

Wine Time – Mum’s Day Wines

She’s back and better than ever! Local wine-wise mama Lana McMartin, a.k.a. Wine-y Mama, returns with lovely recommendations for sipping that will make any mum in your life feel special. A mum herself, she’s been in the wine industry for over 20 years and works with [The Bacchus Group](#) who represent over 40 brands, although sometimes she thinks outside of the wine box and make recommendations from outside their portfolio. Love these suggestions and want more? Get on our mailing list. Bayswater.ca with subject line - Wine list please.

I think it’s so appropriate that Mother’s Day falls in the spring. Just like spring, my mum is kind, thoughtful and eternally optimistic about what life has to offer. She has always just dealt with the rainy days knowing that they are there for a reason. In honour of Mother’s Day and mum, I have chosen three wines that offer more than they are expected to, each and every time!

Wine is always better when it is shared with good company and good food so I’d love your feedback if you get a chance to try some of these choices. You can leave your comments below!



[Caliterra Reserva Sauvignon Blanc](#) 2009 (+275909 – Chile) \$12.45
Consistently a favourite of mine. I can pour this wine with Asian cuisine, fresh crab or cream pasta dishes and it compliments each beautifully. It’s amazingly versatile and it also works as a cocktail wine due to its lovely fresh finish. This Sauvignon Blanc captures spring in a glass.

[Porcupine Ridge Syrah](#) 2009 (+592873 – South Africa) \$17.99
Vancouver just hosted a week long wine festival and Marc Kent, the winemaker for Porcupine Ridge, was here to pour and talk about his wines. Even though Marc is a bit of a rockstar in the wine world he eagerly answered the many questions from the crowd and was thrilled every time someone liked his wines. . .which was often! He had to leave early on the Saturday night to get home in time for his twin’s birthday so he gets full marks for putting family as a priority. The Porcupine Ridge Syrah is my red pick for mum’s day. Elegant, yet full, silky, yet rich. Licorice, spice and dark berry flavours that don’t shout, they are just there as part of the experience.

[Moschofilero by Boutari](#) 2008 (+177154 – Greece) \$18.99
Aromatic wines and May are a fine combination. Every where I look I see color and the promise of summer. This seductive wine takes you one step closer. Apricots, melon, freshness and a trace of Greek honey all combined in each sip. Perfect for brunch.

To make it easy for you to find these wines I’ve included the CSPC



(Canadian Standard Product Code) for each wine as well as the section of the store you would find it in. If you call a store to see if they carry it and you quote the CSPC, there should be no mistakes made. (The CSPC is the number in brackets preceded by the +.) You can always go to the BCLDB site bcliqourstores.com and use their search to see which stores have the product you are looking for. Here's how:

- Go to bcliqourstores.com
- Look for the red "SEARCH" along the right hand side, half way down the page.
- Go to bcliqourstores.com Click on product and enter the name or the code.
- When your product shows up, click on the name bar and it will lead you to a screen that details the product but also has a link for "where to buy it".
- Click on the "where to buy" link, go to your neighborhood and see what stores carry it. The phone number for the store is available by clicking on the store name and I'd suggest calling the store just to be sure it's in stock if you are making a special trip to find a certain wine.

Cheers!