

BEST BUYS

DOMESTIC SYRAH / SHIRAZ

BEVERAGES & MORE (B&M) - 96 stores in CA and NV

- 87 \$5 **Delicato Shiraz CA 08.** \$5 B&M. \$6 MSRP. Gold (<\$15 class) SFC 10.
- 87 \$5± **Bota Box Shiraz CA 09.** \$17/3L B&M. \$19 MSRP. WW 89. Double Gold SFC 11.
- 88 \$6 **Black Oak Syrah CA 07.** \$6 B&M. &7 MSRP. Double Gold West 10.
- 86 \$7 **Montpellier Syrah CA 08.** \$6 B&M. 7 Andys. WW 87. Silver SFC 11. Snooth.com 3½ stars. (2007: Double Gold SFI 09; Silver CA, NW, SFI 10; Bronze SFC 10, CA 09)
- 87 \$7 **Challis Lane Shiraz CA 08.** WW 88. Silver SFC 10.
- 86 \$7+ **Hahn Syrah Central Coast CA 09.** \$7.52 B&M 5¢ sale. \$12 MSRP. WW 89.
- 87 \$9+ **Summerland Syrah Paso Robles CA 06.** \$9.59 B&M. \$17 MSRP. Silver SFC. Bronze Flakes & FL.
- 87 \$10 **Renwood Syrah Sierra Foothills CA 05.** \$10 B&M. CA 86. WE 81. Gold Critics 09. Silver SFC 10. Bronze CA, LA, SFI 09.
- 87 \$10 **Ravenswood Syrah Sonoma Co CA 05.** \$10 B&M. WW 89. ST 88.
- 87 \$10 **Estancia Syrah Central Coast CA 05.** \$10 B&M. \$12 MSRP. WS 87. WE 83. WW 89.
- 88 \$11 **Chateau Ste Michelle Columbia Valley WA 06.** \$11 B&M. WS 89. WE 84. WW 90.
- 88 \$11 **Columbia Crest Columbia Va WA 06.** \$11 B&M/MSRP. WS 89. WBB 88. Best Buy WE 86. WW 91. W&S N R. Very Good SFCh 8/22/08.
- 87 \$12 **Shiloh Road Paso Robles CA 07.** \$12 B&M. WW 90.
- 88 \$12 **Ventana Syrah Arroyo Seco CA 07.** \$12 B&M. \$18 MSRP. CA 89. WW 90. Gold ???. Silver CA & SFC 10. Bronze LA & SFI 09.
- 88 \$12 **Rosenblum Syrah Vinrner's Cuvee CA 07.** \$12 B&M. \$13 MSRP. WS 88. Silver SFC 09.
- 87 \$13 **J. Lohr Syrah South Ridge Paso Robles CA 08.** \$13 B&M. \$15 MSRP. CA 89. WE 87. WS 86. Silver CA, FL, SFI 10. Bronze SFC 11.
- 88 \$13 **Kendall-Jackson Syrah VR CA 07.** \$13 B&M. \$16.29 wine.com. ADB 88. WE 87. Gold SFC 10. Gold SFI 09. Silver NW 10. Bronze LA 09.
- 87 \$13 **Ancient Peaks Syrah Paso Robles CA 07.** \$13 B&M. \$15 K&L. \$16 MSRP. CA 91. WS 87. RP 87. WE 84. WW 87. Silver CA, DA, LA, SFI 10. Good Value CG.
- 88 \$14 **Robert Hall Rhone de Robles (Grenache-Syrah-Cinsault-Counoise) Central Coast CA 07.** \$14 B&M. \$16 Andys. \$18 MSRP. CA 94. WBB 88. WE 86. WS 82. W&S NR. Gold Best of Class CA 10. Gold Critics & LA 10.
- 87 \$14 **Sonoma Vineyards Syrah Sonoma Co CA 07.** \$14 B&M. WW 88. Gold SFC 09. Silver NW 09.
- 87 \$14 **Liberty vSchool Central Coast CA 06.** \$14 B&M. Silver SFC 09.
- 88 \$15 **Robert Hall Syrah Paso Robles CA 07.** \$12 TrJ. \$15 B&M. CA 92. Editor's Choice WE 90. RP 87. WBB 88. BTI 89. Gold SFC 10. Silver Best of Class CA 10. Silver LA 10. Bronze DA 10.

- 87 \$15 Kenwood Jack London Sonoma Valley CA 07. \$15 B&M. \$25 MSRP. WE 87.
- 88 \$16 Cline Syrah Cool Climate Sonoma Coast CA 07. \$16 B&M/wine.com. Silver LA & SFC 10.
- 89 \$17 Cambria Syrah Sanra Maria Valley CA 06. \$17 B&M.\$18.29 wine.com. \$19 MSRP. WE 89. WS 88. Silver SFI 09.
- 88 \$17 Michael-David 6th Sense Lodi CA 07. \$17 B&M. \$16 MSRP. CA 98. WE 82. Double Gold CA 10. Gold Best of Class East 10. Silver LA & SFC. Bronze SFI 10.
- 88 \$17 Ravenswood Syrah Sonoma Co CA 05. \$17 B&M. \$17.29 wine.com. ST 88. WW 89.

COSTCO - 527 warehouse stores in North America

World's largest retailer of wines (per Wikipedia, but TESCO and LCBO disagree)

- ?? \$16 Manzanita Creek Syrah Sonoma Co CA 08. \$16 Costco. \$30 MSRP. Wines&Markets 95 (per Costco). Let us know if anyone has tasted this.

SAFEWAY (10% discount on six bottles or more)

3rd largest supermarket chain with 1731 stores in western and central US

- 87 \$3 Sea Ridge Syrah Central Valley CA 08. \$3 Safeway. \$7.50+ Snooth.com. CA 89. Silver CA 10. Snooth.com 2½ stars. "Surprisingly good" BrianonWine.blogspot.com
- 87 \$7 Clos LaChance Syrah Hummingbird Series Central Coast CA 06. \$7 Safeway. \$18 MSRP. WE 85. Silver SFC 09. Bronze West 10.
- 86 \$8 Cline Syrah CA 05. \$8 Safeway. \$8 MSRP. WS 86. WE 80. Silver GH 07.
- 87 \$9 Apothic Red Winemaker's Blend (Syrah-Zin- Merlot) CA 08. \$9 Safeway. \$11Andys/B&M. Snooth.com 3½ stars. Wine of the Week: Winona Daily News
- 86 \$9 Columbia Crest Grand Estates Columbia Valley WA 07. \$9 TW&M. \$12 MSRP. Best Buy WE 87. RP 85. WS 83.
- 87 \$11 Edna Valley Syrah Edna Valley CA 06. \$11 Safeway. \$12 MSRP. WS 87. WE 83.

TOTAL WINE & MORE (TW&M)

67 stores in CA, AZ, NV, NJ, DL, GA, NC, SC & FL

- 86 \$7 Oak Grove Shiraz CA 08. \$7 TW&M. \$8 MSRP. CA 94 & 86. WE 82. W&S Not Recommended. Gold Best of Class CA 10. Silver SFC 09 Bronze CA 09. TW&M 3 stars (1 rating).
- 87 \$10 Muirwood Syrah Arroyo Seco CA 08. \$10 TW&M. \$12 MSRP. CA 89. Silver CA & SFC 10. Bronze LA 10. TW&M 3.5 stars (2 ratings).
- 87 \$13 Sobon Syrah Shenandoah Valley Amador Co CA 08. \$13 TW&M. \$14.50 MSRP. Silver SFC 11. TW&M 3.7 stars (7 ratings).
- 88 \$16 Fess Parker Syrah Santa Barbara Co CA 08. \$16 TW&M. \$20 MSRP. WS 88. (2007: \$20 B&M. WS 87.RP 87. Recommended SFCh 4/25/10). TW&M 3.8 stars (6 ratings).

TRADER JOES (TrJ) - 337 stores in 26 states

- 85 \$4 **Trader Joes Coastal Syrah 09 (made by Castoro cellars).** \$4 TrJ. WBB 85 (drinkable but no distinguishing characteristics).
- 87 \$7 **Smoking Loon Syrah CA 08.** \$7 TrJ. \$8 MSRP. WS 87.
- 87 \$9 **Dynamic Red table Wine (53%Syrah-43%Merlot-4%Cab) 09.** \$9 TrJ. WBB 87.
- 87 \$12 **Robert Hall Syrah Paso Robles CA 06.** \$12 TrJ. \$18 MSRP. Silver SFC 09.

K&L - San Francisco, Redwood City and Los Angeles

- 87 \$13 **Ancient Peaks Syrah Paso Robles CA 07.** \$13 B&M. \$15 K&L. \$16 MSRP. CA 91. WS 87. RP 87. WE 84. WW 87. Silver CA, DA, LA, SFI 10. Good Value CG.
- 88 \$15 **Qupe Syrah Cebtral Coast CA 08.** \$14 Cost+. \$15 K&L. \$18 MSRP. W&S 91. ST 88. WE 87.
- 86 \$15 **Bonny Doon Syrah Le Pousseur Central Coast CA 07.** \$15 K&L. \$16 B&M. \$20 MSRP. WW 91. RP 86. WS 83. Bronze SFI 10.
- 89 \$17 **Barrel 27 Syrah Right Hand Man Central Coast CA 07.** \$17 K&L/WClub. \$18 MSRP. WS 89. RP 88.
- 88 \$17 **Morgan Syrah Monterey Co CA 08.** \$17 K&L. \$20 MSRP. WS 88. WE 86.
- 89 \$18 **Kendric Syrah Shenandoah Valley CA 07.** \$18 K&L. \$21 MSRP. \$22 WhFoods. WE 89.
- 88 \$20 **Andrew Rich Syrah Columbia Valley WA 05.** \$20 K&L. \$24 MSRP. WE 89.
- 88 \$20 **Jeff Runquist Syrah Paso Robles CA 08.** \$20 K&L. \$24 MSRP. CA 87. Gold SFI 10. Gold SFC 11. Silver East & LA 10. Bronze CA 10.
- 89 \$24 **La Fenetra A Cote Santa Barbara Highlands Santa Barbara Co CA 08.** \$24 K&/MSRPL. WE 90.

WINE.COM - Online and retail outlet in Berkeley, CA

- 87 \$13 **Wente Syrah Shorthand Canyon CA 08.** \$13 wine.com. \$15 MSRP. WE 88.
- 89 \$15 **Bonterra Organically Grown Syrah Central Coast CA 07.** \$14.79 wine.com. \$15 MSRP. WE 91.
- 88 \$16 **Cline Syrah Cool Climate Sonoma Coast CA 07.** \$16 B&M/wine.com. Silver LA & SFC 10.
- 88 \$16+ **Kendall-Jackson Syrah VR CA 07.** \$13 B&M. \$16.29 wine.com. ADB 88. WE 87. Gold SFC 10. Gold SFI 09. Silver NW 10. Bronze LA 09.
- 89 \$17+ **Alexander Valley Vds Syrah Sonoma Co CA 07.** \$17.29 wine.com. CG 90.
- 88 \$17+ **Ravenswood Syrah Sonoma Co CA 05.** \$17 B&M. \$17.29 wine.com. ST 88. WW 89.
- 89 \$17+ **Barnard Griffin Syrah Columbiua Valley CA 08.** \$17.49 wine.com. \$18 MSRP. WE 91. WS 88. RP 85. Gold SFC 10.
- 89 \$18+ **Cambria Syrah Sanra Maria Valley CA 06.** \$17 B&M. \$18.29 wine.com. \$19 MSRP. Editor's Choice WE 89. WS 88. Silver SFI 09.
- 90 \$20 **Bearboat Syrah Russian River Valley CA 07.** \$20 wine.com/MSRP. Editor's Choice WE 91.
- 91 \$20 **Novelty Hill Syrah Columbia Valley WA 05.** \$20 wine.com. \$22 MSRP. WE 91. CG 91. W&S 90.
- 90 \$20 **Novelty Hill Syran Sonoma Co CA 06.** \$20 wine.co. \$22 MSRP. RP 90. WS 89. WE 88.

COST PLUS – WORLD MARKET - 260 stores in 30 states

Will match any advertised price.

- 86 \$7 Castle Rock Columbia Valley WA 08, \$7 Cost+. \$12 MSRP. Bronze SFC 11.
- 87 \$9 McManis Syrah CA 09. \$9 Cost+. \$10 MSRP. Best Buy WE 87. Silver SFC 11.
- 88 \$14 Qupe Syrah Central Coast CA 08. \$14 Cost+. \$15 K&L. \$18 MSRP. W&S 91. ST 88. WE 87.

WHOLE FOODS (most wines priced at or near MSRP)

302 stores in 38 states and six in Canada

No. 3 in Top 25 Green Power Partners by US Environmental Protection Agency

- 89 \$22 Kendrick Syrah Shenandoah Valley CA 07. \$18 K&L. \$21 MSRP. \$22 WhFoods. WE 89.

THE WINE CLUB (claim to be the largest wine merchant west of the Mississippi)

- 89 \$17 Barrel 27 Syrah Right Hand Man Central Coast CA 07. \$17 K&L/WC. \$18 MSRP. WS 89. RP 88.
- 89 \$19 Kiamie R'own Style Blend Paso Robles CA 06. \$19 WC. WS 89. WE 87.
- 87+ \$23 Stolpman Estate Syrah Santa Ynez Valley CA 08. \$23 WC. \$30 MSRP. WS 87. RP 87.

ZACHYS, SCARSDALE, NY

One of the country's largest wine selections (according to Zachys)

- 90 \$22 Red Car Syrah Boxcar Sonoma Coast CA 07. \$22 Zachys. \$20 MSRP. Best Buy W&S 91. RP 90.

ANDYS - Loch Lomond, San Rafael, CA - Our local supermarket

- 85 \$7 Montpellier Syrah CA 08. \$6 B&M. 7 Andys. WW 87. Silver SFC 11. Snooth.com 3½ stars. (2007: Double Gold SFI 09; Silver CA, NW, SFI 10; Bronze SFC 10, CA 09)
- 86 \$8 A by Acacia Red Blend (Rhone blend 92% Syrah) CA 07. \$8 Andys. \$13 B&M. Snooth.com 2½ stars. Pick of the Week - Columbia Dispatch. Bronze DA 10.
- 87 \$10 Rosenblum Syrah Vintner's Cuvee CA 08. \$10 Andys. \$13 MSRP. WBB 86. WineExpress.com 4 stars. (2007: WS 88; Silver SFC 09)
- 87 \$11 Apothic Red Winemaker's Blend (Syrah-Zin- Merlot) CA 08. \$9 Safeway. \$11 Andys/B&M. Snooth.com 3½ stars. Wine of the Week: Winona Daily News.
- ?? \$15 Raven Oaks Syrah Sierra Foothills CA 03. \$15 Andys. Snooth.com 3 stars.
- 88 \$16 Robert Hall Rhone de Robles (Grenache-Syrah-Cinsault-Counoise) Central Coast CA 07. \$14 B&M. \$16 Andys. \$18 MSRP. CA 94. WBB 88. WE 86. WS 82. W&S NR. Gold Best of Class CA 10. Gold Critics & LA 10.

Legend and Abbreviations

AG=Anthony Gismondi, Vancouver, Canada; AWS=American Wine Society Wine Competition; BCLS=British Columbia Liquor Stores, Canada; B&M=BevMo Beverages & More; BTI=Beverage Testing Institute; CA=California State Fair Wine Competition; CG=Connoisseurs Guide; CGV=California Grapevine; DA=Dallas Int'l Wine Competition; East=Int'l Eastern Wine Competition; FLakes= Finger Lakes Wine Competition; HH=Hilton Head Int'l Wine Competition; IWC=Int'l Wine Challenge, UK (world's largest wine competition); IWR=Int'l Wine Review; LB=Long Wine Competition; LCBO=Liquor Control Board of Ontario, Canada; Lodi=Lodi Wine Competition; MRSP=Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price; NM=Natalie MacLean, Ontario, Canada; NR=Not Recommended; NW=New World Int'l Wine Competition; PR=Pacific Rim Int'l Wine Competition; RP=Robert Parker (Wine Advocate); RS=Riverside Wine Competition; SD=San Diego Wine Competition; SFC=San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. SFI=San Francisco Int'l Wine Competition; Sh-L=Sherry-Lehmann Wines & Spirits, NY, NY; SN=Sonoma Harvest Fair Wine Competition; ST=Stephen Tanzer; TESCO=largest reailer of wine in UK; TG=Tasters Guild Wine Competition; TW&M=Total Wines & More (CA, AZ, south eastern states); TrJ=Trader Joes; WBB=WineBestBuys rating; WBIB=Wine Blue Book; WC=The Wine Club, San Francisco; WCC=Wine Currents Canada; WE=Wine Enthusiast; WN=Wine News; WS=Wine Spectator; W&S=Wine & Spirits; WW=Wilfred Wong (BevMo); Wy=Winery; Zachys=Zachys Wine & Liquor, Scarsdale, NY.