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Fourteen Washington Wines featured in *San Francisco Chronicle's* Top 100 of 2009

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SEATTLE (December 9, 2009) - *San Francisco Chronicle* wine editor Jon Bonné included 14 wines from Washington State in his annual Top 100 wines of the year column. This non-ranked list focused on wines from the West Coast, with special attention to wines priced \$30 or less.

Bonné is especially complimentary to Washington's production of Riesling, saying it "has rarely been better". Furthermore, Washington Cabernet Sauvignon or Cabernet-based blends received 8 of the 22 spots on the list of the best Cabernets released in 2009.

The complete list of Washington wine, in no particular order, included in the Top 100:

- 2008 Efeste Evergreen Vineyard Riesling, Columbia Valley (\$16)**
- 2007 Novelty Hill Roussanne Stillwater Creek Vineyard, Columbia Valley (\$22)**
- 2008 O'Shea Scarborough Visionnaire Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc Klipsun Vineyard, Red Mountain (\$20)**
- 2008 Poet's Leap Riesling, Columbia Valley (\$20)**
- 2007 Betz Family Winery La Cote Rouse Syrah, Red Mountain (\$55)**
- 2006 Chateau Ste. Michelle Ethos Syrah, Columbia Valley (\$28)**
- 2007 Amavi Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley (\$28)**
- 2007 Andrew Will Two Blondes Vineyard Red Wine, Yakima Valley (\$58)**
- 2006 Buty Cabernet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc Champoux Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills (\$55)**
- 2006 Cadence Ciel du Cheval Red Wine, Red Mountain (\$45)**
- 2006 DeLille Cellars Chaleur Estate Red Wine, Red Mountain (\$75)**
- 2006 Gramercy Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley (\$42)**
- 2006 Januik Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley (\$30)**
- 2006 L'Ecole No. 41 Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley (\$39)**

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