, balanced by a clean, crisp acidity on the finish.



CEDARCREEK ESTATE VQA CHARDONNAY 2021

85

Okanagan Valley, Canada

Grand Champion Double Gold

CedarCreek Estate Winery, is one of the Okanagan Valley's wine pioneers established in the mid 1980s and has received numerous awards for top quality wines over the decades since.

The Estate Chardonnay in the glass has a great balance of weight, texture and acidity, displaying aromas and flavours of lime, green apple, light peach and a hint of hazelnut.



TYRRELL'S HVD 2017 HUNTER VALLEY

160

Semillon, Australia

Top White Gold

Tyrrell's Wines, established in 1858, is one of Australia's most renowned family-owned wineries, located in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales. The HVD (Hunter Valley Distillery) Vineyard, planted in 1908, is among the oldest in the region.

Swirling the glass releases aromas and flavours of honeysuckle, green apple skins, lemon rind and crushed shells along with a balanced pithy texture and acidity on the finish.



BODEGAS LAN TEMPRANILLO GRAN RESERVA 2016

120

Rioja, Spain

Reserve Grand Champion Double Gold

Founded in 1972, Bodegas LAN is located in the heart of Rioja Alta, Spain. The name "LAN" is derived from the initials of the three provinces that comprise the Rioja wine region: Logroño, Álava, and Navarra.

Spending 28 months maturing in French and American oak barrels, the LAN Gran Reserva is a full-bodied wine with aromas and flavours of blackberry, figs and dates that meld with smoky clove notes and sweet tobacco.



BORGOGNO NO NAME LANGHE NEBBIOLO 2020

130

Piemonte, Italy

Double Gold

Borgogno winery, established in 1761, is one of the oldest and most esteemed wineries in the Barolo region of Piedmont, Italy. Borgogno produces wines from Nebbiolo grapes that reflect the unique terroir of the Langhe hills.

A balanced acidity and fine tannin structure are the trademark of this wine that displays aromas and flavours of dried rose flowers, cherries and earthy tones.



TENUTA SETTE PONTI CROGNOLO IGT 2022

140

Tuscany, Italy

Gold Winner

Tenuta Sette Ponti is a renowned winery situated in the heart of Tuscany, Italy and have been producing wines since the 1950s. The 'Crognolo IGT' is made with 90% Sangiovese grapes and 10% Merlot, the smooth textural traits of Merlot helps balance the high acidity of Sangiovese.

The Crognolo spends 12 to 14 months aging in French oak barrels developing aromatic nuances and flavours of ripe cherry, wild raspberry, light lavender and violet floral notes along with hints of orange peel and clove.



OSOYOOS LAROSE LE GRAND VIN 2020

210

Okanagan Valley, Canada

Gold Winner

Established in 2001 as a joint venture between the Groupe Taillan of Bordeaux and the Canadian wine company Vincor, the winery was created to produce Bordeaux-style wines that reflect the unique terroir of the South Okanagan. The flagship wine, Le Grand Vin, is crafted from a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Cabernet Franc, showcasing the estate's commitment to quality and tradition.

Le Grand Vin is a full-bodied wine, that is a deep, garnet colour. It displays aromas and flavours of ripe blackberries, cassis and hints of cherry, that mingle with notes of cedar, tobacco and vanilla.



FOSSACOLLE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2019

220

Tuscany, Italy

Top Red Double Gold

Fossacolle is a family-owned estate located in the southern part of Montalcino. They produce Brunello wine that reflects the unique terroir of the region, emphasizing balance, elegance, and complexity. Brunello wines are made with 100% Sangiovese grapes.

On the nose and palate, this silky wine displays aromas and flavours of blackberries, redcurrants, licorice, tobacco, a touch of wood smoke, a hint of dill with some spice notes.

SOMMELIERS & CELLAR MASTERS



ANDREW PAULSEN

Andrew is originally from Australia where he studied wine from a marketing perspective, developing a liking for shiraz and syrah. An interest in history and travel led Andrew to Canada where he now permanently resides.

During his now 25 plus years in Calgary, Andrew has been involved in the food and beverage business becoming a sommelier and instructor with both the International Sommelier Guild and the Wine Spirits Education Trust (WSET).

Andrew is also a certified cicerone, a recent grandfather and has been working for Calgary Co-op Wine Spirits Beer for more than 10 years. "Champagne and Italian wines are where my palate wanders".



GEORGE HATAJLO

A sommelier for 11 years at the prestigious Bears Den Restaurant, George created and maintained a list of over 450 labels, being given the Award of Excellence by Wine Spectator Magazine nine years in a row.

Although George is partial to the Rhone Region of France, he is a supporter of Canadian producers and a true ambassador of BC wines. He is known for having the most selections in the city on the lists he curates.

Growing up in Montreal in the sixties, weekends were all about family and friends sharing food, wine and music. George embodies the spirit of always trying to bring those experiences to life in his career.



KEVIN SCHORATH

It all started with an interest in archaeology and completing a B.Sc from the University of Calgary. His curiosity with ancient production of alcoholic beverages around the world remains a steadfast passion.

Kevin spent four years working in the world of fine dining at Azuridge Estate Hotel, when he began to pursue his WSET diploma. After making a move to the Vin Room in Mission, he continued with his studies and completed his WSET diploma in 2017. Kevin's first eight years of his career were in hospitality and fine dining. You can now find him working at Calgary Co-op Wine Spirits Beer as one of the sommeliers.



JENNY BOOK

Wine educator, contract speaker, freelance writer, and wine and spirit judge. With over 20 years of experience in the wine industry, Jenny has dabbled in many facets of the wine world.

Currently, her main gig is in wine education, sharing her passion and knowledge of wine with many local and international students. She has taught WSET courses across Canada and the USA to the highest level available in North America.



FILIFE MENDES

Filipe has worked with the Calgary Stampede since 2007, starting in The Lazy S as lead bartender and later as an operations manager. He has been in the food and beverage industry for over 20 years.

Filipe takes great pride in empowering people by coaching them to identify what they love in wine and to later be able to replicate these enjoyable experiences on their own. He completed his WSET Level 3 advanced certificate and has been a sommelier since 2016.



GILBERT DREYFUSS

Gilbert was introduced to wine at a very young age by his father who was a wine connoisseur. He was exposed to some of the world's most interesting wines.

Gilbert has been working in the wine industry in Calgary for over 20 years, first at Kensington Wine Market and currently at Market Wines.

He has visited many world-renowned wine regions including Bordeaux, Burgundy, Catalunya, Chianti, Napa and more. Gilbert has an abundance of wine courses under his belt including the WSET series.



AARON SZOTT


Born and raised in Calgary, Aaron has been a lover of wines since his youthful years. The magic began by sharing some ice wine with his father and from there, Aaron's lifelong love affair has taken him from Albariño to Zweigelt, with many stops along the way.

Aaron's passion for wine and his appreciation for the wealth of memories that are attached to that perfect bottle led him to complete WSET Level 3 in 2020. He excels at demystifying wines and helping people find that next great moment lurking just beneath a cork.

SPARKLING & CHAMPAGNE	5 OZ	BTL
VILLA TENUTA MARIA PROSECCO BRUT NV Veneto, Italy	16	75
ZINCK CREMANT D'ALSACE NV Alsace, France	18	85
BODEGA SALENTEIN BRUT CUVÉE EXCEPTIONNELLE 2023 		85
NICOLAS FEUILLATTE RESERVE EXCLUSIVE BRUT NV 		200
CHARLES MIGNON PREMIER CRU BRUT NV Champagne, France		200
MOET & CHANDON BRUT IMPERIAL NV Champagne, France		220
COLLARD-PICARD CUVÉE PRESTIGE EXTRA BRUT NV Champagne, France		260
DOM PERIGNON VINTAGE 2012 Champagne, France		650

ROSÉ	6 OZ	BTL
RES FORTES Côtes du Roussillon, France	23	90
HAYWIRE GAMAY Okanagan Valley, Canada		120

SAUVIGNON BLANC	6 OZ	BTL
SPY VALLEY Marlborough, New Zealand	19	75
HESTER CREEK ESTATE WINERY Okanagan Valley, Canada		80
CLARENDELLE BLANC Bordeaux, France	22	85
PASCAL JOLIVET ATTITUDE Loire Valley, France		95
DOG POINT Marlborough, New Zealand		110

PINOT GRIGIO	6 OZ	BTL
KRIS PINOT GRIGIO DELLE VENEZIE DOC Veneto Italy	18	70
MORAINÉ ESTATE PINOT GRIS 2024 		85

CHARDONNAY

6 OZ BTL

ARBOLEDA

Aconcagua Valley, Chile

80

CEDARCREEK ESTATE VQA 2021

Okanagan Valley, Canada

22

85

LITTLE ENGINE SILVER

Okanagan Valley, Canada

120

ALBERT BRENOT CHABLIS

Burgundy, France

120

ALBERT BICHOT BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR 'SECRET DE FAMILLE'

Burgundy, France

160

UNIQUE WHITES

6 OZ BTL

WITTMANN 100 HILLS RIESLING TROCKEN

Rheinhessen, Germany

70

HUGEL GEWURZTRAMINER

Alsace, France

70

FALANGHINA FEUDI DI SAN GREGORIO

Campania, Italy

85

PIEROPAN SOAVE CLASSICO GARGANEGA

Veneto, Italy

22

85

SPIER 21 GABLES CHENIN BLANC STELLENBOSCH

South Africa

110

TYRRELL'S HVD 2017 HUNTER VALLEY

Semillon, Australia

160

PINOT NOIR

6 OZ BTL

GRAY MONK ESTATE WINERY

Okanagan Valley Canada

23

90

MEYER FAMILY MCLEAN CREEK RD

Okanagan Valley, Canada

90

KARA TARA ELGIN

Western Cape, South Africa

90

PENFOLDS BIN 23

Tasmania, Australia

140

ALBERT BICHOT BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR 'SECRET DE FAMILLE'

Burgundy, France

160

DOM BEAUREGARD MARANGES 1ER CRU 'LES CLOS ROUSSOTS'

Burgundy, France

160

CHIANTI & SANGIOVESE BLENDS

TENUTA DI ARCENO CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG

Tuscany, Italy

TENUTA SETTE PONTI CROGNOLO IGT 2022

Tuscany, Italy

FONTODI CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG

Tuscany, Italy

TOLAINI CHIANTI CLASSICO GRAN SELEZIONE DOCG

Tuscany, Italy

ZINFANDEL aka. PRIMITIVO

FEUDI DI SAN GREGORIO PRIMITIVO IGT

Puglia, Italy

SINFAROSA PRIMITIVO DI MANDURIA ZINFANDEL

Puglia, Italy

MERLOT

HESTER CREEK ESTATE WINERY CABERNET MERLOT

Okanagan Valley, Canada

COTARELLA SODALE MERLOT

Lazio, Italy

CEDARCREEK ESTATE CABERNET MERLOT VQA

Okanagan Valley, Canada

BURROWING OWL MERLOT

Okanagan Valley, Canada

MALBEC

TILIA

Mendoza, Argentina

CATENA ALTA

Mendoza, Argentina

SHIRAZ | SYRAH - GRENACHE

	6 OZ	BTL
WYNNS ESTATE SHIRAZ Coonawarra, Australia	20	80
WIRRA WIRRA CATAPULT SHIRAZ McLaren Vale, Australia		80
CHÂTEAU DE MONTFAUCON Côtes-du-Rhône, France		85
EDETARIA VIA EDETANA OLD VINES GARNATXA Terra Alta, Spain		95
GRANT BURGE HOLY TRINITY GSM Barossa Valley, Australia		130
POPLAR GROVE SYRAH Okanagan Valley, Canada		130

CABERNET SAUVIGNON


	6 OZ	BTL
ESCORIHUELA 1884 GRAN RESERVA Mendoza, Argentina	19	75
ARBOLEDA Aconcagua Valley, Chile	20	80
PABLO CLARO CABERNET SAUVIGNON GRACIANO CASTILLA Y Leon, Spain		80
WYNNS BLACK LABEL Coonawarra, Australia		120
KANONKOP ESTATE Stellenbosch, South Africa		185
CASTELLO DI BOLGHERI SUPER TUSCAN Bolgheri, Italy		320

BORDEAUX

	6 OZ	BTL
CHATEAU D'ARCIE SAINT GRAND CRU Emilion, France		135
BRULIERES DE BEYCHEVELLE HAUT Medoc, France		150

SPAIN & PORTUGAL

	6 OZ	BTL
BORSAO BEROLA GARNACHA Campo de Borja, Spain		75
ANETO TINTO INDIGENOUS RED BLEND Douro Valley, Portugal		90
MARQUÉS DE RISCAL TEMPRANILLO RESERVA Rioja, Spain		95
BODEGAS LAN TEMPRANILLO 2016 GRAN RESERVA 		120

BARBERA, NEBBIOLO & BAROLO	6 OZ	BTL
VITE COLTE BARBERA D'ASTI DOCG VINO BIOLOGICO ROSSOFUOCO Piemonte, Italy		90
FONTANAFREDDA BAROLO DOCG Piemonte, Italy		110
BORGOGNO NO NAME LANGHE NEBBIOLO 2020 		130
ASCHERI BAROLO Piemonte, Italy		170

BRUNELLO	6 OZ	BTL
POGGIO LANDI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG Tuscany, Italy		190
FOSSACOLLE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2019 		220
TERRALSOLE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO Tuscany, Italy		240

BLENDS	6 OZ	BTL
SPIER CREATIVE BLOCK 5 Stellenbosch, South Africa		95
GIUSEPPE CAMPAGNOLA AMARONE DELLA Valpolicella Italy		105
EMILIANA 'COYAM' ORGANIC Colchagua Valley, Chile	27	105
TERRALSOLE TRIO 2011 Tuscany, Italy		150
OSOYOOS LAROSE LE GRAND VIN 2020 		210
Okanagan Valley, Canada		

RESERVE	BTL
COTARELLA MONTIANO MERLOT 2019 Lazio, Italy	180
MISSION HILL COMPENDIUM 2017 Okanagan Valley, Canada	190
HENSCHKE MARBLE ANGEL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 Barossa Valley, Australia	240
MONTES 'PURPLE ANGEL' CARMENERE 2019 Colchagua Valley, Chile	240
CATENA ZAPATA ARGENTINO MALBEC 2020 Mendoza, Argentina	270
DOMAINE DELARCHE 2021 CORTON RENARDES Grand Cru Burgundy, France	275
CLOS DES PAPES 2019 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France	275
TERRASOLE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2016 Tuscany, Italy	290
TERRASOLE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2018 Tuscany, Italy	290
CESARE BUSSOLO DEL COMUNE DI LA MORRA BAROLO 2020 Piemonte, Italy	375
DON MELCHOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 MAIPO Valley, Chile WS #1 wine 2024	425
CHATEAU MALARTIC LAGRAVIERE 2016 PESSAC LEOGNAN Bordeaux, France	350
CHATEAU CANON-LA-GAFFELIERE 2020 GRAND CRU SAINT-EMILION Bordeaux, France	450
CASTILLO YGAY TEMPRANILLO 2011 GRAN RESERVA ESPECIAL Rioja, Spain	575
BIONDI SANTI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2016 Tuscany, Italy	600
PENFOLDS GRANGE SHIRAZ 2008 South Australia WS 100 points	970

LARGE FORMAT (1500 ML)

BTL

HENRIOT BRUT SOUVERAIN NV Champagne, France	335
CÔTE DES ROSES ROSÉ 2023 Languedoc, France	155
ZENATO VALPOLICELLA RIPASSA 2019 Veneto, Italy	185
TERRALSOLE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2013 Tuscany, Italy	475

LARGER FORMAT (3000 ML)

BTL

TERRALSOLE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2010 Tuscany, Italy	1275
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DESSERT & PORT

BTL

INNISKILLIN OKANAGAN RIESLING ICEWINE (200 ML) Okanagan Valley, Canada	130
L LURTON BARSAC SAUTERNES (500 ML) Bordeaux, France	150
DUORUM LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE PORT Douro Portugal	145
RAMOS PINTO PORT 20 YEAR OLD TAWNY Douro, Portugal	300

