

BEST RESTAURANT WINE LIST: VIGNOLA



It's no surprise **VIGNOLA**, opened last year, has already won this honor. Not only is the restaurant constructed and decorated like Italy's famed neighborhood *enotecas*, but the wine list itself surpasses anything else found in the greater Portland area – both for quality and affordability.

At most local eateries, it's common to find a handful of rugged California reds and whites, a smattering of Italians, a peppering of French and if you're lucky, a discount round of Spanish or Portuguese wines. But Vignola is different. Here, there are wines from Eastern Europe, a heavy list of French and some fascinating wines from South America on top of a sizeable Italian and Australian selection.

Glasses range in price from \$5 to \$11.50 and come poured in gorgeous long-stemmed glasses that make a drinker feel like a sommelier. Bottles range from \$21 to \$109 and almost any bottle can be tasted before you try it. If you can't decide, go ahead and try one of their pre-designed red and white flights of wine for around \$8. You get three 2-ounce servings – great for tasting alongside Vignola's simple, delicious food offerings. Add to their charm a knowledgeable, patient staff and a jeans or dress atmosphere and Vignola is sure to remain atop Portland's list.

**Vignola | 10 Dana St, Portland |
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