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OUR ANNUAL ROUNDUP OF THE YEAR'S MOST EXCITING WINES



In 2013, the world of wine continued to diversify. Though the classics stand tall, including Bordeaux, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and Tuscan wines, ever more esoteric and emerging categories share the spotlight. Spain's Jerez, France's Jura, New York's Finger Lakes, and Valtellina in Italy, for example, were among the wine regions our editors found the most compelling in 2013.

As always, we applied our standard criteria in selecting this year's 100 stars from among the more than 20,000 newly released wines we reviewed in blind tastings in 2013. But although quality (based on score), value (based on price) and availability (based on the number of cases either made or imported into the United States) remain critical, we gave extra emphasis to what we call the "X-factor"—the intensity of interest the wines excited by way of their singularity or authenticity. These 100 selections represent the producers and wines our editors were particularly passionate about in 2013.

Benchmark regions remain important players on the list, aided in some cases by spectacular vintages. The 2010 vintage was stellar in both Bordeaux and Napa Valley, earning these regions six and 10 slots, respectively. Italy's one-two punch of Piedmont and Tuscany has also enjoyed a string of fine harvests, with the two regions combined fielding 12 wines in the

Top 100 this year. Overall, California, France and Italy represent more than half the list.

But the X-factor called some newcomers to the list, including our Wine of the Year, a classic Rioja. It's the first time Spain has claimed the No. 1 spot, and the country earned nine places in total. Overall, the average score of the Top 100 is 93 points, the average price \$51—an impressive quality/price ratio. Yet it's the emphasis on top-quality, limited-production wines that makes this year's Top 100 so illuminating. Don't think of it as a "shopping list;" rather, use it as a guide to wineries, grapes and regions that should be on your radar in the coming months and years.

For complete tasting notes of the Top 100 wines, see the Buying Guide, page 170. (A complete list of all wines that earned classic scores in 2013 also appears in the Buying Guide.) Senior editors Tim Fish, Alison Napjus and MaryAnn Worobiec, tasting coordinator Augustus Weed, associate tasting coordinators Gillian Sciarretta and Morgan Taylor, assistant tasting coordinator Aaron Romano, associate editor Mitch Frank, assistant editor Ben O'Donnell and contributing editor Jennifer Fiedler all contributed to this year's profiles. We hope you enjoy the mix of great values, emerging wines and proven names that make up *Wine Spectator's* 2013 Top 100.

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WINE SPECTATOR'S TOP 100 AT A GLANCE

RANK	SCORE	PRICE	WINE
1	95	\$63	Cune Rioja Imperial Gran Reserva 2004
2	96	\$103	Château Canon-La Gaffelière St.-Emilion 2010
3	95	\$65	Domaine Serene Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Evenstad Reserve 2010
4	95	\$92	Hewitt Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford 2010
5	95	\$75	Kongsgaard Chardonnay Napa Valley 2010
6	95	\$110	Giuseppe Mascarello & Figlio Barolo Monprivato 2008
7	97	\$120	Domaine du Pégaü Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Réserve 2010
8	96	\$120	Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2010
9	96	\$135	Lewis Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Reserve 2010
10	95	\$135	Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2010
11	98	\$70	Reynvaan Syrah Walla Walla Valley Stonessence 2010
12	95	\$42	Turley Zinfandel Paso Robles Dusi Vineyard 2011
13	97	\$93	Croft Vintage Port 2011
14	95	\$37	Bedrock The Bedrock Heritage Sonoma Valley 2011
15	94	\$33	Olivier Ravoire Gigondas 2011
16	94	\$42	G.D. Vajra Barolo Albe 2008
17	94	\$42	Alexana Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Revana Vineyard 2010
18	93	\$25	Poggerino Chianti Classico 2010
19	93	\$33	Hamilton Russell Chardonnay Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 2012
20	95	\$40	Chateau Derezsla Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos 2007
21	93	\$30	Le Macchiole Bolgheri 2011
22	94	\$35	La Rioja Alta Rioja Viña Ardanza Reserva 2004
23	94	\$38	Seghesio Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley Cortina 2010
24	94	\$55	Livio Sassetti Brunello di Montalcino Pertimali 2008
25	93	\$40	Epoch Estate Blend Paderewski Vineyard Paso Robles 2010
26	93	\$40	Álvaro Palacios Priorat Les Terrasses Velles Vinyes 2011
27	94	\$50	Spring Valley Uriah Walla Walla Valley 2010
28	93	\$34	Domaine de l'A Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2010
29	93	\$36	R. López de Heredia Viña Tondonia Rioja White Viña Gravonia Crianza 2003
30	94	\$48	Lagier Meredith Syrah Mount Veeder 2010
31	95	\$65	Patz & Hall Pinot Noir Carneros Hyde Vineyard 2010
32	91	\$19	Bodegas Hidalgo Gitana Manzanilla Jerez La Gitana
33	91	\$17	Ravines Riesling Finger Lakes Dry 2012
34	91	\$20	Bodegas Valdemar Rioja Inspiración Selección 2010
35	91	\$18	Château du Retout Haut-Médoc 2010
36	92	\$20	Bodega Norton Malbec Mendoza Reserva 2011
37	91	\$25	Quinta do Passadouro Douro 2010
38	92	\$25	Mollydooker Two Left Feet McLaren Vale 2011
39	93	\$18	Viña Herminia Rioja Excelsus 2009
40	92	\$24	Château de Haute-Serre Malbec Cahors White Label 2010
41	91	\$20	Red Heads Studio Shiraz McLaren Vale Barrel Monkeys 2011
42	91	\$24	Altos Las Hormigas Malbec Uco Valley Reserve 2011
43	91	\$14	Godellia Godello Bierzo Selección 2010
44	91	\$26	Viña Koyle Carmenère Colchagua Valley Royale 2010
45	94	\$58	Château Doisy Daëne Barsac 2010
46	94	\$60	Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon Knights Valley Reserve 2010
47	93	\$40	Viña Santa Rita Triple C Maipo Valley 2008
48	93	\$39	Greywacke Pinot Noir Marlborough 2011
49	92	\$34	Failla Chardonnay Sonoma Coast 2011
50	92	\$35	COS Cerasuolo di Vittoria Classico 2010
51	90	\$12	Charles Smith Riesling Columbia Valley Kung Fu Girl Evergreen 2012
52	90	\$11	Paringa Shiraz South Australia 2010
53	90	\$13	Domäne Wachau Riesling Federspiel Trocken Wachau Terrassen 2011

RANK	SCORE	PRICE	WINE
54	93	\$45	Honig Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2010
55	90	\$18	A to Z Wineworks Pinot Noir Oregon 2011
56	90	\$17	Robert Eymael (Mönchhof) Riesling QbA Mosel 2011
57	91	\$25	L'Ecole No. 41 Syrah Columbia Valley 2010
58	91	\$29	Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2010
59	95	\$72	Donum Pinot Noir Carneros 2010
60	92	\$28	Astrolabe Pinot Noir Marlborough Province 2010
61	92	\$38	Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco 2007
62	91	\$22	Concha y Toro Syrah Buin Marqués de Casa Concha 2010
63	94	\$75	Hourglass Merlot Napa Valley Bluevine Vineyard 2010
64	94	\$75	Rodney Strong Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley Rockaway Single Vineyard 2010
65	93	\$42	Joh. Jos. Prüm Riesling Spätlese Mosel Graacher Himmelreich 2011
66	92	\$25	Macarico Aglianico del Vulture Macari' 2007
67	92	\$35	Natacha Chave Crozes-Hermitage Aléofane 2010
68	90	\$15	Chateau Ste. Michelle Sauvignon Blanc Horse Heaven Hills Horse Heaven Vineyard 2012
69	90	\$18	Boutari Naoussa 2009
70	96	\$125	Marcassin Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Marcassin Vineyard 2007
71	93	\$25	Ashbourne Sandstone Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 2008
72	95	\$72	Shafer Relentless Napa Valley 2010
73	96	\$125	Achával-Ferrer Malbec Mendoza Finca Mirador 2011
74	93	\$55	Lucia Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands Garys' Vineyard 2011
75	93	\$49	Domaine Overnoy-Crinquand Arbois Pupillin Vieilles Vignes 2009
76	91	\$30	M. Lapierre Morgon 2011
77	92	\$40	Dehlinger Syrah Russian River Valley Goldridge 2010
78	90	\$25	J.J. Vincent & Fils Pouilly-Fuissé Marie-Antoinette 2011
79	93	\$55	Ken Wright Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton District Savoya Vineyard 2010
80	90	\$22	Querciabella Maremma Toscana Mongrana 2010
81	93	\$47	Quinta do Crasto Douro Reserva Old Vines 2010
82	91	\$30	Mamete Prevostini Valtellina Superiore Sassella 2009
83	96	\$130	Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Special Selection 2010
84	90	\$28	Jolie-Pitt & Perrin Côtes de Provence Rosé Miraval 2012
85	91	\$35	Wynns Coonawarra Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra Black Label 2010
86	95	\$96	Fontanafredda Barolo La Rosa 2008
87	93	\$60	Graham Tawny Port 20 Year Old NV
88	92	\$48	Pierre Pailard Brut Champagne NV
89	95	\$100	Raymond Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Generations 2009
90	93	\$48	Carlisle Zinfandel Napa Valley Hayne Vineyard 2011
91	94	\$75	Mastroberardino Taurasi Radici Riserva 2006
92	94	\$90	Château Larcis Ducasse St.-Emilion 2010
93	92	\$42	A.A. Badenhorst Family Swartland 2009
94	94	\$60	Schiavenza Barolo Prapò 2009
95	92	\$45	Bodegas Alto Moncayo Garnacha Campo de Borja 2010
96	95	\$120	Altesino Brunello di Montalcino Montosoli 2008
97	94	\$78	Louis Roederer Brut Champagne 2006
98	94	\$150	Château d'Yquem Bordeaux White Y 2011
99	92	\$48	Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey St.-Aubin La Châtenière 2011
100	90	\$10	Badia a Coltibuono Toscana Cancelli 2011

first introduced in 1954, is a blend of the winery's estate Cabernet vineyards in Coonawarra. Sue Hodder, chief winemaker at Wynns since 1998, aged the wine for 16 months in both new and old French *barriques* and hogshead barrels. The Coonawarra team also includes assistant winemakers Luke Skeer and Sarah Pidgeon and viticulturist Allen Jenkins. 1,500 cases imported.

86

Fontanafredda

Barolo La Rosa 2008
95 | \$96 | Italy

Fontanafredda sat in the shadows for several decades. In 1999, general manager Giovanni Minetti and enologist Danilo Drocco began improving techniques, and since 2008 new owners Oscar Farinetti and Luca Baffigo Filangieri, partners in the all-things-Italian marketplace Eataly, have provided support. La Rosa comes from a southwest-facing hillside covering 22 acres in Serralunga. The Nebbiolo is fermented in stainless steel, macerating for almost a month before being moved to large casks to age. 1,500 cases made.

87

Graham

Tawny Port 20 Year Old NV
93 | \$60 | Portugal

Tawny Ports represent a blend of vintages aged in oak for years or decades, and the wood, plus exposure to oxygen, gives this wine its notes of chocolate, toffee and spice. Often good values, tawnies are ready to drink on release. With a history spanning three centuries, Graham is an iconic Port house, owned by the Symingtons, a family that's marked 13 generations in the business. 25,000 cases made.

88

Pierre Paillard

Brut Champagne NV
92 | \$48 | France

Benoît Paillard works with sons Antoine and Quentin at this 27-acre



85. Wynns Coonawarra Estate team: Luke Skeer, Sarah Pidgeon, Sue Hodder and Allen Jenkins



86. Fontanafredda

property located in the village of Bouzy. The Brut NV is sourced entirely from the estate's *grands crus*-designated vines—a qualitative plus for a non-vintage cuvée. And, though Pinot Noir is king in Bouzy, it contains 40 percent Chardonnay. Plots are vinified separately before blending, and the wine is aged three-and-a-half years before being released, far beyond the legal requirement of 15 months. 6,000 cases made.

89

Raymond

Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Generations 2009
95 | \$100 | California

Raymond, founded in 1970 by one of the oldest winemaking families in Napa Valley, is seeing a quality upswing thanks to the efforts of new owners and a new winemaking team since 2009. One result is this wine, the best Generations bottling yet. Winemaker Stephanie Putnam blended fruit from estate vineyards

in St. Helena and Rutherford and a third vineyard in Oakville to make this 100 percent Cabernet Sauvignon. 1,000 cases made.

90

Carlisle

Zinfandel Napa Valley Hayne Vineyard 2011
93 | \$48 | California

Winemaker Mike Officer has helped set standards for modern Zinfandel in California, and Hayne Vineyard, planted in 1903 on the outskirts of

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79 93 Ken Wright Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton District Savoya Vineyard 2010 \$55 A focused, harmonious and distinctive red, offering blackberry, anise seed and charred meat flavors, with delicate tannins complementing a finish of intensity and finesse. Best from 2015 through 2020. 892 cases made.—H.S. (6/30/2013)

80 90 Querciabella Maremma Toscana Mongrana 2010 \$22 This ripe red boasts flavors of cherry, cedar and herb matched to a medium-bodied frame. The acidity and tannins are in the correct proportions, offering a lingering finish. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best from 2015 through 2024. 10,800 cases made.—B.S. (9/30/2013)

81 93 Quinta do Crasto Douro Reserva Old Vines 2010 \$47 This red is luscious, refined and muscular, showing good cut to the creamy, well-spiced flavors. An intense midpalate of cocoa powder carries through to the finish, which features accents of hoisin sauce and plum pudding. Drink now through 2020. 10,000 cases made.—K.M. (6/15/2013)

82 91 Mamete Prevostini Valtellina Superiore Sassella 2009 \$30 Expressive, with a floral note, hints of aromatic anise and dried thyme, and ripe black raspberry and wild strawberry flavors. Shows fine-grained tannins and a smoky base note that pushes through on the fresh finish. Drink now through 2023. 3,600 cases made.—A.N. (5/31/2013)

83 96 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Special Selection 2010 \$130 A seductive style that's openly fruity, showing supple plum and black cherry notes, with floral scents and spices, turning creamy and gaining a mocha-espresso-vanilla scent that's enticing. Finishes with a smooth texture, fine-grained tannins and then another burst of fruit. Drink now through 2025. 9,600 cases made.—J.L. (6/30/2013)

84 90 Jolie-Pitt & Perrin Côtes de Provence Rosé Miraval 2012 \$28 Refined and elegant, offering pure and concentrated flavors of dried red berry, tangerine and melon. The focused finish features flint and spice notes, with a hint of cream. Drink now. 15,000 cases imported.—K.M. (6/15/2013)

85 91 Wynns Coonawarra Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra Black Label 2010 \$35 Refined, showing finesse, this plays its black currant and blackberry fruit against hints of mineral and herb. The finish is wrapped in fine tannins. Best from 2015 through 2020. 1,500 cases imported.—H.S. (6/30/2013)

86 95 Fontanafredda Barolo La Rosa 2008 \$96 Fine harmony and sweet cherry and berry flavors are the hallmarks of this rich Barolo. Licorice, spice and tobacco flavors add depth as it stays focused and persistent through the finish. The tannins are ripe and well-integrated. Best from 2015 through 2033. 1,500 cases made.—B.S. (3/31/2013)

87 93 Graham Tawny Port 20 Year Old NV \$60 A complex and full-bore tawny, with deep, intense flavors of orange cream, glazed apricot, baked peach and roasted pineapple that are balanced by concentrated chocolate and toffee notes. The bright finish is filled with spice and supported by fresh acidity. Drink now. 25,000 cases made.—K.M. (10/15/2013)

88 92 Pierre Paillard Brut Champagne NV \$48 Shows lovely balance, with a satiny quality to the refined mousse and mouthwatering acidity meshing with pure notes of poached quince, lemon mousse, white cherry and fresh ginger. Offers a lightly chalky finish. Disgorged January 2012. Drink now through 2020. 6,000 cases made.—A.N. (6/30/2013)

89 95 Raymond Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Generations 2009 \$100 Shows striking intensity, density, focus and layers of flavor, with tiers of mocha, blackberry, mineral, black licorice and melted

chocolate. The finish sails on, retaining focus and persistence. Drink now through 2023. 1,000 cases made.—J.L. (5/31/2013)

90 93 Carlisle Zinfandel Napa Valley Hayne Vineyard 2011 \$48 Dense yet surprisingly light on its feet, with aromas of toasty berry cobbler and mint that lead to ripe flavors balanced by a solid core of acidity and tannins, plus accents of pepper and bay leaf. Hands off for now. Best from 2015 through 2021. 216 cases made.—T.F. (10/31/2013)

91 94 Mastroberardino Taurasi Radici Riserva 2006 \$75 Dark and polished, with fine tannins framing the complex mix of game, cherry reduction, cassis and mineral notes. Concentrated, delivering a long finish of tangy fruit and tar. Drink now through 2030. 5,000 cases made.—N.W. (10/15/2013)

92 94 Château Larcis Ducasse St.-Emilion 2010 \$90 A rich, tongue-coating style, with loamy structure and dense plum sauce, roasted fig and warm dark currant confiture notes, all inlaid with espresso and graphite. Still tightly drawn now, this needs a bit more cellaring to unfurl fully, but there's beautiful polish and lovely fruit worth waiting for. Best from 2016 through 2030. 2,900 cases made.—J.M. (3/31/2013)

93 92 A.A. Badenhorst Family Swartland 2009 \$42 Densely packed, offering boysenberry, red currant paste, raspberry ganache and plum skin notes backed by accents of singed wood spice, licorice root and black tea. The roasted apple wood frame holds everything together. This should round into form soon enough. Shiraz, Mourvèdre, Grenache and Cinsault. Best from 2014 through 2018. 1,000 cases made.—J.M. (6/15/2013)

94 94 Schiavenza Barolo Prapò 2009 \$60 Warm and generous, this red balances plum, spice and leather notes with high-toned elements of cherry and flowers. Vibrant, with a long aftertaste bolstered by dusty tannins. Best from 2017 through 2032. 310 cases made.—B.S. (12/31/2013)

95 92 Bodegas Alto Moncayo Garnacha Campo de Borja 2010 \$45 This polished red shows graceful power. The black cherry and raspberry flavors are deepened by smoke and mineral notes, framed by firm, well-integrated tannins and kept lively by crisp acidity. Shows impressive harmony and focus. Drink now through 2018. 1,000 cases made.—T.M. (9/30/2013)

96 95 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino Montosoli 2008 \$120 Intense balsamic and mint notes make this red distinctive, along with currant, raspberry and floral touches. Silky, ripe and impressive, this shows elegance and a vibrant structure. Offers excellent length and resonance on the finish. Best from 2016 through 2032. 1,250 cases made.—B.S. (6/15/2013)

97 94 Louis Roederer Brut Champagne 2006 \$78 Refined in texture and beautifully balanced, this well-meshed version is framed by mouthwatering acidity, enlivened by flavors of yellow apple, pear, black currant, lightly toasted almond, kumquat and zesty ground spice. Drink now through 2023. 500 cases imported.—A.N. (11/30/2013)

98 94 Château d'Yquem Bordeaux White Y 2011 \$150 Creamy and caressing overall, with brioche and macadamia nut flavors framing the core of white peach, yellow apple and green almond notes. The long, salted butter finish also features pleasant echoes of quinine and tangerine. Should unwind nicely in the cellar. Drink now through 2023. 835 cases made.—J.M. (3/31/2013)

99 92 Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey St.-Aubin La Chatenière 2011 \$48 This rich white is, balanced by vibrant acidity, offering lemon, apple and baking spice flavors. Shows dramatic tension between the richness and acidity, with a lingering aftertaste of lemon