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.

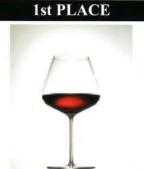
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Zalto
Denk'Art White wine,
hand-blown, lead-free
from www.zaltoglas.at

Burgundy



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Bordeaux



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

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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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,
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THE PROFESSIONAL JURY

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