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## New Wine Glasses Make More Scents

**A** new line of stemware from Ravenscroft Crystal promises to boost the bouquet of any wine, for better or worse.

Ravenscroft's Amplifier Tasting Collection is similar in concept to well-known Riedel Crystal's Vinum Extreme collection, except that the glasses are made of lead-free crystal. Each of the six Amplifier glasses has a distinct shape to maximize the aromas of a specific varietal or style of wine: unoaked white, *barrique* white, Cabernet, mature red and Pinot Noir/Barolo, along with a squat, stemless vintner's tasting glass, designed for the tasting room.

The dramatic shapes of the Amplifier



glasses increase the surface area inside the glass, causing more wine to evaporate and thereby intensifying the bouquet, according to New York-based Ravenscroft, which produces multiple

lines of crystal stemware that are hand-blown in Europe.

The Amplifier bowls are wider near the bottom and narrow at the top (two of the glasses, the Cabernet and the mature red, are almost diamond-shaped), which is intended to direct the aromas up toward the nose when the wine is swirled.

The Amplifiers retail for \$9 to \$20 per glass. To find a retailer, see [www.ravencroftcrystal.com/store.html](http://www.ravencroftcrystal.com/store.html).

-Nick Fauchald