



GREAT WINES OF THE WORLD TASTING TICKET

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Enjoy some top wines from some of the best wineries on the planet who are participating in this year's Great Wines of the World Asia event.

Most of the wines by the glass are priced at what you would find in retail shops. In this year we have Great Wines of the World Asia event, Seoul (2 Oct), Hong Kong (4 Oct), Tokyo (7 Oct) and Bangkok (9 Oct). Check out www.jamessuckling.com for more information.

Over the past year, the JamesSuckling.com tasting team has rated more than 32,000 wines and discovered some stunning bottles. It is the most wines JamesSuckling.com has rated in a year ever, and highlights that the quality of premium wines in the world is at an all-time high. It's also why James always says that it has never been a better time to be a wine lover!

We have 32 top-rated wines for you to taste today, all rated 92 points or more, which means they are outstanding quality. This cheat sheet is designed to make your tasting experience easy and convenient as possible. Please order the wine by the order number with our team of sommeliers.

Please remember that many of the wines are young, recent releases. Therefore, the wines may need a few years of bottle age to come into their own. For example, you may find some of the young reds rather tannic but their tannins will soften with time, like all great wines of the world. The concept of all our tastings is to provide access to some of the best wines, wineries and winemakers around the world where you can taste and evaluate the wines. Cheers, and we hope you enjoy the tasting!

The James Suckling Wine Central team

White

#1 Cusumano Etna Bianco Alta Mora 2021 *Italy, Tuscany* 93pts
This has aromas of grilled pineapple, papaya and chamomile with some distinct smoky and ashy undertones. Medium-bodied with bright acidity. Flavorful, with fantastic flinty and smoky character. Drink now or hold.

Argentina

#2 Kaiken Malbec Mendoza MAI 2019 *Mendoza* 96pts
A fragrant nose of blackberries, dark plums, melon, dried thyme, undergrowth, sandalwood, baking spices and lavender. Full-bodied with polished tannins. Ample, balanced and velvety with lovely purity of fruit. So much juicy and aromatic dark fruit. Long, spicy finish. Vegan. Drink from 2024.

#3 Terrazas de los Andes Malbec Los Chacayes Valle de Uco Lican Parcel N 12S 2018 *Mendoza* 98pts
Bramble fruit, blackcurrants, cassis, pine needles, wild herbs, anise, tar and tobacco on the nose. It's full-bodied with firm, finely knit tannins framing tight, powerful layers of forest fruit and herbs. Long and brimming with energy. Try from 2024.

#4 Achaval Ferrer Malbec Mendoza Finca Altamira 2018 *Mendoza* 97pts
Beautiful purity of fruit here with blackberries, black cherries and violet undertones. Full-bodied with layers of fruit, fine tannins and a flavorful finish. Juicy and creamy at the same time. Delicious now, but better after 2023.

#5 Achaval Ferrer Malbec Mendoza Finca Mirador 2016 *Mendoza* 94pts
Impressive, soulful, earthy and stony aromas with dried plums and wild herbs. The palate has a very juicy core of rich, ripe and silky dark plums and mulberries. Really smooth, very ripe and already approachable. Drink or hold.

#6 Bemberg Estate Wines Malbec Valles Calchaquíes Chañar Punco Los Chañares Parcela 73 La Linterna 2015 *Mendoza* 95pts
Lots of blueberries with hints of iodine and rust. Full-bodied, reserved and bound together. Very fine tannins. Structured. Wild, yet tamed. Needs three or four years to soften. Try after 2023.

#7 Bemberg Estate Wines Malbec Valle de Pedernal La Yesca Parcela 13 La Linterna 2014 *Pedernal Valley* 97pts
This shows gorgeous blue fruits and violets. Orange and other citrus fruits highlight the aromas. Full body, firm and chewy tannins yet so fine and melted in to the wine. Quality of the subtle fruit is superb. Drink or hold.

Chile

#8 Viña Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon Puente Alto 2020 *Valle Central* 97pts
Deep and serious with black olives, blackberries, blueberries, tobacco leaf, sweet red capsicum, ash, dried meat and a hint of black chocolate. This is a more direct, full-bodied Don Melchor, filled with solid blackberries and wrapped by tight, fine-grained tannins. Long and deep. 92% cabernet sauvignon, 6% cabernet franc, 1% merlot and 1% petit verdot. Better after 2024.

#9 Baron Philippe de Rothschild Chile Valle de Maipo Baronessa P. 2018 *Valle Central* 97pts
This is a new, prestige wine from the Rothschild family (Mouton) that shows complexity and strength yet at the same time polish and poise. It's full-bodied, but very layered and refined with fine layers of tannins and a spearmint and menthol undertone to the currants and dark fruit. This needs three or four years to come together. Great debut. 76% cabernet sauvignon, 9% carmenere and equal measures of syrah, cabernet franc and petit verdot. Better after 2023 and onwards.

Chile

#10 Errázuriz Valle de Aconcagua Don Maximiano Founder's Reserve 2018 *Aconcagua Valley* 96pts
The violets, roses, blueberries and blackcurrants flow from the glass. Full-bodied, tight and very focused with ultra-fine tannins that flow over the edges of the wine. Extremely long and polished. Needs time to open. Better after 2022.

#11 Vik Valle de Cachapoal La Piu Belle 2018 *Valle Central* 95pts
This is always rich and succulent, showing plum and floral aromas, as well as spices. The palate is very fine-tanned and beautiful with a ripe, layered texture. Velvety and very unctuous. Plush. Drink or hold.

#12 Vik Valle de Cachapoal Milla Cala 2016 *Valle Central* 92pts

This is a fresh and pretty red with blackberry and fresh-herb character. Medium to full body, very polished, round tannins and a long, delicious finish. The second wine of Vik. Drink or hold.

#13 Undurraga Valle de Maipo Altazor 2016 *Maipo Valley* 93pts

This is a fresh and pretty red with blackberry and fresh-herb character. Medium to full body, very polished, round tannins and a long, delicious finish. The second wine of Vik. Drink or hold.

#14 Vik Valle de Cachapoal VIK 2013 *Valle Central* 93pts

Aromas of flowers, currants, fresh mint and Thai basil. Full bodied, structured and muscular with a toned texture. Bright and dynamic on the finish. Tangy finish under the fruit and wet-earth highlights. Mostly cabernet sauvignon with cabernet franc, syrah, carmenere and merlot. This needs at least three to four years to come around.

France

#15 Les Griffons de Pichon Baron Pauillac 2019 *Bordeaux* 92pts

Blackberries, dried herbs, wet earth, graphite and tar on the nose. It's medium-to full-bodied with firm, fine tannins. Classically styled and fresh. Drink after 2024.

#16 Château Lafon-Rochet St.-Estèphe 2018 *Bordeaux* 94pts

Blackberry and blueberry on the nose, as well as dark-chocolate, mineral and earthy undertones. It's full-bodied with firm tannins. Fleshy and savory texture with layers. Flavorful finish and beautiful length. Lovely ripe fruit in the center palate. Try after 2025.

#17 Château du Tertre Margaux 2018 *Bordeaux* 94pts

Aromas of meat and dark berries with some dried flowers. It's full-bodied with round, chewy tannins and a juicy finish with some dark chocolate. Give it three or four years to soften and come together. Try after 2024.

Italy

#18 Molino Barbaresco Ausario 2019 *Barbaresco* 93pts

Notes of red cherries, red plums, rose petals, cocoa and cinnamon. Medium- to full-bodied with ripe, finely polished tannins and broad structure. It's chocolaty and velvety with deep fruit character and a lingering finish. Attractive now, but better after 2024.

#19 La Biòca Barolo Aculei 2019 *Piedmont* 92pts

A fragrant and delicious Barolo with sweet spices, plums, rhubarb, dried strawberries and orange blossom nectar on the nose. Full-bodied, broad and creamy, with firm, powdery tannins accompanying ripe red and orange fruit. Drink from 2025.

#20 Ca'Viola Barolo Sottocastello di Novello 2019 *Piedmont* 94pts

A firm and chewy 2019 like so many others, but there is a focus and tightness here with tannin integration. Medium body. Earth, spice and dried flower undertones to the blue fruits, like raspberries. Subtle. Drink after 2027.

#21 Querciabella Chianti Classico 2019 *Tuscany* 94pts

Plenty of sweet berry and cherry character with hints of stone and fresh mushrooms. Chocolate, too. It's medium-bodied with a solid core of fruit and a chewy yet refined texture. Flavorful finish. Solid and very integrated. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.

Italy

#22 Ventolaio Brunello di Montalcino 2018 *Tuscany* 93pts

Cherry stones, turmeric root, negroni, sage and violets on the nose. It's medium- to full-bodied with lovely clarity and precision. Chiselled, fine tannins and bright acidity here, with spicy edges. Drink from 2024.

#23 Uccelliera Brunello di Montalcino 2018 *Tuscany* 93pts

This is creamy and open with tasty notes of sour cherries, plum stones, roasted nuts, mocha and sandalwood. Full-bodied, with fine-grained tannins providing a silky frame. Juicy finish. Drink or hold.

#24 Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino Poggio alle Mura Riserva 2012 *Tuscany* 93pts

Pretty aromas of balsamic and plums with hints of spices. Medium body, round and silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Round and juicy tannins. Savory fruit. Drink now.

#25 Villa Saletta Toscana Saletta Giulia 2018 *Tuscany* 94pts

Pretty aromas of blackberries, herbs, green olives, and blood orange. Smoky. Full-bodied with tight grained tannins. Juicy and flavorful. Round and caressing. 60% cabernet franc and 40% cabernet sauvignon. Try after 2025.

#26 Kellerei Cantina Terlan Porphy Lagrein Riserva 2018 *Trentino-Alto Adige* 96pts

Complex and subtle aromas of brambleberries, blackberries, cloves and perfume. Full-bodied with tannins that are round-textured and rather soft, but there's still plenty of structure. It's long and very flavorful, but reserved at the same time. Another three or four years should take this to another level. Try after 2025.

Spain

#27 Marqués de Cáceres Rioja Gran Reserva 2015 94pts

A fragrant and complex nose of cherries, plums, roasted spices, dried black mushrooms, refined soy sauce and cigar box. Such a lovely note of umami savoriness! It's medium-bodied with a fine grip of fine tannins. Delicate, velvety texture, but tight, with a very savory, long and layered finish. Classic Rioja Gran Reserva. Drink from 2023, but will hold beautifully over the next 5-8 years.

USA, California

#28 Martin Ray Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Diamond Mountain District 2018 *California* 95pts

Very typical for this area of Napa with conifer, pine needles, fresh herbs and currants on the nose, following through to a full body with lots of fruit and a pleasing edge of toasted oak and Spanish cedar. The alcohol comes out a little at the end, but it should balance out nicely with bottle age. Try after 2024.

#29 Amici Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Spring Mountain District 2018 *California* 95pts

Lots of pine needle, bark and conifer, as well as blackberry and blueberry. It's full-bodied with a balance of creamy tannins that are polished and together. Lightly angular at the end. A little tight now. Give it two or three years to open. Try after 2023.

Fortified

#30 Taylor's Vintage Port 2018 *Portugal* 96pts

Very attractive dried fruit with hints of stems and fresh herbs. Violets and dark berries, too. Full-bodied with a dense center palate of fruit and intense, chewy tannins. Yet, there's polish and refinement to the texture. Relatively dry and precise at the finish. Reminds me of 1980, but with much better polish to it. Wait until at least 2027 to take a look.