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# WASHINGTON WINE AWARDS

## 2014 WASHINGTON WINE LIST

### WHITE WINES

**WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR**  
**Chateau Ste. Michelle 2012 Eroica Riesling**, Columbia Valley, \$22

**SAUVIGNON BLANC, \$20 OR LESS**

**WINNER: Lobo Hills 2012 Sauvignon Blanc**, Yakima Valley, \$17

**FINALISTS:**  
Guardian 2012 Angel Sauvignon Blanc, Red Mountain, Klipsun Vineyards, \$20 SOLD OUT

Efestö 2012 Feral Sauvignon Blanc, Ancient Lakes, Evergreen Vineyard, \$20

Cedergreen 2011 Sauvignon Blanc, Columbia Valley, Spring Creek Vineyards, \$17

**SAUVIGNON BLANC, MORE THAN \$20**

**WINNER: Efestö 2012 Sauvage Sauvignon Blanc, Yakima Valley**, Golden View Vineyard (Boushey), \$23

**FINALISTS:**  
Woodward Canyon 2012 Sauvignon Blanc, Walla Walla Valley, Estate Vineyard, \$26

Avennia 2012 Oliane Sauvignon Blanc, Yakima Valley, \$25

Matthews 2012 Sauvignon Blanc, Columbia Valley, Stillwater Creek Vineyard, \$30

Lullaby 2012 Blanc de Virginie Sauvignon Blanc, Columbia Valley, \$22

**CHARDONNAY, \$15 OR LESS**

**WINNER: For a Song 2011 Chardonnay**, Columbia Valley, \$10

**FINALISTS:**  
BlackSmith 2012 Chardonnay, Columbia Valley\*

Tamarack 2012 Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, \$15

Airfield Estates 2012 Unoaked Chardonnay, Yakima Valley, Miller Vineyard, \$15

Charles Smith 2012 Eve Chardonnay, Washington State, \$12

Hedges 2011 House of Independent Producers (HIP) Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, Dionysus Vineyard, \$14

**CHARDONNAY, \$16-\$40**

**WINNER: Gorman 2012 The Big Sissy Chardonnay**, Columbia Valley, \$35

**FINALISTS:**  
Array 2011 Dijon Clone Chardonnay, Yakima Valley, Otis Harlan Vineyard, \$32

Sparkman 2012 Lumière Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, \$30

Maison Bleue 2012 Au Contraire Chardonnay, Yakima Valley, French Creek Vineyard, \$25

**CHARDONNAY, MORE THAN \$40**

**WINNER: Woodward Canyon 2012 Chardonnay**, Washington State, \$44

**FINALISTS:**  
Côte Bonneville 2011 Chardonnay, Yakima Valley, DuBrul Vineyard, \$50

Abeja 2012 Chardonnay, Washington State\*

Ashan 2012 Chardonnay, Columbia Gorge, Celilo Vineyard, \$45

Buty 2012 Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, Conner Lee Vineyard, \$40

Sparkman 2011 Enlightenment Chardonnay, Yakima Valley, French Creek Vineyard, \$50

**RIESLING, \$15 OR LESS**

**WINNER: Charles Smith 2013 Kung Fu Girl Riesling**, Ancient Lakes, Evergreen Vineyard, \$12

**FINALISTS:**  
Long Shadows 2012 Nine Hats Riesling, Columbia Valley, \$12

Tempus 2012 Riesling, Ancient Lakes, Evergreen Vineyard\*

Millbrandt 2012 Tradition Riesling, Columbia Valley, \$13

**RIESLING, MORE THAN \$15**

**WINNER: Chateau Ste. Michelle 2012 Eroica Riesling**, Columbia Valley, \$22

**FINALISTS:**  
Long Shadows 2012 Poets Leap Riesling, Columbia Valley, \$20

Dunham 2012 Riesling, Columbia Valley, Lewis Estate Vineyard, \$19.50

Savage Grace 2012 Riesling, Columbia Gorge, Underwood Mountain Vineyards, \$19

Memaloose 2012 Idiot's Grace Riesling, Columbia Gorge, \$22

Côte Bonneville 2012 Riesling, Yakima Valley, DuBrul Vineyard, \$22

**SPARKLING WINES**

**WINNER: Michelle (by Domaine Ste. Michelle) NV Brut Rosé**, Méthode Champenoise, Columbia Valley, \$13

**FINALISTS:**  
Sweeter sparkling wine: Treveri NV Gewürztraminer Demi-Sec, Méthode Champenoise, Columbia Valley, \$17

Dry sparkling wine: Castillo de Feliciano 2012 Brillante Sparkling Brut, Méthode Traditionnelle, Columbia Valley, Airport Ranch Vineyard, \$30

### RED WINES

**RED WINE OF THE YEAR**

**WINNER: Mark Ryan 2011 Lonely Heart Cabernet Sauvignon**, Red Mountain, \$85

**MERLOT, \$20 OR LESS**

**WINNER: BlackSmith (by Forgeron) 2011 Merlot**, Columbia Valley, \$18

**FINALISTS:**  
Charles Smith 2012 The Velvet Devil Merlot, Washington State, \$12

Boomtown (by Dusted Valley) 2012 Merlot, Columbia Valley, \$15

**MERLOT, MORE THAN \$20**

**WINNER: Long Shadows 2011 Pedestal Merlot**, Columbia Valley, \$60

**FINALISTS:**  
Januik 2011 Merlot, Columbia Valley, \$25 SOLD OUT

Abeja 2011 Merlot, Columbia Valley, \$40

Pepper Bridge 2011 Merlot, Walla Walla Valley, \$50

Two Vintners 2010 Merlot, Walla Walla Valley, Pepper Bridge Vineyard, \$32

**RED BLEND, \$20 OR LESS**

**WINNER: Tamarack 2012 Firehouse Red**, Columbia Valley, \$18

**FINALISTS:**  
Gilbert 2010 Allobroges, Wahluke Slope\*  
Syncline 2012 Subduction Red, Columbia Valley, \$20  
Kevin White 2012 La Fraternité, Yakima Valley\*

**RED BLEND, MORE THAN \$20**

**WINNER: Soos Creek 2010 Champoux Vineyard Red**, Horse Heaven Hills, \$40

**FINALISTS:**  
Avennia 2011 Sestina, Columbia Valley, \$55

Avennia 2011 Gravura, Columbia Valley, \$35

Cadence 2010 Bel Canto, Red Mountain, Cara Mia Vineyard, \$60

Kevin White 2011 En Hommage, Yakima Valley, \$25 SOLD OUT

Côte Bonneville 2009 Carriage House, Yakima Valley, DuBrul Vineyard, \$120

**SYRAH, \$20 OR LESS**

**WINNER: Charles Smith 2012 Boom Boom**, Washington State, \$15

**FINALISTS:**  
For a Song 2012 Syrah, Columbia Valley, \$15

Airfield Estates 2011 Runway Syrah, Yakima Valley, Black Rock Vineyards, \$20

Balboa 2010 Syrah, Walla Walla Valley, Estate Erdolon Vineyard (Block B5)\*

Tempus 2010 Syrah, Yakima Valley\*

**SYRAH, MORE THAN \$20**

**WINNER: W.T. Vintners 2011 Damavian Syrah**, Walla Walla, Les Collines Vineyard, \$42

**FINALISTS:**  
Gramercy 2010 John Lewis Syrah, Walla Walla Valley, \$75

Avennia 2011 Arnaud Syrah, Yakima Valley, Boushey Vineyards, \$48

Syncline 2011 Syrah, Yakima Valley, Boushey Vineyards, \$35

Kerloo Cellars 2011 Syrah, Walla Walla Valley, \$40 SOLD OUT

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON, \$25 OR LESS**

**WINNER: Novelty Hill 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon**, Columbia Valley, \$25

**FINALISTS:**  
Nelms Road 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, Washington State, \$25

Va Piano 2011 Bruno's Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, \$23

For a Song 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, \$15

McKinley Springs 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Horse Heaven Hills, \$24

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON, \$26-\$65**

**WINNER: Abeja 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon**, Columbia Valley, \$45

**FINALISTS:**  
Manu Propria 2010 Ex Animo Cabernet Sauvignon, Yakima Valley, Red Willow Vineyard, \$35 SOLD OUT

Efestö 2010 Big Papa Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, \$54

Abeja 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla, Estate Heather Hill, \$55

JB Neufeld 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon, Yakima Valley, \$35

Gramercy 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, Phinny Hill Vineyards, \$48

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON, \$65 OR MORE**

**WINNER: Mark Ryan 2011 Lonely Heart Cabernet Sauvignon**, Red Mountain, \$89

**FINALISTS:**  
Doubleback 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley, \$85

Den Hoed 2009 Andreas Cabernet Sauvignon, Horse Heaven Hills,

Walla Walla Vineyard, \$80

Betz 2011 Père de Famille Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, \$68

Woodward Canyon 2009 Old Vines Cabernet Sauvignon, Washington State, \$89 SOLD OUT

**PETIT VERDOT**

(open submission tasting)

**WINNERS:**

**Dusted Valley 2011 Petit Verdot**, Columbia Valley, \$42

**Tero Estates 2010 Petit Verdot**, Walla Walla Valley, \$38

**Sparkman 2011 Underworld Petit Verdot**, Yakima Valley, \$48 SOLD OUT

**Silvara Vineyards 2011 Petit Verdot**, Columbia Valley, \$32

**Watermill 2010 Estate Petit Verdot**, Walla Walla, \$32

\* Wine was nominated and tasted as a finalist but bottle price was later determined to be outside the category price range. In some cases, the price was changed after qualifying as a finalist.

### PEOPLE & PLACES

**BEST EMERGING WINERY**  
RASA, WALLA WALLA

**WINEMAKER TO WATCH**  
JEFF LINDSAY-THORSEN, W.T. VINTNERS

**WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR**  
GREG HARRINGTON, GRAMERCY CELLARS

**VINEYARD OF THE YEAR**  
EVERGREEN VINEYARD, ANCIENT LAKES AVA

**SOMMELIER OF THE YEAR**  
CORTNEY LEASE, WINE DIRECTOR OF WILD GINGER/THE TRIPLE DOOR

**RETAILER OF THE YEAR**  
DAN MCCARTHY OF MCCARTHY & SCHIERING

Some of the wines in this story may be sold out at the winery, but they can often be purchased at restaurants, or from online retailers or collectors. Bottle prices were derived from the winery. Retail prices may vary.