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**Piedmont** (Piemonte in Italian), in the north-western corner of the Italian Peninsula, is arguably Italy's finest wine region. It sits at the foot of the Western Alps, which encircle the region to the north and west, forming Italy's naturally formidable border with France. To its south-east lie the northernmost Apennine Mountains – L'Appennino Settentrionale. These low coastal hills divide Piedmont from its long, thin neighbor Liguria, which is all that separates Piedmont from the Mediterranean Sea.

## SERGIO GRIMALDI MOSCATO D' ASTI

100% Moscato. De-stemming and soft pressing of the grapes to obtain a must which is high in sugars and aromatic compounds. Partial fermentation of the sugars at a controlled temperature of 64.4 F in an autoclave, where the carbon dioxide developed by the fermentation is mixed with the wine.

Pale yellow color, the nose offers floral notes of acacia and the taste is full bodied and balanced. Ideal with all the pastries and hazelnut cakes, but can be an excellent aperitif of pleasant interlude.

*Available at HEB (Trenton and 10th, Mission Plus Shary), RGV Liquor (Mission and Rio Grande), Paradise Liquor and Wine, Restarurante Luigi's Pastas y Can-*



## SERGIO GRIMALDI BRACHETTO

100% Brachetto. Cold maceration of the grapes to enhance the extraction of color for the duration of 4 days, followed by a soft pressing. Subsequently, the must obtained undergoes partial fermentation of the sugars at 64.4 F in an autoclave, where the carbon dioxide developed by the fermentation is mixed with the wine.

Cherry red with violet tones, the nose has an intense floral aroma of roses, the taste is sweet and aromatic, with hints of Strawberries and wild berries. Ideal with all kind of desserts but especially with strawberries and wild berries.

*Available at HEB(Trenton and 10th, Mission Plus Shary) RGV Liquor (Mission and Rio Grande). Rubens Grocery*





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## CASTILLO DE MONTBLANC

Catalonia, (Spain)

70% Viura, 30% Chardonnay

Vinification: Temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks, followed by long maceration of the juice together with the skins for between 15 to 20 day in order to obtain maximum color and good tannins. Following maceration, the wine went through malolatic which softened the aromas of the wine.

*Available at: Heb (Trenton & 10th), RGV Liquor (Mission and Rio Grande)*



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## CASA VERGARA MARRON

Maule Valley, Chile

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Carmenere

This wine is borne of the tradition blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and the grape Carmenere from the Maule Valley, in Cauquenes Chile. Introduced by the French, silently cultivated and confused for the traditional Merlot.

Wine Color is intense and brilliant red cherry. The essence is complex and distinguished for it's mature fruit aromas, hint of blended berries with touches of spices and toffee. Aged in French oak barrels. The taste is harmonious and stable with a creative personality of it's own.

*Available at: Heb (Trenton & 10th), Rubens Grocery. Bear Creek Spirits and Wine*





## CASA VERGARA CARMENERE

Maule Valley, Chile

100% Carmenerere

This excellent and elegant wine was vniified with 100% Carmenerere grape of Vina Casa Vergara in the Maule Valley, Cauquenes Chile. This wine was produced from a ripe concentrated grape.

Wine Color is cherry red with dark burgundy luster. The essence is fresh fruits, plums, marmalade, toffee and vanilla. The taste is rounded, soft good bodied and structured to preserve for a long period . Fine and balanced. Aged in French oak barrels. The wine is not filtered nor stabilized to preserve and maintain its original characteristic of great wine. Sediment are normal in quality wines.

*Available at: Heb (Trenton & 10th), Rubens Grocery*



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## NIDO DE AGUILA ARMONIA



Maipo Valley, Chile

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

Handpicked into small bins to avoid crushing in the vineyard and hand sorted at the winery before crushing. . All grapes completed malolactic fermentation in barrels.

Armonía has rich aromas of fig, dried currant, cherry, leather, and tobacco spice. The complex palate follows the aroma with notes of ripe plums, dried fig, and light vanilla with a long finish.

*Available at: Heb (Trenton & 10th), Cappelini Ristorante, RGV Liquor ,Paradise Liquor and Wine, Bens Liqour , Restarurante Luigi's Pastas y Cantina*



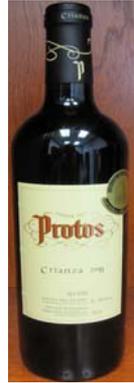
**Ribera Del Duero**, It is a Denominación de Origen (DO) located in the country's northern plateau and is one of nine wine regions within the autonomous community of Castile and Leon. It is also one of several recognized wine-producing regions to be found along the course of the Duero river.

## PROTOS CRIANZA 2006

Ribera Del Duero, (Spain)  
100% Tempranillo

The waiting period to enjoy this wine is 24 months. 12 months in American and French oak barrel and another 12 in its own bottle. Bigarreau cherry red with purple overtones. A bouquet of ripe fruit aromas with toasted oak notes. The taste reminds you of a hundred things, but what is most incredible is the sensation it leaves in the mouth.

Protos Crianza 2006 has been awarded Great Gold Medal and chosen the best wine in this category at the Concours Mondial de Bruxelles. (The best red wine selected from the 6289 wines from 54 producing countries competed in 2009)



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## CUBA VIEJA

Product of Spain

Tempranillo and Cabernet Saivignon

Made in Rioga Spain.

Tasting note will come soon. Taste and enjoy



*Available at : HEB (Trenton and 10th), Rubens Grocery*



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## CAVE DE TAIN CROZES HERMITAGE

Northern Rhone Valley, France  
100% Syrah.

Selection of grapes depending on maturity and quality. Grapes are destemmed. Selection of tanks during the fermentation and optimum extraction by "pigeage". Vatting for 12-15 days. Malolactic fermentation in wooden tanks.

Rich and Oaky, flavors of black currant and mocha.



*Available at: Heb (Trenton & 10th.), Lansky & Brats,  
Capellini Ristorante,  
RGV Liquor Mission and Rio Grande.*

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## Bordeaux

The name Bordeaux derives from Au bord de l'eau, Meaning along the waters. Bordeaux, the word alone fires the mind with the anticipation of greatness. No other wine region is more powerful, more commercially clever, or more important as a source of profoundly complex, age worthy wines. Bordeaux lies along the path of three important rivers; the mighty Gironde, plus two rivers that feed it, the Dordogne and the Garonne. Serious wine-making began in Bordeaux with the Romans, whose contribution can be seen in archeological remains-and on the labels of wines such as Chateau Ausone, named after the poet Ausonius who was born in St. Emilion. When Henry II of England married Eleanor of Aquitaine, and Bordeaux became for 300 years what in sometimes still seems to be –a part of the British Isles. Richard Coeur de Lion regularly drank wine from Bordeaux and, under King John; the region's merchants were encouraged to send their barrels to England by an exemption from export tax. Much of that "Bordeaux" was actually produced nowhere near the city whose name it bore. At that time, Bordeaux was an internationally famous sea-port; its name was far more saleable than, say, that of a wine such as Cahors which produced a long cart-ride inland.

Today Bordeaux is the largest and most successful wine-growing region in France. It is a symbol and model for the whole world of wine. Bordeaux is divided into multiple smaller sub-regions and smaller appellations. Generally speaking the smaller the appellation; the finer the wine. In the finer wines the appellation is what appears on the label as opposed to the label saying it is from Bordeaux.



The elite wines, which have established the fame of the Bordeaux region, have labels marked under **Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC)**. This means the wine comes from the Appellation where the label says it does, and is made from the approved grapes and viticultural practices (AOC Saint-Émilion, AOC Pessac-Leognan, AOC Pauillac AOC Margaux and AOC Pomerol).



## CHATEAU BUSQUET

,Lussac-Saint-Emilion, (Bordeaux France)

50%, Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

The vineyard is made up of different parcels around the Chateau, on limestone soil. Vinification in stainless steel vats lasts between 20 and 30 days according to the vintage, to produce fruity, aromatic wines. Aged in oak barrels during one year. The wines are well balanced, without excessive tannin, for drinking young.

*Available at: HEB (Trenton & 10th and Mission Plus Sharry), Capellini Ristorante, Lansky & Brats, Bens Liquor, RGV Liguor, Paradise Liquor and Wine*

### HEB

901 Trenton Rd. McAllen TX  
2409 HWY E 83 Mission TX

### Capellini Ristorante

701 N Main St. Mcallen TX

### Lansky & Brats,

400 Nolana STE U Mcallen TX

### Alhambra

519 S 17th St. Mcallen

### Luigi's Pastas y Cantina

1102 University Dr. STE A Edin-  
burg TX

### Rubens Grocery

620 N. 20th Mcallen

### RGV Liquor

605 W Main ST STE3 Rio Grande  
TX  
2306 HWY 83 E STE 4 Mission TX

### Bens Liquor

410 Padre Blvd. STE P-106

### Jones Liquor

800 E Alton Gloor STE A Brown-  
sville TX

### Paradise Liquor & Wine

3914 N Jackson Rd. Pharr TX

### Bear Creek Spirits & Wine

7101 Colleyville Blv. Colleyville TX

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