

## The Reviews

Featuring wine suggestions for the holiday season—and beyond. The tasting notes list name and price plus region or country. Ratings are on a five-star system that stresses value for price: Blah/acceptable (★), Hmm/good (★★), Mmm/very good (★★★), Yum/excellent (★★★★), Wow/exceptional (★★★★★).



### Sumac Ridge Tribute

Okanagan Valley ★★★★★ (\$30)

The official bubbly of the 2010 Olympics, quality blanc de blancs is a winner. Crisp, apple/citrus/yeast with barely a hint of sweetness, it pairs with tapas or buttered popcorn.

*Where to get it:* Sumac Ridge Winery in Summerland and BC liquor stores.



### Jean-Marc Brocard 2006 Chablis Premier Cru

Montmains ★★★★★ (\$41.99)

Elegant Chablis offers a lovely combination of richness and crispness with notes of apple, peach, mineral, grapefruit and walnut skin. Partners oysters and creamy fish.

*Where to get it:* BC liquor stores.



### Noble Ridge 2007 Pinot Noir

Okanagan Valley ★★★★★1/2 (\$25.99)

Richly-textured flavours of round, ripe dark cherry and black currant fruit, red pepper, vanilla and toasty oak. Enjoy with roasted veal, turkey or goose.

*Where to get it:* Noble Ridge Vineyard & Winery in Okanagan Falls and VQA stores.



### Chocolán 2007 Syrah

Maipo Valley, Chile ★★★★★1/2 (\$14.40)

Fruit-driven, richly-textured Syrah exhibits jammy black currant and cherry fruit with notes of black pepper, cinnamon, mint and smoke. Pairs with grilled meats and venison.

*Where to get it:* Metro Liquor on Sunset Drive in Kelowna and Liquor Depot in Vernon.



### Rollingdale 2007 "La Gauche" Cabernet Sauvignon

Okanagan Valley ★★★★★ (\$42.86)

Richly concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon delivers nuanced flavours of blueberry, olive, dark chocolate, smoke and cedar, framed by fine tannins. It calls for grilled lamb chops.

*Where to get it:* Rollingdale Winery in West Kelowna.



### Tinhorn Creek 2008 Kerner Late Harvest

South Okanagan Valley ★★★★★1/3 (\$12.99/200 ml)

Like a basket of fresh, ripe fruit, fabulous dessert wine exudes flavours of apricot, peach, pear, apple, grapefruit, pineapple plus a touch of honey. Partners fruit and nut desserts.

*Where to get it:* Tinhorn Creek in Oliver.