



GREAT WINES OF THE WORLD TASTING TICKET

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Over the past year, the JamesSuckling.com tasting team has rated more than 25,000 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 30 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 Chacra Chardonnay Patagonia 2020

97pts

There's real direction and clarity to this white with sliced dried apples, crushed stones and minerals on the nose, as well as hints of biscuit and praline. Some honeysuckle and lemon-grass undertones, too. It's full-bodied, yet very tight and lively with a line of fresh acidity running through the palate, providing energy and depth. From the owner of Chacra and Burgundy's Jean-Marc Roulot. Drinkable now, but much better in three to four years. Try after 2023.

#2 Schiopetto Pinot Grigio Collio 2021

95pts

The cooked apples, minerals and white flowers are so enticing. Crushed stones as well. It's full-bodied with layers of fruit and a crisp, bright finish. Lots of minerality and depth at the end. Structured and phenolic, yet so well integrated. Drink or hold.

Argentina

#3 Bodega Piedra Negra Valle de Uco Los Chacayes Gran Malbec 2017

97pts

Wow. The blackberry, blueberry and violet aromas and flavors are fantastic here. Full-bodied, yet tight and compact with wonderful depth of fruit and silky tannins. It goes on for minutes. The column of beautifully crafted fruit and tannins goes deep. Love it. Drinkable now, but will be even better in three or four years. Try in 2023.

#4 Kaiken Malbec Mendoza Mai 2018

96pts

This has a fragrant, richly spiced nose of blackberries, violets, dried lavender, cloves, licorice, black olives and mocha. It's full-bodied with firm, creamy and powdery tannins. Fantastic concentration and depth here, with generous layers of ripe dark fruit. So polished and silky. Keeps going. From organically grown grapes. Delicious already, but even better from 2023.

#5 Zuccardi Malbec Valle de Uco Paraje Altamira Finca Piedra Infinita 2018

99pts

Aromas of crushed fruit with mushrooms, dried flowers, ash, charcoal, iodine and bark, following through to a full-bodied palate with superb depth of fruit and layers of polished, fine tannins. Extremely long and seamless. A beauty by all accounts. Complex. Juicy. Supple. Better after 2023, when it will give you all it has stored up in goodness, character and uniqueness.

#6 Trapiche Malbec El Peral Valle de Uco Terroir Series Finca Coletto 2017

97pts

The energy and electricity in this is exciting. Full-bodied, yet tight and extremely vertical. It takes you deep down. Blueberry and stone character. Complex, but always focused. So right now, but better in two or three years. Try in 2022.

Australia

#7 Torbreck Barossa Valley The Steading 2019

93pts

A blend of 53% grenache, 28% shiraz and 19% mataro. Each component has been elevated in large-format oak (4,500 liters) and this is the wine that reflects the vintage style and quality. It shows the all-round consistency of 2018 with bright red and blue berries, some red pastry notes and deeper, earthy, slightly tarry notes, too. The palate has a rich, supple and fleshy texture with ripe red-plum and raspberry fruit flavors, as well as soft, late-picked tannins. Drink over the next eight years.

#8 Yarra Yering Yarra Valley Dry Red Wine 2016

98pts

A very reserved, elegant and regal nose, showing subtle yet confident aromas of freshly picked blackcurrants, lead pencil, cassis, dried herbs, cedar, iodine and crushed stones. The palate is very polished and seamless with velvety tannins, a beautiful line of acidity that's wonderfully integrated and a very long finish. Hard to resist now, but better in 2025. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, malbec and petit verdot.

Chile

#9 Leyda Pinot Noir Valle de Leyda Lot 21 2019

94pts

A medium-bodied red with aromas of lavender, rose hip, raspberry, licorice and lemon zest. Sleek tannins and crisp acidity with bright floral and crunchy berry layers. Excellent freshness and energy. Drink now.

Chile

#10 Undurraga Syrah Valle de Leyda Terroir Hunter 2019

95pts

A full-bodied red with aromas of blackcurrants, violets, green peppercorns, chili, stones and chocolate orange. Firm, chewy tannins frame concentrated layers of dark fruit and herbs. Rich, yet balanced, with a fresh finish. Extremely well done. Reminds me of a top Côte-Rôtie. Try from 2022.

#11 Viña Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon Puente Alto 2019

98pts

Very perfumed and aromatic with blackcurrant, sweet-tobacco and Spanish-cedar character. Full-bodied with ultra fine tannins that build on the palate and take the fruit and other flavors to an endless finish. More refined than the perfect 2018 and almost as compelling. Drink in 2023 or after.

#12 Montes Carmenere Petit Verdot Valle de Colchagua Purple Angel 2018

98pts

Blackberry, blueberry, sage and five spice on the nose. Medium-to full-bodied with fine tannins. Balanced and creamy with a fresh, juicy character palate. Silky texture with great structure. Savory finish with length. Peppery and spicy aftertaste. A blend of 92% carmenere and 8% petit verdot. Try in 2023. Drink now.

France

#13 Clos du Clocher Pomerol 2018

95pts

Sweet tobacco, cedar, wet earth and mushroom aromas with dark fruit, following through to a full body with rich, chewy tannins to the cool fruit. Powerful and tannic, yet polished and poised. Try after 2025.

#14 Château Lassègue St.-Emilion 2018

94pts

Subtle aromas of sweet berries, Spanish cedar and blackberries with some black mushrooms. Medium-to full-bodied with fine yet chewy tannins and a long finish. Solid and racy. Tight now. Drink after 2024.

#15 Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste Pauillac 2015

96pts

Swathed in spicy and toasty oak aromas, this has a wealth of superbly expressed red and dark berries, flowers and mint. The palate delivers a very assertive and energetic array of dark berries and spiced plums with a fresh, focused, vibrant finish. Superb wine. Try from 2023.

#16 Château Giscours Margaux 2016

96pts

This has attractive, glossy, ripe red-plum and licorice aromas with cedar, flowers and red berries, as well as a stony edge. A very fragrant, cabernet-driven nose. The palate has elegance and grace with sleek and charming, balanced style and a discreet tannin structure that holds the finish long and fresh. A blend of 81 per cent cabernet sauvignon and 19 per cent merlot. Try from 2023.

Italy

#17 Gianni Gagliardo Barolo Lazzarito Vigna Preve 2017

94pts

Aromas of cherries and dried strawberries with flowers and licorice. It's full-bodied with fine, linear tannins that show length and intensity. Walnut and bark. Flavorful finish. Drink after 2025.

#18 Marchesi di Barolo Barolo Sarmassa 10 Anni 2012

94pts

This has a beautiful nose of dried and sour cherries, chocolate orange, dried roses, raw cacao, truffles and mushrooms. It's medium-bodied with very fine tannins. Packed with flavor. Savory mushroom notes, yet it remains fresh. Drink or hold.

#19 Ricasoli Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Castello di Brolio 2019

96pts

A polished and reserved Castello with cherry, orange-peel and chocolate aromas and flavors. Tight and round-tannined, in a very subtle and curated way. The precision in this wine is impressive. Needs time to open. Try after 2025.

#20 Frescobaldi Brunello di Montalcino Castelgiocondo 2016

95pts

Black-cherry and blackberry aromas with minerals and fresh flowers, following through to a full body with firm, silky tannins that are polished and intense. Lovely finesse and length. Drink after 2023.

Italy

#21 Eredi Fuligni Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2016

99pts

The complexity and beauty of this wine is something else on the nose, offering perfume, cedar, dried flower, black cherry, blueberry and crushed stone. Orange peel, too. Full-bodied with incredible layers of ultra-fine tannins that give this wine horizontal depth that almost seems endless. Extremely long and lightly chewy at the end. This is one for the cellar. Try after 2026.

#22 Argentiera Bolgheri Superiore 2019

97pts

This is so nicely crafted, with tannins that are fine and integrated, creating such a fine, silky texture. It's medium-bodied with fantastic length and a long, persistent finish. So drinkable now, but will be even better in two or three years. Try after 2024.

#23 Mazzei Toscana Siepi 2020

98pts

Graphite and lead pencil is coming through, together with violets and blackberries. Some tar and asphalt, too. Full-bodied, yet creamy and crunchy, with agile liveliness that goes on for minutes. Fabulous length. Drinkable already, but will age gracefully for decades.

#24 Luce della Vite Toscana Luce 2018

97pts

Very focused and classy on the nose with blackberries, currants, mushrooms and dark bark. It's full-bodied with a tight palate of chewy tannins that give structure and form to the wine. Beautiful center palate of dark fruit and mushrooms. Subtle and strong. Give this at least three or four years to resolve itself. Best after 2024.

South Africa

#25 Klein Constantia Stellenbosch Anwilka 2016

94pts

Deep aromas of cassis, red chili pepper, black olives, tree bark, cocoa powder and some cigar box. Full-bodied, broad palate with structured, powdery tannins interwoven with the black fruit. Lots of demure, cabernet character here with a savory, refined balsamic edge to the fruit in the end. Sustainable. 63% cabernet sauvignon, 32% syrah and 5% petit verdot. Drink now.

California

#26 St. Supéry Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2018

95pts

A very pretty cabernet now with currant, chocolate and mahogany aromas and flavors. It's full-bodied and layered with soft, creamy-textured tannin that gives it form and interest. Hard not to drink now. Drink or hold.

#27 Courtney Benham Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Stags Leap District 2020

94pts

This has plenty of black fruit, dried leaves, bark and black olives. Bitter chocolate, too. Full-bodied with firm, chewy tannins. Dark, firm and focused. Try in 2025.

Uruguay

#28 Bouza Tannat Uruguay Viñedo Pan de Azúcar 2018

94pts

A full-bodied red with aromas of black cherry, blueberry, smoked meat and dark chocolate. Some herb and clove undertones. Creamy and chewy with firm, well-integrated tannins and a polished, savory finish. This is really typical for the grape. Drink or hold.

Fortified

#29 Taylor's Vintage Port 2018

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.

#30 Dow's Vintage Port 2017

98pts

Pure grape aromas that remind me of fermenting must but then goes to stems and dried flowers. Full-bodied, medium sweet with fine-grained tannins that coat your palate. Powerful and muscular yet remains agile and beautiful. Grows on your palate. Wonderful ripe fruit in the middle palate. Try after 2030.