

# BC Wine AI Agent

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## BC WINE AI

Ask about BC wines: prices, availability, critic reviews, food pairings, or anything else.

## YOU

What is the best BC white wine?

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To find the best BC white wine for you, are you looking for the highest critic-rated bottles, a specific style, or a great value option?

Highest critic ratings | Crisp & aromatic (Riesling/Pinot Gris) | Rich & buttery (Chardonnay)

Best value / budget-friendly

Pick one or type your own answer below.

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Highest critic ratings

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Based on the highest professional critic ratings from WineAlign and Gismondi on Wine, British Columbia's top-tier white wines are dominated by two styles: **ultra-premium, textured Chardonnays** and **electric, mineral-driven Rieslings**.

Here are the highest-rated BC white wines, complete with critic scores, tasting notes, and where you can find them:

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### 1. Ultra-Premium Chardonnays (Scores: 95–96 Points)

These wines represent the pinnacle of BC Chardonnay, showcasing incredible depth, oak integration, and cool-climate acidity.

- **CheckMate Artisanal Winery Queen Taken Chardonnay Dekleva Vineyard 2022**
  - **Critic Score: 96 Points** (Anthony Gismondi, April 2025)

- **Tasting Notes:** Sourced from 47-year-old vines on the Golden Mile Bench. It features enticing aromas of guava, Asian pear, and floral notes, leading to a creamy palate of pear, green tea, ginger, dried herbs, and desert scrub.
  - **Availability & Price:** While the 2022 is highly limited, the equally stunning **2021 vintage** (which also scored 96 Points from Gismondi) is available for **\$125.99** at [BC Liquor Stores](#).
  - **Review Link:** [Gismondi on Wine Review](#)
  - **Checkmate Chardonnay Capture Buena Vista Vineyard 2023**
    - **Critic Score: 96 Points** (Michael Godel, September 2025)
    - **Price: \$90.00**
    - **Tasting Notes:** "My goodness what restraint and linearity, tight lines and fruit wound around a spindle... simply, unequivocally and ostensibly wow."
    - **Review Link:** [WineAlign Review](#)
  - **Quails' Gate Rosemary's Block Chardonnay 2022**
    - **Critic Score: 96 Points** (David Lawrason, April 2024) / **95 Points** (Michael Godel, June 2025)
    - **Price: \$79.45**
    - **Tasting Notes:** A tour de force from old vines in West Kelowna. It reveals a complex tapestry of hazelnut, cashew, vanilla cream, poached pear, and fine toast. It is full-bodied and richly textured, yet remarkably refined and airy.
    - **Review Link:** [WineAlign Review](#)
  - **CheckMate Artisanal Winery Attack Chardonnay 2020**
    - **Critic Score: 95 Points** (Anthony Gismondi, November 2022)
    - **Tasting Notes:** A unique foudre-fermented Chardonnay. It opens with an alluring lemon and saline seaweed nose with a vanilla undertone, followed by a palate of spiced pears, tangerine, and seawater.
    - **Availability & Price:** The **2021 vintage** (94 Points) is currently available for **\$109.99** at [BC Liquor Stores](#).
    - **Review Link:** [Gismondi on Wine Review](#)
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## 2. World-Class Rieslings (Scores: 94 Points)

BC's northern latitude and volcanic soils yield some of the most vibrant, age-worthy Rieslings in North America.

- **Tantalus Old Vines Riesling 2023**
  - **Critic Score: 94 Points** (HJ Cha, March 2026)

- **Price: \$43.50**
- **Tasting Notes:** Crafted from benchmark vines planted in 1978. The nose is layered with lemon zest, honeysuckle, jasmine, and lime blossom woven through crushed stone minerality and a whisper of petrol. The acidity is electric and the finish is incredibly long.
- **Review Link:** [Gismondi on Wine Review](#)
- *Note:* The standard **Tantalus Riesling 2025** is widely available for **\$30.99** at [BC Liquor Stores](#) and **\$36.98** at [Everything Wine](#).
- **Martin's Lane Fritzi's Vineyard Riesling 2022**
  - **Critic Score: 94 Points** (Anthony Gismondi, February 2025)
  - **Price: \$65.00**
  - **Tasting Notes:** Grown on 25-year-old vines at the base of Mt. Boucherie (a dormant volcano). It delivers a rich mineral base with intense, concentrated dry tangerine, limey fruit, and streaks of pear. Gismondi notes it "has to be considered among the best Rieslings made in North America."
  - **Review Link:** [Gismondi on Wine Review](#)
  - *Note:* The sister bottling, **Martin's Lane Naramata Ranch Riesling 2022** (93 Points), is available for **\$65.99** at [BC Liquor Stores](#) and [Everything Wine](#).
- **Synchromesh Riesling Storm Haven Vineyard 2019**
  - **Critic Score: 94 Points** (Treve Ring, August 2020)
  - **Price: \$50.00**
  - **Tasting Notes:** Synchromesh is widely regarded as a premier Riesling specialist in Canada. This flagship estate bottling floods the palate with honeyed pear, lime pith, and savoury, salted brown butter, framed by a firmly grippy structure.
  - **Review Link:** [Gismondi on Wine Review](#)