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Best Wines

100 Best Buys

TOP
100
Wineries
of 2016

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Five of our Top 100:
Fleury, Blandy's, C. von Schubert,
Dominus and Ochota Barrels

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Wine & Spirits PREMIER CRU:

The wineries that have earned the most **Top 100** awards.

14 Awards

Joseph Phelps (2017)

Benchmarks: Napa Valley Insignia, Napa Valley Merlot, Sonoma Coast Freestone Chardonnay

L'Ecole No 41 (2016)

Benchmarks: Pepper Bridge Vineyard Apogee, Seven Hills Perigee, Ferguson Vineyard

Qupé (2015)

Benchmarks: Bien Nacido Hillside Estate and X-Block syrahs, Bien Nacido Block 11 Chardonnay, Sawyer Lindquist Vineyard syrah and grenache

Louis Roederer (2017)

Benchmarks: Cristal Brut, Cristal Rosé, Vintage Brut, Vintage Rosé

13 Awards

Diamond Creek (2017)

Benchmarks: Cabernet from Volcanic Hill, Red Rock Terrace and Gravelly Meadow

Flowers (2015)

Benchmarks: Sonoma Coast Chardonnay, Camp Meeting Ridge Chardonnay, Sea View Ridge Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Champagne Krug (2017)

Benchmarks: Vintage Brut, Brut Rosé, Clos du Mesnil, Grande Cuvée

Storybook Mountain (2017)

Benchmarks: Napa Valley Estate Reserve Zinfandel, Eastern Exposures Zinfandel

von Strasser (2017)

Benchmarks: Diamond Mountain District Reserve, Post Vineyard Cabernet

Williams Selyem (2015)

Benchmarks: Pinot noirs from Hirsch, Precious Mountain, Rochioli Riverblock, Sonoma Coast

12 Awards

Beringer (2014)

Benchmarks: Cabernets including Napa Valley Private Reserve and Knights Valley

Cune (2017)

Benchmarks: Imperial Gran Reserva, Viña Real Gran Reserva and Real de Asua

M. Chapoutier (2007)

Benchmarks: Ermitage L'Ermite, Côte Rôtie La Mordorée, Ermitage Blanc Le Méal

DeLoach (2013)

Benchmarks: Russian River Valley pinot noir and OFS Zinfandel

E. Guigal (2017)

Benchmarks: Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Côte Rôtie Château d'Ampuis and Condrieu La Doriane

Dr. Loosen (2017)

Benchmarks: Prädikat rieslings from Wehlener Sonnenuhr and Urziger Würzgarten, Gold Capsule Erdener Pralat

Niepoort (2016)

Benchmarks: Douro Charme and Batuta, Vintage Port and Colheita Port

C. von Schubert (2017)

Benchmarks: Mosel Maximum Grünhauser rieslings from Herrenberg and Abtsberg

11 Awards

Aveleda (2012)

Benchmarks: Quinta da Aveleda Vinho Verde and Alvarinho

Catena Zapata (2017)

Benchmarks: Mendoza Alta Malbec, Gualtallary Adrianna Malbec

Gary Farrell (2008)

Benchmarks: Russian River Valley Rochioli Vineyard pinot noir and chardonnay

Henschke (2017)

Benchmarks: Eden Valley Hill of Grace, Cyril Henschke cabernet, Mount Edelstone Shiraz, Julius Riesling

Robert Mondavi (2014)

Benchmarks: Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet, Oakville To Kalon Fumé Blanc

10 Awards

Kendall-Jackson (2012)

Benchmarks: Alexander Valley Hawkeye Mountain Cabernet, Knights Valley Trace Ridge Cabernet

Ravenswood (2017)

Benchmarks: Sonoma Valley Old Hill Vineyard Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley Teldeschi Vineyard Zinfandel, Sonoma Mountain Pickberry Vineyard

Santa Rita (2011)

Benchmarks: Maipo Valley Casa Real Cabernet Sauvignon and Maipo Valley Triple C

(The year in parenthesis indicates each winery's most recent Top 100 award.)