

THE QUESTION OF THE PROPER GLASS

Have they got to be handblown? Are expensive wineglasses worth the price? Two juries, one, professional specialists and the other, consumers, tested the market of stemware from 5 to 55 euros. The results were surprisingly conclusive.

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Riesling

Burgundy

Bordeaux

1st PLACE



Zalto

Denk'Art White wine, hand-blown, lead-free from www.zaltoglas.at

Zalto

Denk'Art Burgundy, hand-blown, lead-free, from www.zaltoglas.at

Zalto

Denk'Art Bordeaux, hand-blown, lead-free, from www.zaltoglas.at

2nd PLACE



Zwiesel

1872 The First Riesling, hand-blown, lead-free; in specialty shops.

Zwiesel

1872 The First Burgunder, hand-blown, lead-free; in specialty shops.

Zwiesel

1872 The First, CS-Bordeaux, hand-blown, lead-free; in specialty shops.

3rd PLACE



Lobmeyr

Trinkservice 276, Champagner A, hand-blown leadfree crystal, www.lobmeyr.at

Orrefors

Difference Primeur, hand-blown leadfree crystal, in specialty shops

Stölzle

Experience Bordeaux, machine-made lead-free crystal, in specialty shops

Never, confirmed the directors of the glassworks, have we undergone such a thorough and professional testing. Limited by means of blindfold and white gloves to the impression of nose and tongue each participant tested thirty glasses.

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