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## What's new in the Grapevine this week?

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## Wine Spectator Top 100 Wines

This week *Wine Spectator* magazine released their **Top 100 Wines of 2017**. Wine Spectator reviewed over 35,000 wines this year and their Top 100 list represents the top 1/4% of those wines.

Just a few notes before you go through the list... The #2 wine the **K Vintners Powerline Syrah** was on the shelf but sold out just before press time. The #13 wine, the **Sixto "Uncovered" Chardonnay** (94 points) is still on order but expected in a couple of weeks. The **2015 Bodega Garzon Tannat** from Uruguay showed up as #41 and will show up as one of our red wines in the February Wine Club. One last note, the sparkling wine I have on my birthday every year, the **Roederer Estate Brut**, is number #25 and on special until January at **\$22.95** down from \$24.95.

Here are some of the Top 50 we have on the shelf: (Point ratings are in parentheses.)

#4—2012 Casanova di Neri Brunello (95)	\$59.95
#5—2015 Chateau de St.-Cosme Gigondas (95)	\$43.95
#13—2015 Domaine des Baumard Savennieres (94)	\$26.95
#18—2015 Bodega Colome Salta Malbec (92)	\$22.95
#19—2012 Marques de Caceres Rioja Reserva (93)	\$28.95
#24—2014 Justin Justification Paso Robles (94)	\$51.95

#25—NV Roederer Estate Brut (92)	\$22.95
#26—2015 Tablas Creek Patelin Blanc (93)	\$23.95
#31—2015 Forge Riesling Classique (92)	\$19.95
#36—2014 Tait Ballbuster Barossa Valley (91)	\$21.95
#45—2015 Kaiken “Ultra” Malbec Mendoza (90)	\$21.95

We don't have a huge amount of these wines so if you want to order, please call us at 586-8828 or send an e-mail to [bozemanwinegallery@gmail.com](mailto:bozemanwinegallery@gmail.com) with your requests. We will fill your orders on a first come, first served basis.

## Upcoming events

\*\* Tomorrow is Thanksgiving and we hope you will enjoy the Holiday. The Wine Gallery will abstain from the crass commercialism of the season and will be closed on Thanksgiving Day so that our employees may enjoy time with family and friends. We will resume crass commercialism on **Black Friday**. Tiffany and Allyson are going to have some gourmet goodies to sample so come on by and snack while you shop.

As I wrote last week, you don't have to add to your stress by getting up at 4 AM to go shopping at the Wine Gallery. We are all about reducing your stress so we will open at the civilized hour of 10 AM. We will stay open till 6 so feel free to stop by when you are done with the big box shopping.

\*\***Small Business Saturday** is the next day, Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. We will welcome you to the Wine Gallery with samples of the 3 C's--- cheese, crackers and chocolate to enjoy while you shop. Our neighbors at **Recouture** will be sampling wine and will give each customer a Wine Gallery coupon for 10% off the price of any bottle in their sample line-up.

Small business is the heartbeat of Bozeman. Our small businesses support our kids' events, the symphony, the opera, the Museums, Eagle Mount, Thrive, Haven, Heart of the Valley, the Food Bank, Special Olympics, Warriors on Quiet Waters, the Cancer Support Center, and the charity drives of Rotary, the Lions, and American Legion. We spend our money right here in Bozeman supporting other local businesses as well.

Think about this again when you get on line to order things on Cyber Monday: you trust your credit card and financial information to people you have never met. When you deal with local merchants, we are the ones who

shake your hand, know your kids' names, and are here to serve you without sales taxes or shipping charges. We are your neighbors and friends and big supporters of the community we share.

This isn't a commercial for the Wine Gallery but a reminder that we need to encourage and support our small business community. It only helps us all to have a strong vibrant economy by supporting local merchants.

**\*\*December 8<sup>th</sup> is the final Art Walk of 2017** in Downtown Bozeman. We will be at **Miller's Jewelry** at Main and Tracy pouring delicious samples of Holiday Wines. Enjoy these special selections while perusing Miller's huge selection of Yogo Sapphire jewelry pieces, classic watches, estate jewelry, gemstone bracelets, rings and necklaces. Who knows? You may find the perfect gift for someone who has been extra good this year.

If you need another incentive, Miller's is sponsoring their Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. There will be a photo booth to document your taste in sweaters or just to commemorate the evening.

**\*\* Moving forward into December**, the Wine Gallery will be open seven days a week for all of December except Christmas Day. We will have our normal hours Monday to Saturday and **we will be open Sundays from 12 PM to 4 PM**. Those Sundays include Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Remember, the liquor stores will be closed both of those Sundays but the Wine Gallery will be open to accommodate last minute shoppers.

## **Holiday Gift Baskets**

For a knock-out Holiday gift that is as beautiful as it is easy to get, try one of the Wine Gallery gift baskets. This versatile gift can have as many goodies as you want. Choose from over 1400 wines, and our wide selection of cheese, meats, sauces, mixes, chocolates, crackers, wine gadgets and gourmet items. By selecting the items you want, you make the exact statement for the people on your list.

If you would prefer for us to make the selections, just give us a call with a preferred price point and we will assemble a stunning basket for you. Most baskets are ready within 24 hours of your order.

Even though a gift basket is just one item, it is filled with many different items that continually delight. It makes a great gift for people who don't want more "stuff". Gourmet foods and wine are easily consumed and don't require more space in the attic or garage. You may also make sure that everyone in the family is covered with just one stunning gift.

You can come by to pick out your basket items or feel free to call us at 586-8828 or send an e-mail to [bozemanwinegallery@gmail.com](mailto:bozemanwinegallery@gmail.com) to place your orders.

## **Thankful for wine**

Some things that I am thankful for that relate to wine:

- Wine is the trademark of celebration.
- I am thankful for the synergy of the right pairing of food and wine.
- Wine is a great gift everyone is glad to give or receive.
- Wine is the result of Nature's goodness and human skill
- Wine is part of a healthy diet and lifestyle.
- Wine is portable. (no pun intended)
- Wine has euphoric properties that make us feel happy.
- Wine, friends, and family around a table.
- Wine makes you look and feel sophisticated.
- Suppliers and customers are my friendship circle.

If you have other things that make you thankful about wine, please send them to me at [doug@bozemanwinegallery.com](mailto:doug@bozemanwinegallery.com). I will compile your thoughts and publish them in a future Grapevine.

# **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**

## **Best of Bozeman Three-peat!**

I was notified by Bozeman Magazine that the Wine Gallery was named the **#1 People's Choice Wine Retailer for 2018** by its readers for the third year in a row. I will have more details on that next week.