

WINE OF THE YEAR (100 POINTS)

Laurent-Perrier Champagne Grand Siècle N.26 NV (France) (Wine of Year 2023)
Magical blend of three vintages including the legendary 2008. Best Champagne ever?

BV Napa Valley Georges de Latour PR 2019 (California) (Wine of Year 2022)
Beaulieu Vineyard has made some of the greatest Napa Cabs ever. Here's another one.

Château Canon St.-Emilion 2015 (France) (Wine of Year 2018)
Canon 2015 is a modern legend and reminds James of the great 1955.

OTHER 100 POINTS

Catena Zapata Chardonnay Mendoza Adrianna Vineyard White Bones 2018 (Argentina)
This rich chardonnay competes with the best grand cru of Burgundy.

Mount Mary Yarra Valley Quintet 2019 (Australia) (No.4 Wine of Year 2021)
The balance, structure, and finesse of this Bordeaux blend mind-boggles.

Château Beauséjour Duffau-Lagarrosse St.-Emilion 2015 (France)
Everyone still talks about the greatness of 1990 from here, but this is better!

Tassi Brunello di Montalcino Franci Riserva 2015 (Italy)
This is one of the top Brunellos, crafted in the already legendary 2015 vintage.

FRESH AND CRISP

Champagne

Louis Roederer Champagne Collection 244 Brut NV Champagne (France)
Probably the best NV entry-level Champagne and from organically grown vineyards.

White

Arboleda Chardonnay Aconcagua Costa 2021 (Chile)
Cool climate chard with influence from the Pacific with fresh and clean character.

Nals Margreid Pinot Bianco Alto Adige Sirmian 2021 (Italy)
You can taste the mineral character in this excellent mountain white.

Feudo Maccari Grillo Terre Siciliane Family and Friends 2022 (Italy)
Grillo is a mineral, spicy white from Sicily with bright acidity and freshness.

Wegeler Riesling Rheingau Rothenberg GG 2017 (Germany)
Very cool and discreet riesling, yet already expressive and beautiful to drink now.

Müller-Catoir Riesling Pfalz Mussback Kabinett 2021 (Germany)
An expressive and harmonious Riesling from renowned family-run estate.

Hillick & Hobbs Riesling Seneca Lake Estate Vineyard Dry 2020 (New York)
Winemaker Paul Hobbs also makes this great dry riesling in New York state.

Rose

Graci Etna Rosato 2021 (Italy)
This has all the volcanic influences of great reds from this fascinating region.

Raen Winery The Monarch Challenge Rose 2022 (California)
Special rosé from the Mondavi brothers to raise awareness of insect loss.

Red

Ochota Barrels Grenache McLaren Vale Fugazi Vineyard 2021 (Australia)
Fresh and elegant grenache with lots of character from spices to meat.

Frank Cornelissen Munjebel Rosso 2020 (Italy)
A top-notch Nerello Mascelese from one of the best natural wine producers in Sicily.

Domaine Mee Godard Morgon Côte du Py 2020 (France)
Another fantastic Bojo from Korean-born winemaker that you need to know.

Sato Gamay Central Otago Le Ferme de Sato Alyssum 2020 (New Zealand)
Husband and wife team from Japan do everything themselves from vine to bottle. Great.

MEDIUM-BODIED AND CRUNCHY

White

Kumeu River Chardonnay Kumeu Estate 2022 (New Zealand) 1.5L
This flavourful chardonnay is medium-bodied and elegant, yet with a firm phenolic backbone

René Bouvier Bourgogne Aligoté Vieilles Vignes 2018 (France)
An aligoté with body and character more like top Merusault.

Famille Hugel Riesling Alsace Estate 2019 (France)
Long-time JS favorite dry, fruity riesling that highlights the diverse soils of Alsace.

Mark Haisma Saint-Romain Blanc 2019 (France)
Australian winemaker making top wines in Burgundy, especially in lesser-known appellations.

Schäfer-Fröhlich Riesling Nahe Felseneck Kabinett 2021 (Germany)
A vibrant Riesling with lively acidity and a bouquet of citrus and stone fruits.

Brewer-Clifton Chardonnay Santa Rita Hills 2021 (California)
Cool climate chardy with mineral, crisp character from Greg Brewer.

Felton Road Chardonnay Central Otago Block 2 2021 (New Zealand) 1.5L
Old vine chardonnay from Wente Clone from benchmark wine producer. Body, soul.

Errázuriz Chardonnay Aconcagua Costa Las Pizarras 2020 (Chile)
Reference point in Chile for great chardonnay with complexity and polish.

Louis Latour Meursault 2020 (France)
Always outstanding Meursault that focuses on precision and purity.

Orange

Domaine Marcel Deiss Alsace Le Jeu des Verts 1er Cru 2022 (France)
An orange wine offering a unique tapestry of aromatic complexity and textured minerality.

	Glass	Score	Glass
Red	125ml		125ml
390	Rocca delle Macie Chianti Classico Famiglia Zingarelli Riserva 2019 (Italy)	92	160
	<i>A classic Chianti Classico Riserva with a rich tapestry of cherry, leather, and oak.</i>		
360	Trivento Mendoza Maximum Red Blend Reserve 2020 (Argentina)	92	110
	<i>A robust fruit-forward and spicy red from a well-know producer in Mendoza.</i>		
845	Château Marsau Francs Côtes de Bordeaux 2017 (France)	93	140
	<i>A highly regarded, Merlot-driven red from the appellation that is gaining recognition.</i>		
	Glass		
	125ml		
400	Flechas de Los Andes Malbec Mendoza Gran Malbec 2017 (Argentina)	93	130
	<i>A vibrant Malbec from Mendoza, with bright acidity and a balanced, juicy palate.</i>		
	390	Volpaia Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Il Puro Casanova 2019 (Italy)	95
	<i>A complex and structured red, layered with red cherries, dried herbs, and citrus peels.</i>		
	610	Littorai Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2017 (California)	95
	<i>Solid Sonoma Coast pinot from the master of the grape, Ted Lemon.</i>		
	610	Cantina Terlan Lagrein Alto Adige Porphyris Riserva 2019 (Italy)	97
	<i>Unique red with brightness, and minerality from mountain vineyards. No tannins.</i>		
	690	Rippon Pinot Noir Central Otago Rippon 2020 (New Zealand)	98
	<i>Another great pinot from biodynamic vineyards in one of the most beautiful places.</i>		
		Château Bellefont-Belcier St.-Emilion 2020 (France)	97
		<i>A fantastic Right Bank red—subtle and complex. Still youthful but with impressive drinkability.</i>	
	94	180	96
		Feudo Maccari Nero d'Avola Terre Siciliane Vigna Sultana 2021 (Italy)	120
	<i>Fantastic single vineyard, old vine red from volcanic soils on the coast near Noto.</i>		
		Tasca d'Almerita Sicilia Contea di Sclafani Rosso del Conte 2016 (Italy)	95
	<i>Fresh and vibrant red from the volcanic slopes of Etna in Sicily.</i>		
		Ata Rangi Pinot Noir Martinborough 2020 (New Zealand)	98
	<i>From one of the best pinot producers in NZ, it shows richness with elegance and class.</i>		

RICH AND LAYERED

White

El Enemigo Chardonnay Mendoza 2020 (Argentina)
Creamy and round chardonnay, with delicious fruit and toasted-pastry undertones.

Red

Achaval Ferrer Cabernet Franc Mendoza 2019 (Argentina)
An attractive New World Cabernet Franc from a highly regarded Mendoza winery.

Numanthia Toro N 2016 (Spain)
A rich Torro red that is plush, layered and polished.

Giusti Montello Superiore Tenuta Abazia Umberto I 2019 (Italy)
A bold and structured Italian red, showcasing the intensity of the Montello terroir.

K Vintners Syrah Yakima Valley Motor City Kitty 2019 (Washington)
Rich yet fresh syrah with lots of character and deliciousness.

Baron Philippe de Rothschild Chile Valle de Maipo Baronesa P. 2019 (Chile)
A powerful, full-bodied red from Chile, with layered texture and firm tannic backbone.

Tenuta Santa Maria alla Pieve Amarone della Valpolicella Riserva 2015 (Italy)
A rich and balanced Amarone, with notes of spices, dried berries, sandalwood, and cedar.

Riccitelli Malbec Cabernet Franc Mendoza Riccitelli & Father 2019 (Argentina)
Bold and complex red blend with vibrant fruit flavors and elegant spice notes.

Xiao Ling Cizhong Sentiers de Xiao Ling 霁岭之道 2019 (China)
Second wine of Xiao Ling is fresh, vivid cab and merlot blend. From Shangri-La.

Martin Ray Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Diamond Mountain 2017 (California)
This is mountain cabernet with lovely perfumes and pretty finesse.

Montes Carmenera Valle de Colchagua Kepuche 2021 (Chile)
A rich and layered carmenere that goes deep on cassis, chocolate and roasted red peppers.

Château L'If St.-Emillion 2012 (France)
A combination of both power and elegance. From the owners of Le Pin.

Château Pontet-Canet Pauillac 2005 (France)
A favourite vintage of JS, and Pontet-Canet delivers from its bio-dynamic vineyards.

SWEET

Carmes de Rieussec Sauternes 2017 (France) 375ml
Second wine of Rieussec offers sweetness and brightness in a young vintage.

Donnafugata Passito di Pantelleria Ben Ryé 2019 (Italy)
Rich, sweet dessert wine from sun-dried raisins on a tiny island in southern Italy.

Dow's Port 20 Years Old Tawny NV (Portugal)
Dried fruits, toffee, and wood tones make this aged tawny sweet joy.



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