

WINE OF THE YEAR (100 POINTS)

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| Laurent-Perrier Champagne Grand Siècle N.26 NV (France) (Wine of Year 2023) | 125ml | 395 | |
| <i>Magical blend of three vintages including the legendary 2008. Best Champagne ever?</i> | | | |
| BV Napa Valley Georges de Latour PR 2019 (California) (Wine of Year 2022) | | 395 | |
| <i>Beaulieu Vineyard has made some of the greatest Napa Cabs ever. Here's another one.</i> | | | |
| Chacra Pinot Noir Patagonia Treinta y Dos 2018 (Argentina) (Wine of Year 2020) | | 490 | |
| <i>Marvelous pinot from some of the best biodynamic vineyards in South America.</i> | | | |
| Château Canon St.-Emilion 2015 (France) (Wine of Year 2018) | | 845 | |
| <i>Canon 2015 is a modern legend and reminds James of the great 1955.</i> | | | |
| Almaviva Puente Alto 2015 (Chile) (Wine of Year 2017) | | 470 | |
| <i>This Bordeaux blend from Chile sets the standard for the best wines in South America.</i> | | | |

OTHER 100 POINTS

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| Wittmann Riesling Rheinhessen Morstein GG 2019 (Germany) | | 350 | |
| <i>This cru riesling is dry and vivid with lots of body and power. Great GG.</i> | | | |
| Catena Zapata Chardonnay Mendoza Adrianna Vineyard White Bones 2018 (Argentina) | | 400 | |
| <i>This rich chardonnay competes with the best grand cru of Burgundy.</i> | | | |
| Mount Mary Yarra Valley Quintet 2019 (Australia) (No.4 Wine of the Year 2021) | | 290 | |
| <i>The balance, structure, and finesse of this Bordeaux blend mind-boggles.</i> | | | |
| Château Beauséjour Duffau-Lagarrosse St.-Emilion 2015 (France) | | 610 | |
| <i>Everyone still talks about the greatness of the 1990 form here but this is better!</i> | | | |

FRESH AND CRISP

| | Score | Glass | |
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| Champagne | | | |
| Louis Roederer Champagne Collection 243 Brut NV Champagne (France) | 94 | 180 | |
| <i>Probably the best NV entry-level Champagne and from organically grown vineyards.</i> | | | |
| White | | | |
| Arboleda Chardonnay Aconcagua Costa 2021 (Chile) | 94 | 100 | |
| <i>Cool climate chard with influence from the Pacific with fresh and clean character.</i> | | | |
| Ata Rangi Sauvignon Blanc Martinborough Te Wa 2019 (New Zealand) | 94 | 120 | |
| <i>This producer is one of the best pinot noir makers, but its SB is equally terrific quality.</i> | | | |
| Nals Margreid Pinot Bianco Alto Adige Sirmian 2021 (Italy) | 93 | 130 | |
| <i>You can taste the mineral character in this excellent mountain white.</i> | | | |
| Feudo Maccari Grillo Terre Siciliane Family and Friends 2022 (Italy) | 95 | 130 | |
| <i>Grillo is minerally, spice white from Sicily with bright acidity and freshness.</i> | | | |
| Rippon Riesling Central Otago Lolo's 2019 (New Zealand) | 96 | 170 | |
| <i>Only made once, this single vineyard dry riesling is a treat to taste.</i> | | | |
| Pierre Boisson Bourgogne Blanc Murgey de Limozin 2018 (France) | 91 | 190 | |
| <i>More than simple blanc that will impress hard-to-please Burgundy lovers.</i> | | | |
| Hillick & Hobbs Riesling Seneca Lake Estate Vineyard Dry 2020 (New York) | 96 | 190 | |
| <i>Winemaker Paul Hobbs also makes this great dry riesling in New York state.</i> | | | |
| Rose | | | |
| Graci Etna Rosato 2021 (Italy) | 91 | 120 | |
| <i>This has all the volcanic influences of great reds from this fascinating region.</i> | | | |
| Château Giscours Bordeaux Le Rosé de Giscours 2022 (France) | 93 | 130 | |
| <i>Probably the best rosé from Bordeaux and still beautiful.</i> | | | |
| Raen Winery The Monarch Challenge Rose 2022 (California) | 93 | 150 | |
| <i>Special rosé from the Mondavi brothers to raise awareness of insect loss.</i> | | | |
| Red | | | |
| Jean Foillard Morgon Cote du Py 2021 (France) | 95 | 140 | |
| <i>Master winemaker and vineyardist of Beaujolais and from old vines.</i> | | | |
| Ochota Barrels Grenache McLaren Vale Fugazi Vineyard 2021 (Australia) | 96 | 150 | |
| <i>Fresh and elegant grenache with lots of character from spices to meat.</i> | | | |
| Domaine Mee Godard Morgon Côte du Py 2020 (France) | 96 | 160 | |
| <i>Another fantastic Bojo from Korean-born winemaker that you need to know.</i> | | | |
| Sato Gamay Central Otago Le Ferme de Sato Alyssum 2020 (New Zealand) | 97 | 290 | |
| <i>Husband and wife team from Japan do everything themselves from vine to bottle. Great.</i> | | | |

MEDIUM-BODIED AND CRUNCHY

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| White | | | |
| René Bouvier Bourgogne Aligoté Vieilles Vignes 2018 (France) | 92 | 120 | |
| <i>An aligoté with body and character more like top Merusault.</i> | | | |
| Famille Hugel Riesling Alsace Estate 2019 (France) | 94 | 140 | |
| <i>Long-time JS favorite in dry, fruity riesling highlights the diverse soils of Alsace.</i> | | | |
| Mark Haisma Saint-Romain Blanc 2019 (France) | 92 | 150 | |
| <i>Australian winemaker making top wines in Burgundy, especially in lesser-known appellations.</i> | | | |
| Brewer-Clifton Chardonnay Santa Rita Hills 2021 (California) | 94 | 160 | |
| <i>Cool climate chardy with minerally, crisp character from Greg Brewer.</i> | | | |
| Felton Road Chardonnay Central Otago Block 2 2021 (New Zealand) 1.5L | 94 | 190 | |
| <i>Old vine chardonnay from Wente Clone from benchmark wine producer. Body, soul.</i> | | | |
| Errázuriz Chardonnay Aconcagua Costa Las Pizarras 2020 (Chile) | 97 | 220 | |
| <i>Reference point in Chile for great chardonnay with complexity and polish.</i> | | | |
| Louis Latour Meursault 2020 (France) | 93 | 310 | |
| <i>Always outstanding Meursault that focuses on precision and purity.</i> | | | |

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| Red | | | |
| El Enemigo Bonarda Mendoza Single Vineyard Los Paraísos 2020 (Argentina) | 94 | 100 | |
| <i>Fresh and tangy red with lots of earth-driven character. Try it.</i> | | | |
| Littorai Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2018 (California) | 94 | 150 | |
| <i>Sold Sonoma Coast pinot from the master of the grape, Ted Lemon.</i> | | | |
| Mark Haisma Volnay 2019 (France) | 93 | 175 | |
| <i>James loves the wines of Mark Haisma for their precision and transparency.</i> | | | |
| Cantina Terlan Lagrein Alto Adige Porphyriserva 2016 (Italy) | 96 | 175 | |
| <i>Unique red with brightness, and minerality from mountain vineyards. No tannins.</i> | | | |
| Chacra Pinot Noir Patagonia Cincuenta y Cinco 2022 (Argentina) | 96 | 180 | |
| <i>Wonderful pinot from the middle of nowhere from vines planted in 1955. Biodynamic.</i> | | | |
| Rippon Pinot Noir Central Otago Rippon 2019 (New Zealand) | 98 | 180 | |
| <i>Another great pinot from biodynamic vineyards in one of the most beautiful places.</i> | | | |
| Feudo Maccari Nero d'Avola Terre Siciliane Vigna Sultana 2021 (Italy) | 96 | 180 | |
| <i>Fantastic single vineyard, old vine red from volcanic soils on the coast near Noto.</i> | | | |
| Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco 2019 (Italy) | 93 | 195 | |
| <i>Wonderful, balanced blend of great vineyards from the cooperative of the region.</i> | | | |
| Escarpment Pinot Noir Martinborough Kiwa 2018 (New Zealand) | 95 | 170 | |
| <i>This shows nice age in NZ pinot and from the vineyards of James and Marie Suckling.</i> | | | |
| Tasca d'Almerita Sicilia Contea di Sclafani Rosso del Conte 2016 (Italy) | 95 | 200 | |
| <i>Fresh and vibrant red from the volcanic slopes of Etna on Sicily.</i> | | | |
| Barone Ricasoli Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Ceniprimo 2019 (Italy) | 99 | 200 | |
| <i>New age Chianti Classico with terroir-driven taste and soul. Pure sangiovese.</i> | | | |
| Almaviva Puente Alto Epu 2019 (Chile) | 94 | 200 | |
| <i>Second wine of Almaviva shows early drinking and class in the Bordeaux blend.</i> | | | |
| Fanti Brunello di Montalcino Vallocchio 2013 (Italy) | 91 | 200 | |
| <i>Single vineyard Brunello from warm and very drinkable vintage.</i> | | | |
| Ata Rangi Pinot Noir Martinborough 2019 (New Zealand) | 98 | 210 | |
| <i>One of the best pinot producers in NZ and shows richness with elegance and class.</i> | | | |
| San Filippo Brunello di Montalcino Dei Comunalì 2017 (Italy) | 92 | 240 | |
| <i>Bruenllo showing richness with freshness in hot vintage.</i> | | | |
| Mullineux Syrah Swartland Granite 2017 (South Africa) | 95 | 250 | |
| <i>One of the best reds in South Africa and hard to find. James loves drinking this.</i> | | | |

RICH AND LAYERED

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| White | | | |
| El Enemigo Chardonnay Mendoza 2021 (Argentina) | 97 | 120 | |
| <i>One of the best values in top chardonnay in the world, and so irresistible.</i> | | | |
| Beringer Chardonnay Napa Valley Private Reserve 2021 (California) | 98 | 240 | |
| <i>Consistently sublime and rich chardonnay from Napa Valley. Rich yet fresh.</i> | | | |
| Red | | | |
| K Vintners Syrah Yakima Valley Motor City Kitty 2019 (Washington) | 98 | 190 | |
| <i>Rich yet fresh syrah with lots of character and deliciousness.</i> | | | |
| Hyde de Villaine Napa Valley Hyde Vineyard Belle Cousine 2016 (California) | 94 | 240 | |
| <i>HdV (part owner Aubert de Villaine of DRC) makes superb Bordeaux blend in Carneros.</i> | | | |
| Tommasi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2018 (Italy) | 94 | 220 | |
| <i>Excellent example of new wave Amarone focusing on freshness, and balance.</i> | | | |
| El Enemigo Cabernet Franc Mendoza Gran Enemigo Chacayes 2017 (Argentina) | 95 | 240 | |
| <i>This proves that it's not just great malbec in Argentina's Mendoza.</i> | | | |
| Xiao Ling Cizhong Sentiers de Xiao Ling 靄嶺之道 2019 (China) | 93 | 250 | |
| <i>Second wine of Xiao Ling is fresh, vivid cab and merlot blend. From Shangri-La.</i> | | | |
| Montepeloso Toscana Nardo 2020 (Italy) | 95 | 260 | |
| <i>Succulent blend of sangiovese, malvasia nera, and cabernet from the Tuscan coast.</i> | | | |
| Martin Ray Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Diamond Mountain 2017 (California) | 95 | 280 | |
| <i>This is mountain cabernet with lovely perfumes and pretty finesse.</i> | | | |
| Marqués de Riscal Rioja Barón de Chirel Reserva 2016 (Spain) | 94 | 300 | |
| <i>Beautiful, modern Rioja with freshness and balance from fine vintage.</i> | | | |
| Prats & Symington Douro Chryseia 2018 (Portugal) | 93 | 300 | |
| <i>One of the leaders in modern Douro table wines that never disappoints.</i> | | | |
| Petrolo Valdarno di Sopra Galatrona 2020 (Italy) | 97 | 310 | |
| <i>Benchmark in merlot from Tuscany with structure and balance.</i> | | | |
| Montes Carmenere Petit Verdot Valle de Colchagua Purple Angel 2017 (Chile) | 98 | 320 | |
| <i>Cult wine from Chile with a fruit-forward nature and vivid energy.</i> | | | |
| Vasse Felix Cabernet Sauvignon Margaret River Tom Cullity 2015 (Australia) | 96 | 290 | |
| <i>One of the best cabernets from the heart of Western Australia's mecca for wine.</i> | | | |
| Château Beychevelle St.-Julien 2018 (France) | 93 | 370 | |
| <i>Enjoy the upfront fruit of the 2018 vintage that's nicely framed with firm tannins.</i> | | | |
| Château Pontet-Canet Pauillac 2005 (France) | 95 | 390 | |
| <i>This is favorite vintage of JS, and Pontet-Canet delivers from its bio-dynamic vineyards.</i> | | | |
| SWEET | | | |
| Carmes de Rieussec Sauternes 2017 (France) 375ml | 93 | 110 | |
| <i>Second wine of Rieussec offers sweetness and brightness in a young vintage.</i> | | | |
| Donnafugata Passito di Pantelleria Ben Ryé 2019 (Italy) | 96 | 120 | |
| <i>Rich, sweet dessert wine from sun-dried raisins on tiny island in southern Italy.</i> | | | |
| Dow's Port 20 Years Old Tawny NV (Portugal) | 93 | 120 | |
| <i>Dried fruits, toffee, and wood tones make this aged tawny sweet joy.</i> | | | |
| Sauska Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos 2017 (Hungary) 500ml | 96 | 100 | |
| <i>Brilliant sweet Tokaji from one of the top names in Hungary.</i> | | | |

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