

THE WINE SISTERS' BLOG

OUR FAVOURITE WINE BARS IN TORONTO

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Surprisingly, for girls who spend a considerable amount of time under the influence, we are fairly discerning critics. Wine bars – and just about everything else – must jump through some blazing hoops before getting The Wine Sisters Seal of Approval.

So, after many, many nights of research carefully noting the atmosphere, service, food and wine, we think we've put together a list of what we think is the crème de la crème. However, it's possible a few vinous gems have escaped our attention, and if they have, [drop us a line](#) to give us a head's up about what we're missing.



Fattoria di Magliano "Heba"
Morellino di Scansano at
Ciao in Yorkville

Ciao Wine Bar - 133 Yorkville Ave
www.ciaowinebar.com

Bored wanna-be starlets and uber cool nouveau Euros fill this cavernous space, for Friday night Prosecco and pizza.

Ciao is indeed a place to see and be seen for the Yorkville set, as beautiful young things flaunt what their stylists gave them while being careful to look dismissive and disinterested.

But there's plenty to look at in here, from the televisions in the bar, to the bustling street outside through the wall of windows, to the soaring glass shelving behind the bar, glittering with potions of all kinds. A lot of effort went into this space, and the owners are rewarded with a full house, as those who are ready for some fun have already discovered.

It's not a date place but it is a good spot to go with a group.

A massive wine list is focused heavily on Italian – as the name Ciao would suggest. Well priced, with an impressive half bottle selection that favours red over white. Reds also dominate on the by the glass list. Wines by the bottle offer up a great selection, with a good number of bottles in the \$50 - \$80 range, that make it hard to pick just one. There's also a good amount of wines for the less adventurous, though we would argue it's a bit boring, even for the playing-it-safe crowd.

Food is good, though the paper menu could use an update (it still lists zucchini flowers, even though they're only in season in July). Pizzas are where it's at, with crisp, flaky crust and fresh, toothsome toppings.

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