

1 2021 Philip Togni Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Estate

99 pts

By now, Vinous readers know Napa Valley experienced a stellar vintage in 2021. When it comes to quality, pedigree, the ability to age and relative value, Philip Togni's Cabernet Sauvignon Estate checks all the boxes. For those reasons, it is our wine of the year in 2024. The Togni family has crafted exceptional wines of place from their estate on Spring Mountain for five decades. These sturdy mountain Cabernets can be quite seductive young, but they are built for the cellar. For those who want to experience fine artisan Cabernet Sauvignon from one of the pioneering families in Napa Valley, look no further.

- Antonio Galloni

2 2022 Giaconda Chardonnay Estate Vineyard

100 pts

This extraordinary single-vineyard Chardonnay from the small enclave of Beechworth in northern Victoria is the result of a serendipitous site selection and the singular focus of maverick winemaker Rick Kinzbrunner and his team. The combination of an advantageous site in a region with the nation's most continental viticultural climate and the historic P58 Chardonnay clone, now supported by Mendoza and Dijon clone 95, combines to make Giaconda Chardonnay stellar in almost every vintage. The exceptionally cool 2022 vintage brought the wine to perfection, elevating its raw power, supreme focus and enthralling detail into the stratosphere.

- Angus Hughson

3 2020 Château Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande

99 pts

The 2020 Pichon Lalande flirts with perfection. A standout at the blind tasting earlier this year, Nicolas Glumineau oversaw a sensational Pauillac that not only challenges the First Growth, but perhaps even surpasses them. A benchmark wine for this historic estate.

- Neal Martin

4 2021 La Ca' Nova Barbaresco Montefico Vigna Bric Mentina

97 pts

La Ca' Nova remains, surprisingly, one of the most under-the-radar estates in all of Italy. The Rocca family crafts statuesque, classically-built Barbarescos that offer exceptional quality, character and value.

- Antonio Galloni

5 2021 Hirsch Pinot Noir Raschen Ridge

100 pts

Two thousand twenty-one will go down as one of the great all-time vintages at Hirsch. Proprietor Jasmine Hirsch and consulting winemaker Michael Cruse presented a stellar range of wines. All the 2021 Pinots are magnificent, but the Raschen Ridge takes the cake by a hair.

- Antonio Galloni

6 2021 Cheval des Andes

98 pts

This wine is at its best after almost 20 vintages, finally flying at the height that the team at Cheval Blanc has always dreamed of.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

7 2021 Dominio de Pingus PSI

96 pts

This is an incomparable value in the world of Spanish wine from an uncompromising producer. An absolute must-have.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

8 2021 Marchesi Antinori Tignanello

98 pts

Antinori turned out a dazzling collection of 2021s under the leadership of CEO Renzo Cotarella and technical directors Dora Pacciani and Sara Pontremolesi. Tignanello, long a flagship here, takes its place as one of the top wines of the year because of its quality and production of around 350,000 bottles, a remarkable achievement for a wine made from 100% estate fruit. Readers will also want to check out the other 2021s, in particular Solaia and the three new Chianti Classico Gran Selezione; San Sano, Buiano and Cigliano.

- Antonio Galloni

9 2021 Château Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc

98 pts

Proprietors Florence and Daniel Cathiard, along with longtime Technical Director Fabien Teitgen, turned out one of the most compelling whites of the year with their Château Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc. Readers will find a sublime, complete white that dazzles the senses.

- Antonio Galloni

10 2023 Lismore Estate Vineyards Chardonnay Reserve

96 pts

Samantha O'Keefe knows how to make world-class Chardonnay, and her latest Reserve, aged on the lees for 11 months, is a masterclass in tension and complexity. If there's a better Chardonnay from the Cape this vintage, I didn't drink it.

- Neal Martin

11 2021 Le Boncie Le Trame

98 pts

Giovanna Morganti and Giorgio Serao make some of the most compelling wines in all of Italy. The small, intimate operation here is decidedly artisan, very much like similar estates in Burgundy, Piedmont and other regions. The influences—Gianfranco Soldera and Beppe Rinaldi among them—are evident. Readers who want to explore Sangiovese at its finest must put Le Boncie at the top of their lists.

- Antonio Galloni

12 2021 Bodega Noemia

98 pts

The flagship Malbec Noemia reached the pinnacle of precision in 2021. It's an incredibly refined, finessed approach to Patagonian red wine.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

13 2021 DuMOL Pinot Noir MacIntyre

100 pts

Winemakers Andy Smith and Jenna Davis presented a breathtaking range of 2021s, a vintage that will likely go down as one of the best ever here. Despite drought conditions, the wines retain terrific acidity and tons of nuance. The range reaches its apogee with the Pinot Noir MacIntyre, one of the greatest California Pinots I have ever tasted.

- Antonio Galloni

14 2021 Maître de Chai Cabernet Sauvignon Gala Vineyard

96 pts

Marty Winters and Alex Pitts met as young chefs working in some of California's most prestigious kitchens. Over the years, both of their career paths led to wine. Winters and Pitts founded Maître de Chai in 2012 and have quietly built their range since then. The wines draw from a number of sites across several appellations in Northern California, all done in a style that emphasizes freshness and verve. As readers will discover, a number of wines in this lineup are truly compelling, most notably the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Gala Vineyard, which may very well be the single best value in Napa Valley Cabernet today.

- Antonio Galloni

15 2022 Domaine Samuel Billaud Chablis Vaudésir Grand Cru

97 pts

Samuel Billaud's wines rank amongst the best in Chablis and his Vaudésir, which comes from two parcels located on either side of the Grand Cru, is his standout from the 2022 vintage. This is one of the most sophisticated and cerebral wines that he has ever produced.

- Neal Martin

16 2021 VHR, Vine Hill Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon

98+ pts

Vine Hill Ranch is one of the most distinctive vineyards in all of Napa Valley. Bruce Phillips and his wife, Heather, are the stewards of land that has a rich heritage going back all the way to the 1880s, the very early days of viticulture in the Napa Valley. Historical records show that wine grapes from this site were sold to a number of buyers, including Hamilton Crabb's To Kalon Wine Company. The Phillipses launched their estate wine with the 2008 vintage, leveraging the talents of Winemaker Françoise Peschon and vineyard manager Mike Wolf. The VHR, Vine Hill Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon has been a consistent top performer since then..

- Antonio Galloni

17 2021 Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion

95 pts

Furrowing a singular path using Cabernet Franc and whole bunches, Guillaume Pouthier fashioned a distinctive, chiseled, saline Pessac-Léognan that overcomes the challenges of that growing season.

- Neal Martin

18 2021 Tablas Creek Vineyard Esprit de Tablas

96+ pts

Qualities such as purity, refinement, grace and poise aren't often associated with the wines of Paso Robles, a region built of power and depth of fruit. That is of course, until Tablas Creek arrived on the scene. The Esprit de Tablas is a Rhone-focused blend that could only be created in Paso, mixing Mourvèdre with Grenache, Syrah, Counoise, Vaccaresse and Cinsault. It's a wine of patience, fully enjoyable upon release yet truly worth waiting for. It will make a believer of any Paso Robles naysayer.

- Eric Guido

19 2021 Fontodi Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Vigna del Sorbo

97 pts

The Manetti family presented a brilliant collection of 2021 Chianti Classicos across their entire portfolio. Choosing a wine for the Top 100 was very difficult. The Gran Selezione Vigna del Sorbo is a bit easier to find than some of the other wines, but all the 2021s are superb, including the new Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Terrazze San Leolino, which could easily have been on this list!

- Antonio Galloni

20 2021 Ridge Vineyards Lytton Springs

95+ pts

Ridge remains a bastion for classically built, age-worthy wines. Although the flagship Monte Bello gets most of the attention, many other wines in this range are equally deserving. Lytton Springs, long a Ridge flagship, offers superb quality, expression of site and value. It also ages very well, especially in large formats.

- Antonio Galloni

21 2021 Wynns Cabernet Sauvignon John Riddoch 97 pts

With unmatched access to prime Coonawarra vineyards and the outstanding 2021 vintage, the winemaking team at Wynns, headed up by Senior Winemaker Sue Hodder, has crafted a miraculous edition of this benchmark Australian Cabernet Sauvignon. Suave and shapely with superb definition and finesse underscored by a rich vein of tannins, it radiates class from every pore with breathtaking balance and finesse and promises a long and distinguished future.

- Angus Hughson

22 2022 The Sadie Family Wines Palladius 97 pts

A blend of almost a dozen white varieties from several sites, winemaker Eben Sadie seemed euphoric about this latest Palladius, claiming it was the wine that he always intended it to be. Finally, he got there. With its delectable waxy nose and palate full of tension, this is an exceptional wine that will give 20 to 30 years of drinking pleasure

- Neal Martin

23 2021 Château Canon 97 pts

Canon is a reference-point château in Saint-Émilion, but its ascent into the stratosphere really started in 2015, when Technical Director Nicolas Audebert took the foundations laid by his predecessor, John Kolasa, and added his own measure of polish and vibrancy. Today, Canon routinely turns out some of the most compelling wines in Bordeaux. The 2021 is a superb example of the new Canon in a challenging year.

- Antonio Galloni

24 2022 Aubert Chardonnay CIX Estate 97 pts

Mark and Teresa Aubert consistently produce some of the most compelling Chardonnays in California. The Aubert Chardonnays are often quite showy on release, but time has shown they also age exceptionally well. Readers will find stylish, sumptuous Chardonnays that exalt the essence of site.

- Antonio Galloni

25 2021 Viñedo Chadwick 98 pts

This is the best Cabernet Sauvignon in Chile, hands down.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

26 2021 Greywacke Wild Sauvignon

97 pts

I would be remiss not to include the 2021 Wild Sauvignon in my list of wines of the year. While the 2022 has since been released, you can still get your hands on the 2021 – and you should. It's the best yet from Kevin Judd's Greywacke. This is not a fruit party in your glass but a textured, firm and complex white. It's a wine that has all the right bits in all the right places then follows it up with length and persistence.

- Rebecca Gibb MW

27 2021 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Le Poste

95 pts

The 2021 Le Poste is a standout wine from Château de Saint Cosme, masterfully marrying power and complexity. It captures Louis Barruol's signature style and the essence of the vintage, marking it as an instant classic and a top contender for wine of the year in Gigondas.

- Nicolas Greinacher

28 2020 L'Eglise-Clinet

98 pts

The 2020 L'Eglise-Clinet is tinged with poignancy, as winemaker Denis Durantou passed away that spring. But his daughters continued his legacy and completed this fabulous Pomerol that shone during a blind tasting. It's a wine that will give 30 to 40 years of drinking pleasure.

- Neal Martin

29 2020 Trediberri Barolo Berri

96 pts

In just over a decade, Nicola and Stefania Oberto have built one of Piedmont's most exciting estates. Their passion, attention to detail and continuous drive to improve are evident in every detail. Trediberri captures a spirit of innovation wedded to classicism that exemplifies the very best of Piedmont's young generation of producers. Best of all, the wines are exceedingly fairly priced.

- Antonio Galloni

30 2014 Bodegas Vega Sicilia Unico

97 pts

Quite simply, this is the most iconic wine in Spain.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

31 2019 Le Potazzine Brunello di Montalcino

98 pts

The first time I tasted this wine from bottle is forever etched in my memory. Its power, radiance and balance left me in awe—somehow deep and concentrated yet also finessed and graceful. Gigliola Gorelli and her two daughters, Sofia and Viola, farm their high-elevation vineyards in the northwest of Montalcino. Deceptively approachable in youth, this is a Brunello that ages remarkably well. I fill my own cellar with it every year.

- Eric Guido

32 2021 Tiberio Trebbiano d'Abruzzo Fonte Canale

95+ pts

The success of Tiberio's Fonte Canale has catapulted Trebbiano d'Abruzzo to the world stage. Over 20 years ago, this brother-and-sister team began nursing an old vineyard back to health in the hills of Cugnoli, Abruzzo. The result of their work is the Trebbiano d'Abruzzo Fonte Canale, an Italian white wine that can hold its own against the best from Burgundy and beyond. Liquid rocks and minerals abound in this model of purity.

- Eric Guido

33 2021 Cornell Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon

97+ pts

In 2013, after years of modest results, proprietors Henry and Vanessa Cornell completely rebooted their Spring Mountain estate. The Cornells brought in vineyard guru Phil Coturri to redevelop the site and Françoise Peschon to oversee winemaking. The transformation has been nothing short of remarkable. The team led by winemaker Elizabeth Tangney and Peschon, now in a consulting role, turned out a brilliant 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon. The Cornell Cabernets offer a superb expression of Spring Mountain and remain very well priced within the context of elite Napa Valley and Sonoma Cabernets.

- Antonio Galloni

34 2021 Mount Eden Vineyards Pinot Noir Estate Bottled

96 pts

Mount Eden's 2021 Pinot Noir Estate Bottled is one of the finest renditions of this wine in recent memory. A product of an absolutely punishing drought season, the 2021 emerged on the other side with a treasure trove of layers and absolute polish. Jeffrey Patterson showed once again that the Santa Cruz Mountains can produce world-class Pinot Noir in the right hands, and at a fraction of the cost of many of its Old World peers, no less.

- Billy Norris

35 2021 Realm Cellars The Bard

95 pts

Realm is one of Napa Valley's elite estates. The team led by CEO Scott Becker and Winemaker Benoit Touquette draws on a number of top vineyard sources for their range of sumptuous Cabernet Sauvignons. The Bard offers wine lovers a very good look at the house style at a price that is more approachable in the context of the region.

- Antonio Galloni

36 2023 Alzinger Grüner Veltliner Loibenberg Smaragd

97 pts

Sinuosity and clarity have long been the hallmarks of this estate. Leo and Katharina Alzinger craft fabulous Wachau wines every year.

- Anne Krebiehl MW

37 2021 El Enemigo Cabernet Franc Gran Enemigo Gualtallary

98 pts

When it debuted, this wine was a game-changer in Argentina. It's consistently one of the best Cabernet Francs in the world.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

38 2020 Domaine A. Clape Cornas

96 pts

The full-bodied 2020 Cornas is a wild, concentrated expression that captures everything Clape enthusiasts love. With a juicy fruit core, meaty undertones and rustic funk, this instant classic boasts remarkably round tannins and a savory, persistent finish.

- Nicolas Greinacher

39 2021 Château Calon Ségur

97 pts

Calon Ségur is one of the standouts from Bordeaux's irregular 2021 vintage. The team led by Technical Director Vincent Millet turned out a super-classic Saint-Estèphe that delivers superb intensity and tons of character. Best of all, Calon Ségur remains a very fine value in the world of top-flight wine.

- Antonio Galloni

40 2021 Garage Wine Co. VIGNO

97 pts

A small producer focused on developing high-quality Cariñenas from Chile, VIGNO is one of those initiatives that absolutely deserves your attention.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

41 2022 Prophet's Rock Dry Riesling

96 pts

There's an awful lot of care in this wine for just over \$20 a bottle. I've long been a fan of the wines of Prophet's Rock in Central Otago and while they makes very good reds - good enough to lure former de Vogüé winemaker Francois Millet to make wine there - their Alsatian white varieties show real understanding. Perhaps it's something to do with the fact that winemaker Paul Pujol was the chief winemaker at Alsace's Kuentz-Base for three years. The Dry Riesling's purity, harmony and line are always delightful. It should be a go-to for any Riesling lover.

- Rebecca Gibb MW

42 2022 Clos des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge

96+ pts

Attractive and intricate, the 2022 Clos des Papes is a must-have for dedicated Châteauneuf enthusiasts. With the potential to age gracefully until 2050, this vintage is an instant classic that will captivate you at first sip.

- Nicolas Greinacher

43 2022 Walter Scott Chardonnay X Novo Vineyard

95+ pts

Chardonnay's rise in popularity in Oregon has been nothing short of remarkable. That said, there remain significantly fewer high-quality producers of the variety than most realize. The region remains flooded with many wines that are riding the coattails of producers like Walter Scott. The Chardonnay X Novo hails from one of the region's most exciting terroirs and is crafted by one of its most insightful and talented winemakers. This is a benchmark of Oregon Chardonnay that's worth the slightly higher tariff.

- Eric Guido

44 2022 ROAR Wines Pinot Noir Garys' Vineyard

96 pts

ROAR's 2022 Pinot Noir Garys' Vineyard is a shining example of what's possible in the Santa Lucia Highlands, even in less-than-ideal growing conditions. Winemaker Scott Shapley turned out a dark, impressively delineated, perfectly proportioned wine that is immediate yet neatly tailored. This is a representative sample of what readers can expect from this under-the-radar Central Coast appellation: muscle, concentration and fabulous juiciness.

- Billy Norris

45 NV Bollinger PN VZ19

94 pts

Bollinger is a reference point in Champagne. In recent years, the maison has introduced the PN VZ series Champagnes that offer a decidedly contemporary, vibrant expression of Pinot Noir.

- Antonio Galloni

46 2022 Zind-Humbrecht Riesling Rangen de Thann Clos Saint Urbain Grand Cru

97 pts

From one of the most dramatic Alsace Grand Crus comes this eternal, iconic wine, every bit as impressive in 2022 as ever.

- Anne Krebiehl MW

47 2023 Alheit Vineyards Fire by Night

97 pts

South Africa is taking Chenin to new heights, few with as much class as this wine.

- Neal Martin

48 2022 Kalleske Grenache Old Vine

96 pts

This decadent Barossan expression of Grenache, crafted with fruit from vines planted in 1935, is a powerhouse with lashings of sustained flavor and an enthralling savory underbelly. Bold, strong and stylish, this is benchmark Grenache with a distinct Australian accent.

- Angus Hughson

49 2020 Domaine du Pegau Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Réservee

96 pts

Magnificent and powerful, the 2020 Cuvée Réservee is a total standout, bursting with complex aromas and vibrant, full-bodied intensity. This exceptional Châteauneuf is a testament to the Pegau family's craftsmanship.

- Nicolas Greinacher

50 2021 Catena Zapata Malbec Nicasia Vineyard

97 pts

A singular wine that offers the best of Malbec and Paraje Altamira, this was crafted in a pristinely aged style. Balance is the word.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

51 2019 Trimbach Riesling Clos Sainte Hune

98 pts

This tiny, walled-in plot within Grand Cru Rosacker yields one of the most long-lived and astonishing Rieslings in the world. The 2022 is tremendous.

- Anne Krebiehl MW

52 2022 Vasse Felix Chardonnay Heytesbury

96 pts

Under the guidance of talented Chief Winemaker Virginia Willcock, the iconic Heytesbury Margaret River Chardonnay soars in the 2022 vintage with tightly coiled power and outstanding complexity. A beautiful energy, precision and underlying tension work in tandem with stunning intensity and savory refinement to deliver a world-class Chardonnay experience.

- Angus Hughson

53 2019 Chiara Condello Sangiovese Riserva Predappio Le Lucciole

95 pts

Sangiovese takes on a much different character in Emilia-Romagna: darker, richer and rounder than its Tuscan counterparts. Yet very few winemakers have managed to harness these traits in a wine that can also communicate importance and a sense of place. Chiara Condello is one of those winemakers. While Condello's entry-level Sangiovese Predappio holds its own, the Riserva Le Lucciole, a single-cru interpretation of the estate vineyards, takes things to an entirely new level.

- Eric Guido

54 2020 G.B. Burlotto Barolo Cannubi

96 pts

Proprietor Fabio Alessandria has done a tremendous job in elevating the quality of his family's wines since taking over in the mid-1990s. Although the Barolo Cannubi is one of the flagships here, all the wines in this lineup are exceptional. Burlotto remains a reference point in Piedmont.

- Antonio Galloni

55 2022 Don Melchor

97 pts

Among the best Cabernet Sauvignons in Chile, Don Melchor has continued to improve over the last five years. The 2022 is Don Melchor at its absolute best.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

56 2023 Robert Weil Riesling Kiedricher Gräfenberg Grosses Gewächs

98 pts

What a beacon of clarity and poise. This Riesling always speaks of altitude, of stone, of its cooling freshness, even in warm vintages. A paradigm of the 50th parallel.

- Anne Krebiehl MW

57 2021 Anthony Thévenet Morgon Cuvée Centenaire

95 pts

The late Josh Reynolds introduced me to Anthony Thévenet's wines five years ago. His Cuvée Centenaire comes from gnarly, century-old Gamay bush vines and is raised in demi-muids. This is Beaujolais that could stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the best Pinot Noirs.

- Neal Martin

58 2020 Castellare I Sodi di San Niccolò

97+ pts

Sodi di San Niccolò, Castellare's Sangiovese/Malvasia Nera flagship, is one of the hidden gems in Tuscany. Over the years and decades, Sodi has established a brilliant track record for aging. The 2020 is a brilliant effort from proprietor Paolo Panerai and longtime winemaker Alessandro Cellai.

- Antonio Galloni

59 2021 Zuccardi Valle de Uco Piedra Infinita

97 pts

This wine is a trendsetter in Argentina as Paraje Altamira steps into the spotlight.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

60 2021 Denner Vineyards The Dirt Worshipper

96 pts

Many years ago, The Dirt Worshipper provided one of my ah-ha moments regarding Paso Robles's potential. While unabashedly Californian in origin, the Dirt Worshipper adds layers of savory complexity, tricking the taster into questioning how so much Northern Rhone character can be infused with New World fruit. It remains a benchmark of the region and one of my go-to domestic Syrahs.

- Eric Guido

61 2013 López de Heredia Viña Tondonia

96 pts

An icon of the seemingly limitless aging potential of white Rioja, the 2013 Tondonia Blanco is simply gorgeous.
- Joaquín Hidalgo

62 2019 Riccitelli Viñedos de Montaña

97 pts

This is a delicious, textbook example of Argentinian Chardonnay that massively overdelivers at the price.
- Joaquín Hidalgo

63 2021 Moric Blaufränkisch Lutzmannsburg Alte Reben

98 pts

The Moric Blaufränkisch is quite possibly the finest and most poised rendition of this grape—hailing from old vines and made without frills but possessing much poetry and fragrance. It's already a classic at home and internationally, but I chose this stunning example because the world deserves to know about it. Exceptional.
- Anne Krebiehl MW

64 2016 Roederer Brut Blanc de Blancs Vintage

94 pts

Although the flagship Cristal and Cristal Rosé get most of the attention at Roederer, long-term Chef de Caves Jean-Baptiste Lécaillon and his team excel across the house's entire range of Champagnes.
- Antonio Galloni

65 2019 K Vintners Syrah The Hidden

96 pts

While the size of the portfolio can be dizzying at times, K Vintners has mastered the art of overdelivering throughout their entire range. The Syrah The Hidden is a perfect example. When placed next to other Syrahs in the region, many at twice the cost, The Hidden stands out for its mixture of balanced richness, intensity and dark, savory complexity.

- Eric Guido

66 2022 John Duval Grenache Annexus

96 pts

A single vineyard over 160 years of age and the outstanding 2022 vintage met the steady winemaking hands of father and son John and Tim Duval to yield a stunning and ethereal Grenache. Deeply textural, with a spectacular combination of reserved power and sophistication, this unique and finely tuned expression of Grenache is embryonic and destined to flower beautifully over the next decade or two.

- Angus Hughson

67 2019 Tenuta San Leonardo San Leonardo

96 pts

Lovers of Bordeaux blends, especially cool-climate interpretations, owe it to themselves to experience San Leonardo. For decades, this has been the benchmark red of Trentino, possessing the ability to mature into a Grand Vin of Italy. Even with the onset of global warming, San Leonardo has maintained remarkable balance and a classical build, perfectly exemplified by the 2019.

- Eric Guido

68 2021 Emiliana COYAM

97 pts

Red blends are serious things in Chile, and COYAM has improved by leaps and bounds in recent years. The 2021 is a stunner, amongst the absolute best. The quality to price ratio is off the charts.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

69 2020 Domaine Michel Bouzereau Meursault Perrières 1er Cru

97 pts

One of the Meursault's most underestimated winemakers, Bouzereau's Meursault Perrières 1er Cru has scintillating delineation on the nose and a palate suffused with mineralité. It truly stood out from the pack when tasted blind in May.

- Neal Martin

70 2022 August Kessler Pinot Noir Assmannshausen Höllenberg Grosses Gewächs

97 pts

Hailing from Germany's most iconic Pinot Noir vineyard, from ancient vines rooted in slate, this is a testament to what's possible with German Pinot Noir.

- Anne Krebiehl MW

71 2019 Yalumba The Octavius

96 pts

From one of Australia's most historic wineries comes this confident 2019 old-vine blend of Eden and Barossa Valley Shiraz, including fruit from vines dating back to the 1850s. Classically proportioned, with brooding fruit power and seamlessly integrated strong, structural tannins, the 2019 Octavius Shiraz is a star in the making that will flourish for decades to come.

- Angus Hughson

72 2019 Viña Tabalí DOM

97 pts

This is an extraordinarily high-quality cabernet Sauvignon crafted in a pure style. The value for the price is undeniable.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

73 2022 Thibaud Boudignon Savennières Clos de la Hutte

97 pts

It's been less than a decade since Thibaud Boudignon left his day job at Domaine de la Soucherie in Savennières, but the clarity of his dry Chenins has created quite a buzz. The Clos de la Hutte, planted on schist, is his superlative white, but if you can't get your hands on it, the Clos de la Fremine and La Vigne Cendrée parcels are within spitting distance. The rigorous attention to detail in both the vineyard and winery is clear in the glass.

- Rebecca Gibb MW

74 2021 Château Belgrave

92 pts

Château Belgrave consistently turns out gorgeous wines that offer notable character and the ability to improve with cellaring. Readers on a budget will want to take note of this Left Bank gem.

- Antonio Galloni

75 2020 Piaggia Carmignano Riserva

96 pts

Carmignano has gained in popularity over the last decade, yet for me, Piaggia (the producer that placed this region on the map) is still one of its absolute best. The Carmignano Riserva perfectly marries Sangiovese with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from the estate's first vineyard, planted in the early 1970s. Having recently tasted a vertical dating back to 1991, I can attest to the wine's amazing ability to age. The Carmignano Riserva is money in the bank.

- Eric Guido

76 2023 Rudi Pichler Riesling Achleiten Smaragd

98 pts

A majestic wine from the most majestic site in the Wachau, directly on the Danube, this cuvée is always precise and timeless. This superb offering from an uncompromising producer absolutely belongs in the Top 100.

- Anne Krebiehl MW

77 2023 Gunderloch Riesling Nackenheimer Rothenberg Grosses Gewächs

96 pts

Gunderloch is a historic estate that's now run by the new generation. This is Riesling in its most savory elegance, imbued with spice by the site's red Permian sandstone. It's a singular and moving wine.

- Anne Krebiehl MW

78 2019 Le Pianelle Bramaterra

95 pts

Le Pianelle is one of the great recent success stories of Alto Piemonte. Dieter Heuskel, formerly Chairman of the Boston Consulting Group's Germany practice, and his business partner, Alto Adige producer/importer Peter DiPoli, bought an abandoned property in Brusnengo in 2004 and began nursing it back to life. Over time, they expanded their vineyard holdings and brought in talented winemaker Cristiano Garella, who has since been joined by Fabio Zambolin. The wines are fermented in wood uprights using ambient yeasts, then aged in Stockinger casks with minimal handling.

- Antonio Galloni

79 2019 Speri Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Sant'Urbano

96 pts

Amarone is never shy, but it's often too rich and fruit-intense for modern palates. While many of today's producers work to create an Amarone with a more savory profile and lower alcohol, one winery mastered that approach: Speri. A Speri Amarone paints along classic lines, with mineral depths, structure and a pleasantly earthy personality. The best part is that you can even bring it to the dinner table.

- Eric Guido

80 2019 Il Poggione Brunello di Montalcino

96 pts

Narrowing down choices of Brunello di Montalcino for this list was a difficult task. There are simply so many fantastic options. However, when looking for that perfect blend of purity, a communication of terroir, long aging ability and classic character, the Il Poggione is a clear standout. Il Poggione remains one of the largest properties in the region yet functions more like a small artisan operation. The estate treasures the old vines and diverse terroirs of their holdings, crafting a Brunello that can stand the test of time, vintage after vintage.

- Eric Guido

81 2018 Royal Tokaji Wine Co. Tokaji Mézes Mály 6-Puttonyos

97 pts

Few wines have the historical significance of Hungarian sweet Tokaji wines. The 2018 Tokaji Mézes Mály 6-Puttonyos from the Royal Tokaji Company epitomizes everything great about Tokaji. It's vivid, bright and unctuous, yet it has razor-sharp acidity and effortlessly avoids any cloyingness. This is a wine that needs to be tasted to be believed.

- Neal Martin

82 2019 Pierre Peters L'Esprit de 2019

94 pts

Rodolphe Peters is a master exponent of Blanc de Blancs from the Côtes des Blancs. His Champagnes exude brightness, focus and tension, all signatures of these great sites.

- Antonio Galloni

83 2021 L'Aventure Winery Estate Cuvée

97 pts

The search for classicism in Paso Robles led me to L'Aventure Winery. Their style leans toward the European palate yet with a core of ripe California fruit. Balance is the key, as this portfolio exhibits both power and prestige. The Estate Cuvée is a blend of 45% Syrah, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Petit Verdot that overdelivers in this rich and racy vintage, yet be warned, it's best to practice patience. This wine is stacked for the long term.

- Eric Guido

84 2022 Albert Boxler Riesling Eckberg Sommerberg Grand Cru

97 pts

This Riesling is the embodiment of the clean-cut, modern Alsace. Hailing from a tiny parcel within the granitic Alsace Grand Cru of Sommerberg, this is a supremely chiseled wine by the modest but uncompromising Jean Boxler.

- Anne Krebiehl MW

85 2021 Sottimano Barbaresco Currà

98 pts

The Sottimano family turned out an extraordinary set of 2021 Barbarescos, headed by the magnificent Barbaresco Currà. Cold nights in September and into October provided ideal conditions for richly expressive, structured wines. The 2021s saw extended time on the skins and were aged in cask, with no racking until bottling. These are some of the most impressive wines I have tasted in 25 years of visiting the estate.

- Antonio Galloni

86 2016 Muga Gran Reserva Prado Enea 96 pts

This is a gorgeous, distinctive, iconic single-vineyard wine from Rioja. It straddles the past and the future on its own terms—a delightful style.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

87 2022 Tenuta delle Terre Nere Etna Rosso Prephylloxera La Vigna di Don Peppino Calderara Sottana 96 pts

Terre Nere helped define the heights that Etna Rosso could reach. Marc De Grazia saw great potential in the region's Contrade and volcanic soils and created a portfolio of cru wines that communicate incredible quality. The Calderara Sottana is one of the most powerful and mineral-intensive wines in the lineup. It's enjoyable on its potential alone in its youth, yet it has the depth, complexity and balance to mature gracefully.

- Eric Guido

88 2022 Arterberry Maresh Pinot Noir Maresh Vineyard 95 pts

Pinot Noir from Oregon has evolved over the past decades due to global warming. We've seen prices escalate quickly, yet there are still a number of truly classic, affordable wines from traditional producers to choose from. One of my all-time favorites, and still a relative value, is the Maresh Vineyard Pinot Noir from Arterberry Maresh. Jim Maresh farms some of the oldest vines in the region to produce his selection of vividly pure Pinots and Chards. Tasting this is like being transported back in time.

- Eric Guido

89 2021 Tenuta di Carleone Uno 95 pts

Sean O'Callaghan makes some of the most distinctive wines in all of Chianti Classico, and Italy, for that matter. O'Callaghan is among the growers who are challenging long-established norms of what Chianti Classico (the wine) is and what it can be through the use of stems, alternative aging vessels and an overall approach that favors freshness more than size.

- Antonio Galloni

90 2020 Señorío de San Vicente 96 pts

The 2020 Señorío de San Vicente exemplifies why this pioneering wine remains an icon decades after its debut in the 1990s. Brimming with energy and built for the future, it showcases depth, structure and a timeless character.

- Joaquín Hidalgo

91 2023 Diatom Chardonnay

94 pts

Greg Brewer crafted an exceptional Chardonnay under his Diatom label that delivers exceptional quality and value. Blocked malolactic fermentation, aging in steel and bottling on the early side help preserve freshness and tension.

- Antonio Galloni

92 2021 Galardi Terra di Lavoro

97 pts

Often misunderstood, Galardi's wines simply need time to reveal their true charm. Terra di Lavoro, one of Campania's first cult collectibles, may have seemed like an overnight success, yet many collectors lacked the patience to see these wines reach their full potential. Today, tasting a fifteen- or twenty-year-old vintage showcases not only the superior quality of the Mount Roccamonfina terroir but also Aglianico's remarkable capacity to age gracefully. This is a blue-chip addition to any cellar, promising pleasurable drinking for decades to come.

- Eric Guido

93 2021 Bilancia Chardonnay Tiratore La Collina Vineyard

97 pts

I am sure that the vast majority of our readers will not have heard of Bilancia, but this is one of those wines that should encourage everyone to sit up and take notice. The Chardonnay Tiratore screams class.

- Rebecca Gibb MW

94 2019 Domaine Pierre Gonon Saint-Joseph

95 pts

I chose Domaine Pierre Gonon's 2019 Saint-Joseph for the way it captivated me with its intensity, complexity and balanced acidity. This wine will evolve beautifully over time—a standout Saint-Joseph.

- Nicolas Greinacher

95 2021 Cantina Terlano Pinot Bianco Riserva Vorberg

94 pts

Anyone who hasn't yet experienced the white wines of Cantina Terlano is in for a revelation. These rank among the finest white wines in the world. While the Terlaner Grande Cuvée Primo often steals the spotlight, the Pinot Bianco Riserva Vorberg offers remarkable complexity and quality at a much more accessible price. This is the bottle I reach for to fill my own cellar. Place it alongside a Premier Cru white Burgundy for a thrilling comparison.

- Eric Guido

96 2019 Andrew Will Winery Sorella

95 pts

Washington State was known for its Bordeaux blends before anything else, and much of that reputation was due to the success of winemakers like Chris Camarda and his Cabernet-dominated Sorella from the Champoux Vineyard. The Sorella remains one of the most important wines of the region, displaying a core of seductively dark ripe fruit and a balanced structure that promises decades of positive development. It also remains a fantastic value in the category of domestic Bordeaux blends.

- Eric Guido

97 2022 Jean-Marc Burgaud Morgon Côte du Py

94 pts

Burgaud is one of the most respected growers in Beaujolais, and his 2022 Morgon Côte du Py epitomizes everything great about his wines—perfumed and seductive, with fine-boned tannins and a refined but persistent finish. Magnificent.

- Neal Martin

98 2023 Best's Wines Riesling Great Western

94 pts

This bottling delivers refined elegance at an exceptional value. It beautifully captures the purity and precision of Riesling.

- Angus Hughson

99 2020 Sartarelli Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore Balciana

93 pts

Sartarelli wrangles in the depth and complexity of Verdicchio through the single-vineyard Balciana. This bottling is emblematic of the Sartarelli family's recent shift toward a more savory profile than has been the case historically, allowing the variety's minerality to shine. The results are spectacular. The Balciana is enjoyable upon release, yet the real magic happens in the cellar.

- Eric Guido

100 2020 Pago de Carraovejas

94 pts

This wine exemplifies a modern expression of Ribera, crafted in a style that resonates with international wine lovers. With a production of 70,000 cases, it represents both quality and accessibility, making it a worthy contender for our Top 100 Wines of the Year.

- Joaquín Hidalgo