

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Saturday, September 29th, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Finally, We've Got Amazing Wines from
Canada's Okanogan Valley!

\$10 Tasting Fee

You've been asking why we don't feature more wines from British Columbia's beautiful Okanogan Valley. Well, wait no longer because we've found some amazing wines from the Okanogan!

Import regulations, duties and paperwork make the export of B.C. wines a major roadblock for most Okanogan wineries. It is much, much easier and more affordable to ship them east to thirsty Canadians in the eastern markets.

Sadly most American wine lovers see very little wine from the beautiful Okanogan Valley, a place much like what Napa Valley may have been 40 years ago. The wineries are mostly small, the wine is great, the area is beautiful and the people are friendly.

Blue Mountain Vineyard and Cellars (Okanagan Falls)

Focusing on varietal wines made from Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Gamay Noir, and Pinot Noir, Okanagan Falls' Blue Mountain Vineyards produces complex, age-worthy wines while allowing the expression of both the terroir and the individual growing season.

Along with exceptional terroir in the southern part of the Okanogan Valley, owners Ian, Jane, Matt and Christie Mavety credit their success to the integrity of their estate. At Blue Mountain, that means the use of 100% estate-grown grapes, and Blue Mountain can make the rare claim of over 40 years of continuous grape production by one family.

Blue Mountain NV Brut \$26.99

The Blue Mountain Brut "Gold Label" presents a fine mousse, with lemon and toasty character on the nose and across the palate, with a crisp lemon finish. The wine is made in the Method Traditionnelle style.

Blue Mountain 2010 Chardonnay \$23.99

The 2011 Blue Mountain Chardonnay displays complex flavors of citrus and toast with a fresh yet rich lemony character, and anise notes on the finish. The structure of the wine will allow it to age beautifully for four to six years.

Blue Mountain 2008 Pinot Gris “Stripe Label” Reserve \$28.99

The Blue Mountain “Stripe Label” Reserve Pinot Gris is a complex wine displaying citrus blossom, butterscotch, with a rich orange peel finish.

Blue Mountain 2010 Pinot Noir \$26.99

Dark garnet in color with red and black fruit aromas, this wine shows a palate of vanilla and toast that complement cassis and black cherry flavors. Spicy, velvety tannins fill out this wine. Its structure will allow it to age beautifully for six to seven years.

Quails’ Gate Winery (Kelowna)

Located in the northern Okanagan Valley beside beautiful Lake Okanagan, Quails’ Gate is internationally recognized as one of the country’s top agri-tourism sites. In 1956 Richard Stewart purchased the Quails’ Gate Estate, and their first vines were planted in 1961. As the years passed the uniqueness and special qualities of the property have produced some of the best wines in the Valley.

Kiwi winemaker Grant Stanley joined the Quails’ Gate winemaking team in 2003. Trained at the Marlborough Institute of Technology, he completed 12 vintages at some of the most recognized Pinot Noir producers in New Zealand and two in Oregon.

Quails Gate 2010 Chenin Blanc \$15.99

One of Quails’ Gate’s most popular wines, this blend of 90% Chenin Blanc and 10% Sauvignon Blanc has garnered a dedicated and loyal following. Fresh, clean aromatics are followed by a racy sweet and sour palate with a smooth, lush finish provided by minimal oak contact. A definitive West Coast seafood wine, the Chenin Blanc pairs nicely with steamed shellfish or a fresh heirloom tomato salad.

Quails Gate 2008 Pinot Noir \$21.99

Made to be elegant with grace and finesse, this wine exhibits super bright fruit aromas of pure cherry, strawberry and raspberry, with plummy notes and a gravelly mineral complexity. Supple and steadily balanced cherry flavor runs on layers of fine tannins, finishing long and fresh.

2008 Stewart Family Reserve Pinot Noir \$37.99

Sourced from Quails’ Gate Estate Boucherie Mountain vineyard and made in limited quantities and only in vintages of exceptional quality, this is an elegant wine, with concentrated yet delicate flavors, true to a Burgundian classic food wine.

Fruit forward with light oak vanilla, this wine is defined by firm supple tannins with gamey complexity and exhibits aromas of plum, cherry and accents of exotic spice.