



Girls on Grapes

Discover Wines

by Wendy Wright

The holiday season is bouncing this way and this year's motto is: simplicity! What that means for the over-extended, always giving Girl on Grapes for 2004 gifting is: avoid the bursting-at-the-seams big-box stores and head pronto to Discover Wines for your one-stop holiday shopping pleasure. I soon realized after spending a few minutes with owners Tracy Gray and Suzanne Mick, that visiting Discover Wines was akin to a present buying epiphany!

Top Ten Reasons Why a Girl on Grapes Shops at Discover Wines:

- 1** In less than two years Discover wines has become one of the top three VQA stores in BC. In fact, in October their sales were second for the province!
- 2** Together Tracy and Suzanne have 28 years of BC VQA wine experience, extreme passion for BC wines and years of respect from their peers. They are Discover Wines and this flows into every aspect of the store, from the sassy layout to the entire staff's dedication to customer service.
- 3** Discover Wines represents over 50 VQA wineries, with almost 500 wines in every category from quaffable party wine, quality whites and reds, to deluxe Icewine, they have it all. They also carry many unique and difficult to find wines, and all of the above is available at winery prices!
- 4** The tasting counter! And I ask: where else can you sample wine while you shop? Different tastings are on the house every day and the staff also invite their guests to be hands on and try the wine gadgets themselves. Tracy noted, "We want people to enjoy themselves, wine can be scary so this is education with a fun twist."
- 5** The Riedel "O" series of stem free glassware, sexy featherweight crystal glasses screaming to have wine poured in them. The best part is that Tracy and Suzanne sell all the Riedel glassware individually.



- 6** The big WOW gifts; imagine giving the Boy in a Barrel in your life one of those Lightening Levers table top wine openers (with stand \$85, or without \$65). Only at Discover Wines will you find a silver plated aerator with a crystal decanter in which to aerate a big juicy red.
- 7** Stocking stuffers abound: scoop up the just released 50 ml cuties of 2003 Willow Hill Riesling or Merlot Icewine for under \$10. Everyone needs a new Pulltap corkscrew, and from \$5 to \$50, they have a great range. Or try the popular Mulled Wine spice bags, cork attached to make them float, for \$3.95.
- 8** The convenience is seriously fabulous; Discover Wines is at 2080C Springfield Road at Cooper in Kelowna, across from the Zellers. You can literally pull up to their front door and have a gorgeous wrapped wine bottle or gift basket in a flash. The doors never close at 5:00 pm either!
- 9** You know how good it feels to support the local economy, so buy the local fine wine, cheeses, lavender, bottle art, jewelry and books from Discover Wines and you are supporting BC business twice!
- 10** When you give someone a bottle of wine, even if they think it looks ugly, they will still drink it!

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