

Munn's United Church 2024 "Spring Wine and Dine" Raffle

1st Prize - 20 Selected Vintage Wines:

(Details of Munns Selected Wine Prizes can be found within this document)



Red

2020 Trius Red The Icon, Niagara, Ontario Canada
 2022 Beaujolais-Villages, Beaune, France
 2019 An 462, Languedoc, France
 2021 The Tyre Fitter Syrah, Adelaide Hills, Australia
 2016 Gran Reserva Rioja, Rioja, Spain
 2021 Eola Amity Hills Pinot Noir, Oregon, USA
 2020 Pure Bred, Lodi, California
 2021 Tessellae Old Vines, Côtes du Roussillon

Rosé

2022 Bread & Butter Rose, Napa, California, USA

Ice Wine

2019 Private Reserve Icewine, Niagara, Ontario Canada

White

2020 Clos de la Chaise Dieu, Cote D'Or, Burgundy, France
 2022 Reserve Speciale Viognier, Pays D'Oc, France
 2022 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand
 2021 Franschoek, Franschoek, South Africa
 2021 Vagabond, South Africa
 2022 Assyrtiko, Attiki, Greece
 2022 Grüner Veltliner, Kremstal, Austria
 2021 Siegerrebe Spätlese, Pfalz, Germany

Sparkling

Brut Metodo Classico, Trento, Italy
 Cremant de Bourgogne, Burgundy, France

Ritorno Restaurant Gift Card: Value \$100



Appetizer Gift Basket: Value \$50

(Appetizers shown are for photo only – selected Appetizers will be purchased)



Munns 2024 Wine Raffle - Tasting Notes

FIRST PRIZE - 20 bottles (8 red, 1 rose, 2 sparkling, 8 white & 1 Ice Wine)

RED WINES

- 1) Trius Red The Icon, 2020 - (Red, VARIETAL, Blend, PRODUCER, Trius, REGION/COUNTRY, Niagara Region, Ontario, Canada.)

From a pioneer of premium Ontario red wines, this Bordeaux-inspired blend has been crafted to perfection every year since 1989. Blackcurrant, chocolate, floral notes, cedar and grilled nuts. Savour with blackened Ontario lamb, slow-cooked pork shoulder or roast beef.

LCBO Rated 4.7 of 5.0

- 2) Beaujolais Villages, 2022 - (Red, VARIETAL, Gamay Noir, PRODUCER, Louis Jadot, REGION/COUNTRY, Beaune, France.)

This Beaujolais features floral, red plum, and candied berry flavours. Chill for 20 minutes and enjoy with grilled salmon, churrasco chicken or Spanish tapas.

LCBO Rated 4.7 of 5.0

- 3) An 462, 2019 - (Red, VARIETAL, Syrah-Grenache, PRODUCER, Gérard Bertrand, REGION/COUNTRY, Languedoc, France.)

A deep red color with flashes of violet. The nose reveals complex aromas of small red and black fruit. On the palate, this blend blossoms into complex aromas of ripe red fruit, backed by notes of licorice, gingerbread, and scrubland. A full-bodied wine with lots of finesse enhanced by mellow tannins. The finish of this powerful wine is particularly lively, enhancing its excellent length on the palate, ending with touches of roasted coffee and peppery spices.

LCBO Rating 4.2 of 5 Stars (Wine Spectator rated this wine #78 of their top 100 in 2019.)

- 4) The Tyre Fitter Syrah, 2021 - (Red, VARIETAL, Syrah, PRODUCER, Sidewood Ironstone Barrels, REGION/COUNTRY, Adelaide Hills, Australia.)

Showing awesome fruit purity as well as seductive complexity, the bouquet shows Black Doris plum, sweet cherry, thyme, game, and floral aromas on the nose. It's wonderfully weighted and richly textured, gorgeously framed by seamlessly woven tannins. Beautifully detailed and poised.

At its best: 2024 to 2038.

Wineorbit Rating 95 of 100

- 5) Gran Reserva Rioja, 2016 - (Red, VARIETAL, Blend, PRODUCER, LAN, REGION/COUNTRY, Rioja, Spain.)

Harmonious and juicy, laced with delicate cherry and plum fruit flavors. Bright but also round, showing elements of spice and cedar that creep in as this plays out on the succulent finish. Drink now through 2030.

Wine Spectator Rating 92 of 100

- 6) **Eola Amity Hills Pinot Noir, 2021 - (Red, VARIETAL, Pinot Noir, PRODUCER, Rose Rock, REGION/COUNTRY, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA.)**
Graceful and precise, with dynamic cherry and red plum flavors highlighted by fresh violet and brown spices, which glide on the long, sleek finish toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2032.
Wine Spectator Rating 94 of 100
- 7) **Pure Bred Lodi Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 - (Red, VARIETAL, Cabernet Sauvignon, PRODUCER, Pure Bred Wines, REGION/COUNTRY, Lodi California, USA.)**
This wine has a plush, engaging personality, with generous, earthy red fruit, fine minerality, oak spices and some toast, it's big on flavour. Perfect for mushroom burgers or grilled ribs.
Wine Align Rating 87 of 100
- 8) **Tessellae Old Vines 2021 - (Red, VARIETAL, Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, PRODUCER, Famille Lafage, REGION/COUNTRY, Côtes du Roussillon, France.)**
This blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre is produced by the Lafage family, who have been cultivating vines for seven generations. Made from vines almost 70 years old, this wine is renowned for its ripe and opulent nuances of red and black fruits, dried flowers, incense, pepper, baking spices and Provence herbs. A real little gem. Superb with cold meats or grilled lamb.
LCBO Rating 4.2 of 5 Stars

ROSE WINES

- 1) **Bread & Butter Rosé, 2022 - (Rose, VARIETAL, Blend, PRODUCER, Bread & Butter, REGION/COUNTRY, Napa, California USA.)**
Refreshing with generous notes of fresh strawberry, melon and rose petals, juicy red fruit flavors are complemented by bright acidity and a rich, lively finish.
Wine Works rated 4.5 of 5.0

ICE WINE

- 1) **Private Reserve Icewine, 2019 - (Icewine, VARIETAL, Vidal, PRODUCER, Peller Estates, REGION/COUNTRY, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, Canada.)**
Sweet and rich, Icewine is a labour of love crafted from grapes hand-picked on frigid winter nights, each one producing just one precious drop of juice. This is a silky, luscious, medium-bodied, well-balanced Icewine with wonderful flavours of apricot, Bartlett pear, custard and lemon drop. Sip it on its own after a fine meal or contrast it with blue-veined cheeses. A treat to savour slowly.
Decanter World Wine Awards Rating 94 of 100

SPARKLING WINES

- 1) **Brut Metodo Classico - (Sparkling, VARIETAL, Blend, PRODUCER, Ferrari, REGION/COUNTRY, Trento, Italy.)**

This elegant, Italian classic opens to crystalline luminosity and brilliance. It is light straw-hued and is an homage to the great sparkling wines of northern Italy. The long secondary fermentation in the bottle gives the wine a pleasing aroma of brioche that intertwines perfectly with hints of pear and white flowers. Easy drinking that expresses good cheer in any language.

Wine Enthusiast rated 93 of 100

- 2) **Cremant de Bourgogne - (Sparkling, VARIETAL, Pino Noir, Chardonnay, PRODUCER, Louis Bouillot, REGION/COUNTRY, Burgundy, France.)**

Founded in 1877, Bouillot was one of the first to experiment with the crafting of sparkling Burgundy wine. This blend of Pinot Noir, Gamay and Chardonnay is ever delightful, extra dry with nutty richness, berry, toast, and mushrooms. Sip or pair with smoked salmon.

LCBO Rating 4.2 of 5 Stars (Wine Spectator rated this wine in their top 100 in 2019.)

WHITE WINES

- 1) **Clos de la Chaise Dieu, 2020 - (White, VARIETAL, Chardonnay, PRODUCER, Cote D'Or, REGION/COUNTRY, Burgundy, France.)**

Bright, pale gold. The nose is bursting with notes of fresh fruit, white peach, and citrus with a delicate touch of fresh hazelnut. The palate is lively, full, and balanced. Long and refreshing, this is a superb Burgundy.

Wine.com rated 92 of 100

- 2) **Réserve Spéciale Viognier, 2022 - (White, VARIETAL, Viognier, PRODUCER, Gérard Bertrand, REGION/COUNTRY, Pays D'Oc, France.)**

Great value on this fruity, inviting Viognier sourced from all along France's southern regions. Look for notes of yellow pear, white peach, and hazelnut, with a touch of chamomile on the mineral-driven finish.

Vivino Rating 3.6 of 5 Stars

- 3) **Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, 2022 - (White, VARIETAL, Sauvignon Blanc, PRODUCER, Cloudy Bay, REGION/COUNTRY, Marlborough, New Zealand.)**

Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc put New Zealand on the map with its captivating flavor. Their signature style is famous for its vibrant nose, mouthwatering palate, and long finish. Stone fruit and citrus stand out, while minerality (think rain on river stones) provides balance.

Sauvignon Blanc is a natural match for almost any seafood. Some of our favourites include tempura oysters, sashimi, and steamed mussels with garlic, citrus and parsley. It's also a great match for green salads and goats' cheese. A hint: if it goes with lemon, it goes with Sauvignon Blanc.

Wine Spectator Rating 92 of 100

- 4) **Franschhoek, 2021 - (White, VARIETAL, Semillon, PRODUCER, Wildeberg, REGION/COUNTRY, South Africa.)**

Grapes from Franschhoek old vines and spontaneously fermented in new and older oak. This wine has a wonderfully complex nose showing top notes of thatch and fynbos before citrus and peach.

The palate has a dense core of fruit, bright acidity and a saline finish. Precise and detailed, this is very classy.

Winemag Rating 94 of 100

5) **Vagabond, 2021 - (White, VARIETAL, Blend, PRODUCER, The Fledge & Co., REGION/COUNTRY, Western Cape, South Africa.)**

It would take most of the note just to list the ten varieties that make up the blend of Vagabond, so let's say it's Chenin Blanc based with a medley of French, Portuguese and Spanish grapes from 16 vineyards. Fresh, zippy and understated, it has negligible oak, pear, aniseed, lemon and lime flavours and a steely, low-alcohol finish. Drink date: 2023-2027.

Rating 91 of 100 (timatkin.com, South Africa Special Report 2023)

6) **Assyrtiko, 2022 - (White, VARIETAL, Assyrtiko, PRODUCER, Papagiannakos, REGION/COUNTRY, Attiki, Greece.)**

The Domaine Papagiannakos Assyrtiko is without a doubt one of the world's great white-wine bargains. The 2022 vintage is stunning: its complexity, elegance, and finesse stand toe to toe with the finest whites in the world. Pale-straw center, with platinum reflections throughout. Lemon peel, wet river stones, sea spray, and white tea are at the center of the aromatics. The wine is sharp and clean, with a chalky mineral component that is persistently refreshing. Drink now-2026.

Rating 90 of 100 (Mark Squires, robertparker.com, June 22, 2023)

7) **Grüner Veltliner, 2022 - (White, VARIETAL, Grüner Veltliner, PRODUCER, Winzer Krems, REGION/COUNTRY, Kremstal, Austria.)**

Kremstal is situated between Austria's two most famous wine regions: Kamptal and Wachau. The star of the Kremstal region is Grüner Veltliner, which thrives in the region's clay, limestone, and loess soils. This example is balanced, lithe and fresh, with grapefruit and lime citrus, peach, pear, white pepper spice and a delicate undertone of savoury herbs. Perfect for grilled seafood.

Rating 90 of 100 (A LA CARTE GV Grand Cru tasting for vintage 2022.)

8) **Siegerrebe Spätlese, 2021 - (White, VARIETAL, Siegerrebe, PRODUCER, Anselmann, REGION/COUNTRY, Pfalz, Germany.)**

Siegerrebe produces wines that range from off-dry to lusciously sweet and floral (think rose petals), with intense exotic tropical fruit notes alongside apricot, pear and lime. The sweetness makes this Spätlese a fine option as an aperitif or dessert wine, but don't shy away from trying it with really spicy Asian dishes or even a honey-glazed ham.

Gold Rating (Berliner Wein Trophy, 2022)

PLEASE NOTE: The Ratings and Tasting Notes contained herein are from the LCBO and other websites we felt were credible. Care was taken to use information that has been posted by industry experts. However, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of each review or rating. Also, as individual tastes vary, this information should only be used as a guide to the flavour and characteristics of the wines being offered.
