



GREAT WINES OF THE WORLD TASTING TICKET

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Enjoy some top wines from some of the best wineries on the planet who are participating in this year's Great Wines of the World Asia event, which is in Seoul (Oct. 4), Hong Kong (Oct. 6) and Bangkok (Dec. 1). Most of the wines by the glass are priced at what you would find in retail shops. Seoul (Shilla Hotel) and Hong Kong (Four Seasons) are sold out, but tickets are still available for Bangkok (Grand Hyatt). Check out www.jamesuckling.com for more information.

Over the past year, the JamesSuckling.com tasting team has rated more than 32,000 wines and discovered some stunning bottles. It is the most wines JamesSuckling.com has rated in a year ever, and highlights that the quality of premium wines in the world is at an all-time high. It's also why James always says that it has never been a better time to be a wine lover!

We have 46 top-rated wines for you to taste today, all rated 92 points or more, which means they are outstanding quality. This cheat sheet is designed to make your tasting experience easy and convenient as possible. Please order the wine by the order number with our team of sommeliers.

Please remember that many of the wines are young, recent releases. Therefore, the wines may need a few years of bottle age to come into their own. For example, you may find some of the young reds rather tannic but their tannins will soften with time, like all great wines of the world. The concept of all our tastings is to provide access to some of the best wines, wineries and winemakers around the world where you can taste and evaluate the wines.

Cheers, and we hope you enjoy the tasting!

The James Suckling Wine Central team

White

#1 Bibi Graetz Toscana Bianco Colore 2020 *Italy, Tuscany* 96pts
Aromas and flavors of dried grapefruit and pear with some stone and apple. It's full-bodied and layered with pretty fruit and a salty and apple aftertaste. A little oily. Just a hint of nut makes it very interesting as it grows on the finish. Sort of Rhone-like. Drink or hold.

Australia

#2 Yarra Yering Yarra Valley Dry Red Wine No. 2 2015 *Yarra Valley* 95pts
Plenty of complexity, depth, detail and interest with spice-dusted ripe dark plum and blackberry fruits, graphite and pepper. The palate is clearly defined. Tannins are crisp and clear cut. Taut red plum fruits just break free. Best from 2023.

Argentina

#3 Viña Cobos Malbec Los Arboles Valle de Uco Chañares Estate 2018 *Mendoza* 99pts
Blackberries, ink and blueberries with black-tea and bark undertones. Full-bodied with density and richness that is well framed with beautiful, round and polished tannins and a seamless texture. Goes on for minutes. Try after 2026, but already great.

#4 Achaval Ferrer Malbec Mendoza Finca Altamira 2018 *Mendoza* 97pts
Beautiful purity of fruit here with blackberries, black cherries and violet undertones. Full-bodied with layers of fruit, fine tannins and a flavorful finish. Juicy and creamy at the same time. Delicious now, but better after 2023.

#5 Catena Zapata Malbec Mendoza Adrianna Vineyard River Stones 2018 *Mendoza* 100pts
This is really something. There's purity and focus to the aromas of crushed berries, licorice and black tea, which follow through to an integrated palate of extremely fine, melted tannins that spread to the very ends of the wine. This is all about balance and length. It really is an emotional wine. Great follow-up to the 2017, which was also 100 points. Drinkable now, but better after 2024.

#6 Catena Zapata Malbec Mendoza Adrianna Vineyard Mundus Bacillus Terrae 2018 *Mendoza* 98pts
This is a really deep, decadent red, showing incredibly rich black soil, black olives and violets. Full body and rich tannins that exude power and intensity. Lots of white pepper and black fruit in the aftertaste. Extremely persistent. This is a bottle for the cellar. Try after 2024.

#7 Achaval Ferrer Malbec Mendoza Finca Mirador 2016 *Mendoza* 94pts
Impressive, soulful, earthy and stony aromas with dried plums and wild herbs. The palate has a very juicy core of rich, ripe and silky dark plums and mulberries. Really smooth, very ripe and already approachable. Drink or hold.

#8 Bemberg Estate Wines Malbec Valles Calchaquíes Chañar Punco Los Chañares Parcela 73 La Linterna 2015 *Mendoza* 95pts
Lots of blueberries with hints of iodine and rust. Full-bodied, reserved and bound together. Very fine tannins. Structured. Wild, yet tamed. Needs three or four years to soften. Try after 2023.

#9 Bemberg Estate Wines Malbec Valle de Pedernal La Yesca Parcela 13 La Linterna 2014 *San Juan* 97pts
This shows gorgeous blue fruits and violets. Orange and other citrus fruits highlight the aromas. Full body, firm and chewy tannins yet so fine and melted in to the wine. Quality of the subtle fruit is superb. Drink or hold.

Chile

#10 Viña Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon Puente Alto 2020 *Valle Centeal* 97pts
Deep and serious with black olives, blackberries, blueberries, tobacco leaf, sweet red capsicum, ash, dried meat and a hint of black chocolate. This is a more direct, full-bodied Don Melchor, filled with solid blackberries and wrapped by tight, fine-grained tannins. Long and deep. 92% cabernet sauvignon, 6% cabernet franc, 1% merlot and 1% petit verdot. Better after 2024.

#11 Santa Rita Carmenere Valle de Apalta Pewën 2019 *Valle Centeal* 93pts
A full-bodied red with aromas of ripe plum, blueberry, cocoa, tobacco and cedar. Plush, polished and creamy with firm, velvety tannins. Plush, rounded finish. Drink or hold.

Chile

- #12 Concha y Toro Syrah Buin Gravas del Maipo 2019** *Valle Central* 95pts
Aromas of blackcurrants, sandalwood and rose petals. Medium-to full-bodied with linear tannins that are racy and refined, yet forceful. Fine tannins at the end. Best after 2024.
- #13 Concha y Toro Cabernet Sauvignon Valle de Maipo Gravas del Maipo 2019** *Valle Central* 95pts
Attractive aromas of currants, sweet herbs, such as fresh basil, and blueberries. Medium-to full-bodied with berry and light vanilla flavors and medium round tannins that give nice character and texture to the finish. Better in 2022.
- #14 Almaviva Puente Alto 2019** *Valle Central* 97pts
A very refined and polished red with currants and hints of cedar, chocolate and hazelnuts. Subtle and fine. Medium- to full-bodied, creamy and nicely textured. Friendly and caressing. Closing down. 68% cabernet sauvignon, 23% carmenere, 5% cabernet franc, 3% petit verdot and 1% merlot. Drink now or hold. Will age nicely.
- #15 Baron Philippe de Rothschild Chile Valle de Maipo Baronesa P. 2018** *Valle Central* 97pts
This is a new, prestige wine from the Rothschild family (Mouton) that shows complexity and strength yet at the same time polish and poise. It's full-bodied, but very layered and refined with fine layers of tannins and a spearmint and menthol undertone to the currants and dark fruit. This needs three or four years to come together. Great debut. 76% cabernet sauvignon, 9% carmenere and equal measures of syrah, cabernet franc and petit verdot. Better after 2023 and onwards.
- #16 San Pedro Valle de Cachapoal Altaïr 2018** *Valle Central* 93pts
Plum, currant, raspberry-leaf, lemon-zest and bitter-chocolate aromas. It's medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins and bright acidity. Juicy and fresh. Delicious now.
- #17 Errázuriz Valle de Aconcagua Don Maximiano Founder's Reserve 2018** *Aconcagua Valley* 96pts
The violets, roses, blueberries and blackcurrants flow from the glass. Full-bodied, tight and very focused with ultra-fine tannins that flow over the edges of the wine. Extremely long and polished. Needs time to open. Better after 2022.
- #18 Errázuriz Carmenere Valle de Aconcagua KAI 2018** *Aconcagua Valley* 95pts
This is a very sophisticated Kai with aromas of blackberries, blueberries, violets and graphite that follow through to a full body with creamy, polished tannins that show tension and focus. The tannins are borderless. Drink or hold.
- #19 San Pedro Cabernet Sauvignon Valle de Curicó 1865 Old Vines 2018** *Valle Central* 92pts
Blackcurrant, blackberry leaf, chocolate orange, paprika and herbs on the nose. Some savory mushroom character. It's medium-to full-bodied with fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity. Structured and focused with a concentrated, lightly bitter finish. Drink or hold.
- #20 Vik Valle de Cachapoal La Piu Belle 2018** *Valle Central* 95pts
This is always rich and succulent, showing plum and floral aromas, as well as spices. The palate is very fine-tannined and beautiful with a ripe, layered texture. Velvety and very unctuous. Plush. Drink or hold.
- #21 Vik Valle de Cachapoal Milla Cala 2016** *Valle Central* 92pts
This is a fresh and pretty red with blackberry and fresh-herb character. Medium to full body, very polished, round tannins and a long, delicious finish. The second wine of Vik. Drink or hold.
- #22 Viña Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon Puente Alto 2014** *Valle Central* 94pts
Wonderful aromas of stones, mint and blackcurrants. Sweet tobacco. Tile and rust. So aromatic. This is the best Don Melchor I have ever tasted. Full body, very soft yet firm and silky. It has tension, intensity and balance. Drink or hold.
- #23 Vik Valle de Cachapoal VIK 2013** *Valle Central* 93pts
Aromas of flowers, currants, fresh mint and Thai basil. Full bodied, structured and muscular with a toned texture. Bright and dynamic on the finish. Tangy finish under the fruit and wet-earth highlights. Mostly cabernet sauvignon with cabernet franc, syrah, carmenere and merlot. This needs at least three to four years to come around.

France

#24 Château Bélair-Monange St.-Emilion 2019 *Bordeaux*

Wonderful aromas of fresh flowers, blackberries and cherries. Licorice and lilacs, too. Full-bodied, yet so tight and refined, translucent and weightless. Incredible purity and excellence. This is the heart and soul of the property in a glass. Really pinpointed at the end. Enchanting and thought-provoking. Needs time to open and soften. Try after 2028. 99pts

#26 Château Bélair-Monange St.-Emilion 2018 *Bordeaux*

Very intense blackberries, black olives, blueberries and dried flowers. Stony minerality. Even some pine. Full-bodied with superb depth of fruit and ultra fine tannins that are intense and polished. The finish is so long and delivers so much flavor, from wet earth to blackberry again. Seamless palate. Try after 2026. 99pts

#27 Château Léoville Las Cases St.-Julien 2015 *Bordeaux*

Blackcurrant, blueberry and currant aromas with hints of black licorice and hot stones. Full-bodied with dense and integrated tannins and a long, long finish. It is all there and all about proportional harmony. Excellent focus and beauty. Drink in 2022. 98pts

Italy

#28 Siro Pacenti Brunello di Montalcino Vecchie Vigne 2017 *Tuscany*

Ripe fruit with lavender and sandalwood as well as some new wood on the nose. Medium to full body, with firm and structured tannins that are polished and curated. Needs time to soften and come together. Bigger style for Pacenti due to the hot vintage. Try after 2023. 94pts

#29 Frescobaldi Brunello di Montalcino Ripe al Convento di Castelgiocondo Riserva 2013 *Tuscany*

This has a regal feel with a wealth of ripe blueberries and a complex array of new leather, warm earth, terracotta and spice. The palate has concentration and depth with assertive, fine and long tannins delivering a long, unwavering impression on the palate, bathed in ripe red and dark-fruit flavors. Drink or hold. 97pts

#30 Siro Pacenti Brunello di Montalcino Vecchie Vigne 2012 *Tuscany*

Aromas of ripe fruit such as sweet strawberries and hints of orange peel and chocolate. Medium to full body, soft and velvety tannins and a flavorful finish. Riper style. Drink or hold. 95pts

#31 Tenuta Sette Ponti Toscana Oreno 2019 *Tuscany*

Wow. Fantastic aromas of blackberries, currants, minerals, violets and graphite. Full-bodied with firm, silky tannins that are incredibly polished and intense, yet ever so refined and integrated in the wine. It goes on for minutes. The is one of the best modern-day Orenos so far. Best in 2025 and onwards. 99pts

#32 Petrolo Valdarno di Sopra Galatrona 2019 *Tuscany*

The violets and flowers with some asphalt and blackberries are so enticing on the nose. Green olives, too. It's full-bodied and very tight in the mid-palate and surrounded by fine, polished tannins. It has a unique mouth-feel. Very impressive and enticing. Try after 2025, but already seductive. 99pts

#33 Fattoria Le Pupille Maremma Toscana Saffredi 2019 *Tuscany*

So much crushed stone, rosemary, lavender, mint and blackberry. Full-bodied and very structured with layers of powerful and polished tannins. It goes on for minutes. Ink, blackcurrants and blueberries. 60% cabernet sauvignon, 35% merlot and 5% petit verdot. Needs at least five or six years to open. Try after 2025. 99pts

#34 Tua Rita Toscana Giusto di Notri 2019 *Tuscany*

Sweet berries and spice with dried-chili and walnut undertones. Currants, too. Full-bodied with chewy tannins that are polished and savory. Very sophisticated and structured. Savory. Cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc. Give this time to soften. A beauty this vintage. Try after 2024. 97pts

Italy

#35 Ornellaia Bolgheri Superiore 2019 *Tuscany*

97pts

The aromas of blackcurrants, fresh basil and thyme, as well as cedar and sandalwood are so attractive. It's full-bodied and very linear with tight tannins that draw you down the length of this young wine. Wet-earth and cool-stone undertones. It's solid and so structured. A classic Ornellaia for the cellar. Try after 2027.

#36 Romano Dal Forno Amarone della Valpolicella Monte Lodoletta 2015 *Veneto*

100pts

This is black as pitch in the glass and, yes, there's a light, tarry edge to the super-concentrated prune, date and currant fruit. But even more interesting are the complex notes of bitter-orange liqueur, aged balsamic, fresh roasting herbs, cinnamon, roasted chestnuts, black tea and licorice. The more you decant in advance, the more nuances will emerge. It's full-bodied with huge concentration and lots of chewy tannin that is managing to hold the fruit back for now. This needs plenty of time to develop in the bottle. Just superb. One of the greatest Dal Forno's ever.

Spain

#37 Faustino Rioja Faustino I Gran Reserva 2011 *La Rioja*

93pts

A very pretty wine now with cedar, mushrooms and dried red fruit. Medium body, fine tannins and a subtle, polished finish. A wonderful old Rioja now. Magnum bottle. Drink now and enjoy.

USA, California

#38 Martin Ray Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountains Coast Grade Vineyard 2019 *California*

92pts

A pinot with very fresh and aromatic, primary-fruit character with lightly under-ripe strawberry and citrus undertones. Fine tannins. Crisp finish. Drink or hold.

#39 Quintessa Napa Valley Rutherford 2019 *California*

99pts

So much earth and spice with walnut and wet earth. Like fog laying over the valley in the morning. Black fruit. Medium-to full-bodied with super-fine tannins that are long and persistent, with graceful progression and length on the palate. So long, with real definition. September 2022 release. From biodynamically grown grapes. Hard not to drink now, but will age wonderfully.

#40 Amici Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Spring Mountain District 2018 *California*

95pts

Lots of pine needle, bark and conifer, as well as blackberry and blueberry. It's full-bodied with a balance of creamy tannins that are polished and together. Lightly angular at the end. A little tight now. Give it two or three years to open. Try after 2023.

#41 Amici Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Morisoli Vineyard 2018 *California*

95pts

Wow. This is really spicy and intense on the nose with blackberries, cloves, cedar and hints of chili. Some ink, too. It's full-bodied and chewy with intense tannins and lots of fruit and new oak. It needs time to come together. Try after 2024.

#42 Dana Estates Napa Valley Rutherford Helms Vineyard 2018 *California*

99pts

Sweet white chocolate with currant, plum and subtle hazelnut on the nose. Some other spices, such as nutmeg and cloves. Floral. Full-bodied with extremely fine tannins that go on and on. Beautiful center plate that is dense yet polished and fine and continues on. Exceptional. Fantastic finish. Drinkable now, but needs four or five years to show it's true greatness.

#43 St. Supéry Napa Valley Élu 2017 *California*

93pts

A soft, juicy red with loads of crushed berry and chocolate, as well as some orange-peel and hazelnut undertones. Coffee, too. It's full-bodied with chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. Cabernet sauvignon, merlot, petit verdot, cabernet franc and malbec. Drinkable now, but better in 2022

#44 Joseph Phelps Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2017 *California*

95pts

Very aromatic with blueberries and blackcurrants, as well as red licorice. Floral, too. Medium-to full-bodied, firm and lightly chewy. Lovely depth of fruit here. Rich and flavorful. Extremely well done for the vintage. Shows more finesse and tightness than 2016. Very classic. One-third of the production. Try it. Drink after 2022, but already delicious.

Fortified

#45 Taylor's Vintage Port 2018 *Portugal*

96pts

Very attractive dried fruit with hints of stems and fresh herbs. Violets and dark berries, too. Full-bodied with a dense center palate of fruit and intense, chewy tannins. Yet, there's polish and refinement to the texture. Relatively dry and precise at the finish. Reminds me of 1980, but with much better polish to it. Wait until at least 2027 to take a look.

#46 Taylor's Port Quinta de Vargellas Vintage Vinha Velha 2004 *Portugal*

94pts

This is really opening nicely now, offering plums and sweet cherries with chocolate and hazelnut undertones. It's full-bodied and sweet with round, polished tannins and a delicious finish. It's really becoming resolved and beautiful now. Drink or hold.