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Tasted and Enjoyed: Our Favorites from the 2013 Wine & Spirits Top 100 Tasting

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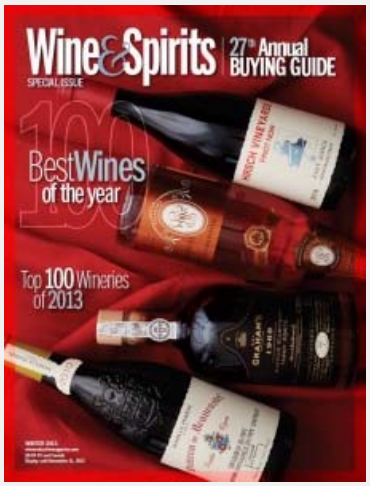

Last week, we had the extreme pleasure of attending the **Wine & Spirits Top 100 Tasting** in San Francisco. This special event honored wineries from around the world that delivered the best overall performance in Wine & Spirits Tastings throughout the past year. These Top 100 Wineries and their top scoring wines are profiled in the **Wine & Spirits 27th Annual Buying Guide** *(now available for purchase).*

When there is a wine and food event based on the top 100 wineries in the world and almost every winery brings at least two wines to pour, you know you're going to have a great time. Throw in passed hors d'ouevres and small plates from Bay Area restaurants and food purveyors and the evening is made. The indoor/outdoor tasting venue and lovely weather just added to the enjoyment.

The **Wine & Spirits Top 100 Tasting** showcased the world beautifully, as our favorite wines of the evening came from Austria, Chile, France,

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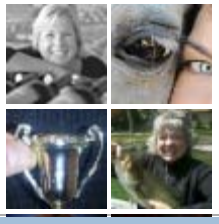

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Germany, Greece, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, California, New York, Oregon, and Washington.

The bar was set pretty high, but we've listed below the wines and small bites we felt were tasting particularly well that night. If you get the chance, please seek these vendors out so you can enjoy the fruits of their labor as much as we did.

Favorite Champagnes and White Wines at Wine & Spirits Top 100 Tasting

- **De Morgenzon** *(Stellenbosch, South Africa)* – 2010 Reserve Chenin Blanc

Dom Perignon table, with the SF

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Museum of Modern Art in the background

- **Delamotte** *(Champagne, France)* – 2002 Champagne Blanc de Blancs
- **Dom Pérignon** *(Champagne, France)* – 2004 Champagne Brut
- **Domaine des Baumard** *(Loire Valley, France)* – 2010 Coteaux du Layon Carte d'Or *(Chenin Blanc)*
- **Domaine Drouhin** *(Dundee, Oregon)* – 2012 Arthur Chardonnay
- **Domäne Wachau** *(Wachau, Austria)* – 2011 Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Terrassen
- **Dr. Loosen** *(Mosel, Germany)* – 2011 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Trocken
- **Errázuriz** *(Aconcagua Valley, Chile)* – 2012 Max Reserva Sauvignon Blanc
- **Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard** *(Dundee, New York)* – 2011 Magdalena Vineyard Dry Riesling, 2012 Reserve Dry Riesling
- **Joh. Jos. Prüm** *(Mosel, Germany)* – 2011 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett
- **LIOCO** *(Santa Rosa, California)* – 2012 Russian River Valley Chardonnay Estero
- **Saint Clair Family Estate** *(Marlborough, New Zealand)* – 2012 Marlborough Premium Sauvignon Blanc, 2012 Wairau Reserve Sauvignon Blanc
- **Schloss Gobelsburg** *(Kamptal, Austria)* – 2011 Kamptal Reserve Grüner Veltliner Steinsetz, 2011 Kamptal Reserve Riesling Gasberg
- **Truchard Vineyards** *(Napa, California)* – 2011 Chardonnay

Favorite Red Wines at Wine & Spirits Top 100 Tasting

- **Alpha Estate** *(Amyndeon, Greece)* – 2009 Utopia Tannat
- **Antinori** *(Bolgheri, Italy)* – 2008 Guado al Tasso, 2011 Tenuta Guado al Tasso Il Bruciato

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- **Bergström** *(Newberg, Oregon)* – 2011 Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir, 2011 Bergström Vineyard Pinot Noir
- **Beringer Vineyards** *(St. Helena, California)* – 2010 Knights Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon
- **Bodegas Protos** *(Ribera del Duoro, Spain)* – 2004 Gran Reserva
- **Château de Beaucastel** *(Rhône Valley, France)* – 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape
- **Cristom** *(Salem, Oregon)* – 2010 Jessie Vineyard Pinot Noir
- **Domaine Bouchard Pere & Fils** *(Burgundy, France)* – 2011 Le Corton Grand Cru

Chateau de Beaucastel

- **Domaine Drouhin** *(Dundee, Oregon)* – 2010 Laurène Pinot Noir
- **Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe** *(Rhône Valley, France)* – 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Crau
- **Domaine de la Vougeraie** *(Burgundy, France)* – 2010 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru
- **Drew** *(Philo, California)* – 2011 Weir Vineyard Pinot Noir, 2011 Valenti Vineyard Syrah, 2011 Perli Vineyard Syrah
- **Elvio Cogno** *(Piedmont, Italy)* – 2008 Barolo Cascina Nuova, 2009 Barolo Ravera
- **Errázuriz** *(Aconcagua Valley, Chile)* – 2010 Don Maximiano Founder's Reserve *(Cabernet Sauvignon)*

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