



Big Bang Club Newsletter

March 2008

MOVIES AND WINE

San Francisco Chronicle "Top 10 Wine Movies" of all time

While researching this topic, I came across a fantastic article written by W.

Blake Gray of the San Francisco Chronicle on the top 10 wine movies of all time. "Unlike whiskey, which has been a crucial prop for the tough and the heartbroken since the invention of cinema, wine and movies have rarely been a great pairing. Perhaps it's because most Americans didn't appreciate wine until recently. Perhaps it's because wine is more complex than whiskey, and Hollywood is all about simplicity. But sometimes it clicks: Wine plays a significant role, the filmmakers get the wine parts right, and the movie is a pleasure to watch.

Using those three standards, The Chronicle proudly presents the Top 10 Wine Films of all time."

- "Casablanca" (1942)
- "Dr. No" (1962)
- "French Kiss" (1995)
- "Gigi" (1958)
- "Killer Bees" (1974)
- "The Muppet Movie" (1979)
- "Notorious" (1946)
- "Sideways" (2004)
- "Silence of the Lambs" (1991)
- "This Earth Is Mine" (1959)

So, get renting and pop open your favorite wine (or read which wines we like to pair with films)! For the full article & the reasons behind the choices, visit:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/06/22/WIG4KJH9L11.DTL>

We are crazy about Netflix! We have over 200 movies in our queue, we love rating movies we've watched, and we never have to worry about a late fees. But, what we enjoy the most is sitting back on our comfortable couch, watching something new, uncork a bottle and enjoy the perfectly paired glass of wine. Some of my favorite wine and movie pairings... **Romantic Comedy.** No matter if I'm watching a romantic comedy with friends or snuggling on the couch, a buttery chardonnay seems to always pair well with all the laughing and crying, and goes well with the popcorn too! **Action.** The sit on the edge of the couch, action movie calls for a racy, mouth-filling red Zinfandel, preferably from Paso Robles, CA with high alcohol to match the high-octane action. **Documentary.** An engaging, thought-provoking documentary that challenges you, your beliefs, your worldly vision – I tend to open and enjoy a complex Pinot Noir that also challenges my palate to find the hidden treasures of the wine. **Thriller.** A good thriller with intense anticipation and heart-stopping scares requires something just as deep and intense, try a Washington Syrah or Petit Sirah. **Animation.** Fun, action filled animation films usually leave us with "feel good" attitudes and smiles on our faces. My favorite wine to pair with animation films are sparkling wines and bright, fun whites. As always, enjoy your selection this month.

Cheers! Emily and Mark Pelletier

DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE
FOR NEXT MONTH!
Friday, April 25th

2006 Paris Goulart Glam ~ \$10
Mendoza, Argentina



Tasting Notes: Cabernet and Malbec blend from one of the most highly-regarded wine making teams in Argentina. This is a new release and a steal of quality wine for the price. It's a fruit driven, juicy red wine with touches of ripe cherries, plums and morello cherries on the nose. Its mouth-feel has an excellent finish, a body of great personality and pleasant tannins.

Serving Suggestion: Grilled steaks with cracked black pepper and melted blue cheese will pair well with this rich wine.

Movie Suggestion: Ocean's Eleven (Twelve or Thirteen). This fun red wine will pair well with all the twists and turns of this action/comedy.

2006 Marchetti Verdicchio - \$10

Marche, Italy



About the varietal: Verdicchio is a white grape varietal grown only in a very small area in the Marche. The region is called Castelli di Jesi between Ancona and Macerata. The land is rich and fertile, the climate mild and most importantly a constant sea breeze cools the vineyards. It

is this last characteristic that makes it impossible to produce Verdicchio in any other area, limiting the vineyards to this very small region. The gentle breeze continuously dries the grapes eliminating the humidity that would inhibit the grapes from maturing. The limited production makes this wine a rare jewel in the world of wine – and we feel this is an excellent example of this unique wine at such an affordable price! 900 cases produced.

Tasting Notes: Refreshing citrus fruits, playful acidity and complex minerality are the hallmarks of this wine.

Movie Suggestion: Cars. This animated film has all the right combinations to pair with this delectable wine. It's "feel good" all the way around!

Looking for a particular wine? Call and order from Cork Cellars and have it delivered with your wine club selections! Great prices, great service – always fun!

Tasting Notes

2006 Paris Goulard Glam

Mendoza, Argentina

Nose:

Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

2006 Marchetti Verdicchio

Sonoma County, California

Nose:

Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

Previous Wine Club Selections

January 2008

Huntington Merlot

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

L de Lyeth Sauv Blanc

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

February 2008

Killer Red Syrah

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

Trivento Chardonnay

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

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10% TUESDAYS

Receive 10% OFF 3 or more bottles of wine every Tuesday (in store only)

10% OFF

Always receive 10% OFF 6 bottles or more bottles of wine (mixed okay)

10% OVER COST

Receive 10% over cost on full case orders (no mixed)