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## Best Wines of the year

## Top 100 Wineries of 2013



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Penfolds' Block 42 cabernet, planted circa 1888 at Kalimna Vineyard

# Wine & Spirits 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HALL OF FAME

## A Taste of What We Believe

### **Recommendations are more valuable than ratings.**

As a wine buyer, I am often mystified by retail shelf cards that list a score and a seemingly random series of adjectives. It's part of a game played by any number of wine critics, who set out to rate every wine they taste.

At *W&S*, our critics turn the process around and recommend wines first, then rate them. The rating is just an index of how strongly we want you to know about the wine.

That might seem like a subtle distinction, but it's a completely different way of approaching the process. It means that we focus our attention on a small fraction of the wines we taste, describing them as clearly as possible and providing specific reasons for each recommendation.

### **Wine often tastes better in the presence of the winemaker, or staring down a legendary label that's purported to be great.**

It's part of how we're wired as humans. It's how our brains work. And it's why our critics only recommend wines we taste with panels of people we respect, blind, knowing only the vintage, region and variety. Then our critics approach

the wines from their individual perspectives, rating them and describing why they would recommend them to you.

### **If we get to know a wine where it's made, and it makes a strong enough impression to influence our blind tasting results, we consider that a positive influence—something like terroir expression.**

That's why our critics—as well as many of our panelists—travel constantly, tasting both wine and food in the regions they cover. And it's how we discover new producers and new regions to share with you.

### **The wineries that consistently perform best in our blind tastings are the ones that deserve your careful consideration.**

Our Top 100 Wineries of the Year have earned high praise from our critics across a range of wines. So a list of producers with numerous Winery of the Year awards may be the best set of recommendations we can offer—a distillation of years of our team's work. They are the wineries appearing here in our Hall of Fame.

Here are the superstar performers, the wineries whose collections of wines have earned the most **Winery of the Year** awards in the past 27 years.

## Penfolds

89, 91, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14



23 Awards

## Concha y Toro

92, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

## Chateau Ste. Michelle

88, 89, 90, 97, 99, 00, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14



19 Awards

## Boutari

92, 94, 98, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14



17 Awards

## Antinori

89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 03, 04, 06, 14

## Ridge

96, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

## Shafer

91, 93, 94, 95, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 11, 14



16 Awards

## 14 Awards

Bouchard Père & Fils (2014)  
Louis Jadot (2013)

## 13 Awards

Iron Horse (2014)  
Qupé (2014)

## 12 Awards

Beringer (2014)  
M. Chapoutier (2007)  
De Loach (2013)  
Flowers (2013)  
L'Ecole No 41 (2014)  
Joseph Phelps (2006)  
Williams Selyem (2014)

## 11 Awards

Aveleda (2012)  
Banfi (2005)  
Gary Farrell (2008)  
Robert Mondavi (2014)  
Niepoort (2014)  
Louis Roederer (2014)  
C. von Schubert (2014)  
Von Strasser (2014)

## 10 Awards

Diamond Creek (2013)  
Henschke (2013)  
Kendall-Jackson (2012)  
Krug (2014)  
Santa Rita (2011)  
Storybook Mountain (2014)  
Andrew Will (2013)

## 9 Awards

Marqués de Cáceres (2008)  
Ceretto (2012)  
Veuve Clicquot (2011)  
Cune (2014)  
Geyser Peak (2007)  
E. Guigal (2014)  
Dr. Loosen (2014)  
Rosenblum (2006)  
Catena Zapata (2014)

## 8 Awards

Carmen (2008)  
J.M. da Fonseca (2010)  
Merryvale (2006)

## 7 Awards

Beaulieu (2010)  
Benziger (2013)  
d'Arenberg (2014)  
Joseph Drouhin (2011)  
Grgich Hills (2008)  
Kenwood (2014)  
King Estate (2013)  
Domaine Leflaive (2013)  
Masi (2008)  
Navarro (2005)  
Ravenswood (2014)  
Rochioli (2014)  
Roederer Estate (2013)  
Ruffino (2008)  
Truchard (2014)  
Robert Weil (2014)  
Yalumba (2012)

## 6 Awards

Bründlmayer (2009)  
Calera (2014)  
Clos du Val (2011)  
Duckhorn (2011)  
Frog's Leap (2014)  
Schloss Gobelsberg (2014)  
Paul Jaboulet Aîné (2013)  
Leonetti (2012)  
Movia (2013)  
Quinta do Noval (2012)  
Patz & Hall (2008)  
Peay (2013)  
Pride (2006)  
Tahbilk (2014)

Each winery appears with the number of Winery of the Year awards earned since the first Buying Guide in 1987. The date of the most recent award appears in parentheses.

For a complete list of awards for each winery, visit [wineandspiritsmagazine.com](http://wineandspiritsmagazine.com).