



This Week at The Tasting Bar—2/2-4/12 **Go Red for Women**

If you love **red wine**...and if you want to show your support for women's heart health...then hurry on over this weekend for The Savvy Wine Cellar's **Go Red for Women** this weekend. Some of the proceeds of the sales of the wines go directly to heart research. Also, The Savvy Wine Cellar will donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the featured wines to the Syracuse Chapter of the American Heart Association and **Go Red for Women**. Grab your mom; call up your sisters, best friends, relatives—everyone you care about—and bring them into the shop for a taste of the five delicious **red wines** we've selected for this special tasting. As always, we The Tasting Bar is open **Thursday and Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and it's always free!** Help us help others. Here's what we're pouring....

KRIS Heart Rosso, Italian Red Wine, 2009, Italy Introducing KRIS Heart Rosso, a sensual red wine that showcases the unique characteristics of Italy's most esteemed wine growing regions, from the Alpine north to the Mediterranean south. The blend attains its silky smooth character from Merlot grapes grown in the calcerous hillside vineyards of Sicily, its deep purple color and robust body from Montepulciano grapes grown in the alluvial soils of Marche, and its exquisite structure from Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards perched on the steep, rocky alpine foothills of Alto Adige. The wine is aromatic with a bouquet of wild berries, cherries and leather. The palate is bold, yet fruit forward, with a food-friendly acid structure, balanced by soft tannins. Expert winemaker Franz Haas has combined modern technology and traditional winemaking artistry to handcraft an exquisite contemporary Italian red wine. **Food Pairing:** Sensuous and sophisticated, KRIS Heart Rosso pairs perfectly with roasted meats, pasta dishes and cheeses.

Cupcake Vineyard Red Velvet, 2010, California (Monterrey) Red Velvet is a smooth creamy blend of Zinfandel, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. It's reminiscent of a blackberry chocolate cupcake with a mocha coulis. It is not sweet, but shows an incredible nose of chocolate, deep rich blackberries, red fruits and a creamy mocha finish that is unmistakable in its intensity and length. As soon as we tasted it at The Savvy Wine Cellar we knew we had to get it into the shop. **Food Pairing:** In Allison's very own words: "Who needs food with this?" Just sip it!

Colby Red, 2009, California Deep red with vibrant purple hues, the 2009 Colby Red is a unique blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Syrah, Petite Sirah and Merlot. This wine shows enticing aromas of red and black fruits, which continue on a rich, smooth palate. The Cabernet Sauvignon lends flavors of blackberries, boysenberries and plum, which are enhanced by lovely spicy notes from the Syrah and Zinfandel, along with a slight toasty, vanilla character from oak aging. Easy to drink and enjoy, this wine is very much a crowd pleaser. Colby Groom is now 13 years of age. Just prior to his 10th birthday he underwent back to back open heart surgeries. He is now a seasoned volunteer with the American Heart Association and was inspired to raise money for heart research through creating a wine with his dad, notable winemaker Daryl Groom and Colby Red was born. **Food Pairing:** This is going to be a great wine to have with burgers or chicken on the grill or pulled pork sandwiches.

Red Guitar Old Vine Tempranillo Garnacha, 2008, Spain (Navarra) It is ruby garnet in color and has a lovely perfume of cherries and red berries on the nose that is underscored by some subtle earth, chocolate and juniper berries that carry over to the palate. It has a medium-to-full-body and a nice structure that will even improve with some aging. The finish is reasonably long and really enjoyable.

Food Pairing: A solid, enjoyable wine that will work well with a variety of grilled red meats or grilled vegetables and, of course, tapas!

Henry's Drive Pillar Box Red, 2008, Australia (South Australia) 89 points Robert Parker—*Wine Advocate*: "A perennial Best Buy in these pages, the 2008 Pillar Box Red does not disappoint. A blend of 66% Shiraz, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 9% Merlot, it is purple-colored with an enticing nose of cherry blossom, cinnamon, blueberry, and licorice. Ripe and rich for its humble price, it has plenty of savory fruit, good balance, and a seamless, fruit-filled finish." **Food Pairing:** Drink this with almost any kind of barbecue (even smoked chicken or turkey), and will pair with a variety of red-sauced foods.