

WINE OF THE YEAR (100 POINTS)

Laurent-Perrier Champagne Grand Siècle N.26 NV (France) (Wine of Year 2023)

Magical blend of three vintages including the legendary 2008. Best Champagne ever?

BV Napa Valley Georges de Latour PR 2019 (California) (Wine of Year 2022)

Beaulieu Vineyard has made some of the greatest Napa Cabs ever. Here's another one.

Château Canon St.-Emilion 2015 (France) (Wine of Year 2018)

Canon 2015 is a modern legend and reminds James of the great 1955.

OTHER 100 POINTS

Wittmann Riesling Rheinhessen Morstein GG 2019 (Germany)

This cru riesling is dry and vivid with lots of body and power. Great GG.

Catena Zapata Chardonnay Mendoza Adrianna Vineyard White Bones 2018 (Argentina)

This rich chardonnay competes with the best grand cru of Burgundy.

Mount Mary Yarra Valley Quintet 2019 (Australia) (No.4 Wine of the Year 2021)

The balance, structure, and finesse of this Bordeaux blend mind-boggles.

Château Beauséjour Duffau-Lagarrosse St.-Emilion 2015 (France)

Everyone still talks about the greatness of the 1990 form here but this is better!

Tassi Brunello di Montalcino Franci Riserva 2015 (Italy)

This is one of the top Brunellos, crafted in the already legendary 2015 vintage.

FRESH AND CRISP

Champagne

Louis Roederer Champagne Collection 244 Brut NV Champagne (France)

Probably the best NV entry-level Champagne and from organically grown vineyards.

White

Arboleda Chardonnay Aconcagua Costa 2021 (Chile)

Cool climate chard with influence from the Pacific with fresh and clean character.

Nals Margreid Pinot Bianco Alto Adige Sirmian 2021 (Italy)

You can taste the mineral character in this excellent mountain white.

Feudo Maccari Grillo Terre Siciliane Family and Friends 2022 (Italy)

Grillo is mineral, spice white from Sicily with bright acidity and freshness.

Joh. Jos Prum Riesling Mosel Wehlener Sonnenuhr Kabinett 2019 (Germany)

A crisp and elegant Riesling that embodies the mineral-rich slate soils of the Mosel.

Müller-Catoir Riesling Pfalz Mussback Kabinett 2021 (Germany)

An expressive and harmonious Riesling from renowned family-run estate.

Hillick & Hobbs Riesling Seneca Lake Estate Vineyard Dry 2020 (New York)

Winemaker Paul Hobbs also makes this great dry riesling in New York state.

Rose

Graci Etna Rosato 2021 (Italy)

This has all the volcanic influences of great reds from this fascinating region.

Raen Winery The Monarch Challenge Rose 2022 (California)

Special rosé from the Mondavi brothers to raise awareness of insect loss.

Red

Ochota Barrels Grenache McLaren Vale Fugazi Vineyard 2021 (Australia)

Fresh and elegant grenache with lots of character from spices to meat.

Frank Cornelissen Munjebel Rosso 2020 (Italy)

A top-notch Nerello Mascelese from one of the best natural wine producers of the area.

Domaine Mee Godard Morgon Côte du Py 2020 (France)

Another fantastic Bojo from Korean-born winemaker that you need to know.

Sato Gamay Central Otago Le Ferme de Sato Alyssum 2020 (New Zealand)

Husband and wife team from Japan do everything themselves from vine to bottle. Great.

MEDIUM-BODIED AND CRUNCHY

White

Matias Riccitelli Chardonnay Gualtallary 2022 (Argentina)

A testament to the high-altitude terroir's potential from young and innovative winemaker.

René Bouvier Bourgogne Aligoté Vieilles Vignes 2018 (France)

An aligoté with body and character more like top Merusault.

Famille Hugel Riesling Alsace Estate 2019 (France)

Long-time JS favorite in dry, fruity riesling highlights the diverse soils of Alsace.

Mark Haisma Saint-Romain Blanc 2019 (France)

Australian winemaker making top wines in Burgundy, especially in lesser-known appellations.

Schäfer-Fröhlich Riesling Nahe Felseneck Kabinett 2021 (Germany)

A vibrant Riesling with lively acidity and a bouquet of citrus and stone fruits.

Brewer-Clifton Chardonnay Santa Rita Hills 2021 (California)

Cool climate chardy with mineral, crisp character from Greg Brewer.

Felton Road Chardonnay Central Otago Block 2 2021 (New Zealand) 1.5L

Old vine chardonnay from Wente Clone from benchmark wine producer. Body, soul.

Errázuriz Chardonnay Aconcagua Costa Las Pizarras 2020 (Chile)

Reference point in Chile for great chardonnay with complexity and polish.

Louis Latour Meursault 2020 (France)

Always outstanding Meursault that focuses on precision and purity.

Glass 125ml

390

360

845

350

400

290

610

690

Score

Glass 125ml

94

180

94

100

93

130

95

130

95

210

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120

96

190

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120

93

150

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97

180

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160

97

290

Score

Glass 125ml

94

130

92

120

94

140

92

150

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160

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190

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190

97

220

93

310

Orange

Domaine Marcel Deiss Alsace Le Jeu des Verts 1er Cru 2022 (France)

An orange wine offering a unique tapestry of aromatic complexity and textured minerality.

Red

Lamole di Lamole Chianti Classico Maggiolo 2019 (Italy)

A well-structured Chianti, revealing notes of red fruits and subtle spices.

Trivento Mendoza Maximum Red Blend Reserve 2020 (Argentina)

A robust fruit-forward and spicy red from a well-know producer in Mendoza.

Château Marsau Francs Côtes de Bordeaux 2017 (France)

A highly regarded, Merlot-driven red from the appellation that is gaining recognition.

Littorai Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2017 (California)

Solid Sonoma Coast pinot from the master of the grape, Ted Lemon.

Rocca delle Macie Chianti Classico Famiglia Zingarelli Riserva 2019 (Italy)

A classic Chianti Classico Riserva with a rich tapestry of cherry, leather, and oak.

Cantina Terlan Lagrein Alto Adige Porphyris Riserva 2019 (Italy)

Unique red with brightness, and minerality from mountain vineyards. No tannins.

Rippon Pinot Noir Central Otago Rippon 2019 (New Zealand)

Another great pinot from biodynamic vineyards in one of the most beautiful places.

Château Tour Saint Christophe St.-Emilion 2020 (France)

A robust Bordeaux blend with the depth and structure that St.-Emilion is renowned for.

Feudo Maccari Nero d'Avola Terre Siciliane Vigna Sultana 2021 (Italy)

Fantastic single vineyard, old vine red from volcanic soils on the coast near Noto.

Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco 2019 (Italy)

Wonderful, balanced blend of great vineyards from the cooperative of the region.

Tasca d'Almerita Sicilia Contea di Sclafani Rosso del Conte 2016 (Italy)

Fresh and vibrant red from the volcanic slopes of Etna on Sicily.

Ata Rangi Pinot Noir Martinborough 2019 (New Zealand)

One of the best pinot producers in NZ and shows richness with elegance and class.

RICH AND LAYERED

White

Cordero San Giorgio Chardonnay Oltrepò Pavese Rivone 2020 (Italy)

Creamy and layered Chardonnay, that possesses balance and elegance.

Red

Achaval Ferrer Cabernet Franc Mendoza 2019 (Argentina)

An attractive New World Cabernet Franc from a highly regarded Mendoza winery.

Numanthia Toro N 2016 (Spain)

A rich Torro red that is plush, layered and polished.

Giusti Montello Superiore Tenuta Abazia Umberto I 2019 (Italy)

A bold and structured Italian red, showcasing the intensity of the Montello terroir.

K Vintners Syrah Yakima Valley Motor City Kitty 2019 (Washington)

Rich yet fresh syrah with lots of character and delicousness.

Hyde de Villaine Napa Valley Hyde Vineyard Belle Cousine 2016 (California)

HaV (part owner Aubert de Villaine of DRC) makes superb Bordeaux blend in Carneros.

Masi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Costasera 2018 (Italy)

A complex interplay of dried fruit, spice, hints of spice, and mocha. Long and satisfying finish.

Riccitelli Malbec Cabernet Franc Mendoza Riccitelli & Father 2019 (Argentina)

Bold and complex red blend with vibrant fruit flavors and elegant spice notes.

Xiao Ling Cizhong Sentiers de Xiao Ling 香岭之道 2019 (China)

Second wine of Xiao Ling is fresh, vivid cab and merlot blend. From Shangri-La.

Martin Ray Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Diamond Mountain 2017 (California)

This is mountain cabernet with lovely perfumes and pretty finesse.

Montes Carmenera Petit Verdot Valle de Colchagua Purple Angel 2017 (Chile)

Cult wine from Chile with a fruit-forward nature and vivid energy.

Château L'If St.-Emillion 2012 (France)

A combination of both power and elegance. From the owners of Le Pin.

Château Pontet-Canet Pauillac 2005 (France)

A favourite vintage of JS, and Pontet-Canet delivers from its bio-dynamic vineyards.

SWEET

Carmes de Rieussec Sauternes 2017 (France) 375ml

Second wine of Rieussec offers sweetness and brightness in a young vintage.

Donnafugata Passito di Pantelleria Ben Ryé 2019 (Italy)

Rich, sweet dessert wine from sun-dried raisins on a tiny island in southern Italy.

Dow's Port 20 Years Old Tawny NV (Portugal)

Dried fruits, toffee, and wood tones make this aged tawny sweet joy.

Sauska Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos 2017 (Hungary) 500ml

Brilliant sweet Tokaji from one of the top names in Hungary.

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