

## Popularity of Wine Gifts

More and more people are reaching out for a bottle of wine or two. Don't worry this trend is not from more people drowning their sorrows away. The trend is a result of more people entertaining from home to save money, rather than going out on the town.

For this reason and more, it is an especially great time to send someone a wine gift. We offer a wide range of wine gifts and gift baskets to suit every occasion, from birthday gifts to a hostess gift for a dinner party. And our wine samplers offer the recipient the chance to stay at home and savor a wine of superior quality.



Our gourmet wine gift baskets make excellent gifts for enjoying from home. Unlike other wine gift baskets, you choose exactly which wines will be featured in the gift. The recipients can experience the different flavors and nuances of the wine while sampling gourmet delicacies and sweets. In this way, recipients can host their own private wine tasting party.

Wine is a universal pleasure enjoyed by nearly everyone, you can always feel confident in giving wine gifts to friends and family.

## Strawberry Crepes

Keep up the Valentine's Day spirit all month by surprising your sweetie with this sweet breakfast or brunch idea. Goes great with this month's wine or a bottle of Champagne.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup strawberry jam
- 3 cups chopped fresh strawberries
- 2 teaspoons confectioners' sugar

### DIRECTIONS

1. In a mixing bowl, combine the milk, eggs and vanilla. Combine the flour, sugar and salt; add to milk mixture and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.
2. Coat a 7- or 8-in. nonstick skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Pour about 2 tablespoons batter into the center of skillet. Lift and tilt pan to evenly coat bottom. Cook until top appears dry; turn and cook 15-20 seconds longer. Remove to plate; keep warm. Repeat with remaining batter, coating with additional nonstick cooking spray as needed.
3. Spread each crepe with about 2 teaspoons strawberry jam. Top with about 3 tablespoons strawberries. Roll up. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.



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## Duck Pond Cellars

Founded in 1993, Duck Pond Cellars owns and operates 840 acres of vineyards in the valleys of northern Oregon and slopes of eastern Washington. Growing in these diverse climates allows Duck Pond Cellars to produce the best quality fruit for a wide selection of wines.

### Vineyard Notes:

Desert Wind Vineyard is located in Eastern Washington on the Wahluke Slope. This site is considered a zone 3, the hottest in the Columbia Valley. The 480-acre vineyard is a southern facing block with a 2% down hill slope. The soil is very shallow and rocky and the vines are irrigated with an underground drip system. Double catch wires are used to increase air circulation during the growing season. Leaf pulling and cluster thinning are important steps in aiding the ripening of the grapes.

### **2007 Chardonnay**

Full of zesty and fruity flavors, our 2007 Chardonnay reflects the warm sunny weather of the Columbia Valley. Rugged and desolate, the valleys of Eastern Washington provide consistent heat and sun to perfectly ripen the fruit. Good fruit is the first essential quality of good wine. Barrel fermentation adds to the texture and body of the wine. A clean finish and bright acidity allow the wine to go with a variety of light to medium bodied foods: salad, seafood, chicken or pasta.

**Winemaker Notes:** A slightly lighter hand with the oak for the 2007 vintage results is a wine with a little more zip and fantastic balance. The vintage was of average crop size and excellent ripe fruit.

**Ratings:** 87 Points – Wine Spectator Daily Pick. “Smooth in texture, with a lively feel to the grapefruit and pear flavors, lingering on the crisp, spicy finish. Drink now through 2011.”

**Awards:** Silver Medal - San Francisco International Wine Competition 2009  
Silver Medal - Northwest Wine Summit 2009  
Bronze Medal – Women’s Wine Competition 2008

### **2007 Red Blend**

The wine is intensely layered with dark fruit, oak and spice on the nose. On the palate, flavors of blackberry, cassis, mocha and vanilla are balanced by velvety tannins, ending in a long finish. The 2007 Red Blend is a full-bodied wine and pairs well with hearty dishes.

**Winemaker Notes:** In Celebration of Duck Pond Cellar’s 14th vintage, Winemaker Mark Chargin created the 2007 blend, showcasing fruit from Desert Wind and Sacagawea Vineyard sites.

**Awards:** Silver Medal - San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition 2010

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