

WINE ENTHUSIAST



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The ENTHUSIAST 100

The Enthusiast 100 list covers all five major categories of wine: sparkling wines, red and white table wines, fortified wines and dessert wines. Price and value are important criteria for even the best wines—the average price of a wine in The Enthusiast 100 is just under \$46 per bottle.

RANK/RATING

- 1 **96** Viñedos de Paganos 2004 El Puntido (Rioja) Spain; \$57.
- 2 **97** Lancaster 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon (Alexander Valley) California; \$65.
- 3 **95** Chateau St. Jean 2004 Reserve Chardonnay (Sonoma County) California; \$45.
- 4 **93** Glen Eldon 2004 Dry Bore Shiraz (Barossa) Australia; \$27.
- 5 **95** Bertani 1998 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico (Italy); \$70.
- 6 **95** Domaine des Baumard 2005 Clos du Papillon (Savennières) France; \$39.
- 7 **96** Hartford Court 2005 Land's Edge Vineyards Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast) California; \$45.
- 8 **92** Viu Manent 2005 Single Vineyard San Carlos Estate Malbec (Colchagua Valley) Chile; \$22.
- 9 **95** Mount Eden 2003 Estate Bottled Chardonnay (Santa Cruz Mountains) California; \$38.
- 10 **93** Dr. Loosen 2005 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese (Mosel-Saar-Ruwer) Germany; \$30.
- 11 **93** Fife 2004 L'Attitude 39 (Mendocino) California; \$18.
- 12 **95** Robert Mondavi 2005 To Kalon Vineyard Reserve Fumé Blanc (Oakville) California; \$35.

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- 13 **93** Pirathon 2005 Shiraz (Barossa Valley) Australia; \$30.
- 14 **94** DeLille Cellars 2005 Chaleur Estate Blanc (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$33.
- 15 **95** Ken Wright 2005 Abbott Claim Pinot Noir (Yamhill-Carlton District) Oregon; \$50.
- 16 **94** Melville 2005 Clone 76 Inox Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills) California; \$30.
- 17 **94** Descendientes de J. Palacios 2004 Villa de Corullon (Bierzo) Spain; \$50.
- 18 **92** Domaine Famille Lignères 2003 Aric (Corbières) France; \$20.
- 19 **93** Poet's Leap 2005 Riesling (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$20.
- 20 **94** Joseph Swan Vineyards 2003 Lone Redwood Ranch Zinfandel (Russian River Valley) California; \$25.
- 21 **94** Pierre Gimmonet et Fils 1999 Premier Cru Special Club Brut (Champagne) France; \$38.
- 22 **94** Kilikanoon 2004 Testament Shiraz (Barossa Valley) Australia; \$40.
- 23 **92** Bonny Doon 2004 Le Cigare Blanc (California); \$20.
- 24 **91** Dos Victorias 2006 José Pariente Verdejo (Rueda) Spain; \$17.
- 25 **93** Warre's 1995 Traditional Late Bottled Vintage Port (Portugal); \$26.
- 26 **98** W.H. Smith 2005 Maritime Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast) California; \$52.
- 27 **93** Yangarra Estate Vineyard 2005 Single Vineyard Shiraz (McLaren Vale) Australia; \$20.

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- 28 **93** Eaglepoint Ranch 2005 Petite Sirah (Mendocino County) California; \$26.
- 29 **93** Bodegas Dios Baco S.L. NV Amontillado (Jerez) Spain; \$20.
- 30 **93** Sebastiani 2004 Secolo Red Wine (Sonoma County) California; \$30.
- 31 **92** Bodegas Fuentespina 2001 Reserva (Ribera del Duero) Spain; \$21.
- 32 **94** Joh. Jos. Prüm 2005 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese (Mosel-Saar-Ruwer) Germany; \$38.
- 33 **94** Schramsberg 2003 Blanc de Blancs (North Coast) California; \$35.
- 34 **92** Shingleback 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon (McLaren Vale) Australia; \$22.
- 35 **96** Marimar Estate 2005 Doña Margarita Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast) California; \$45.
- 36 **92** Fonseca 2001 Unfiltered Late Bottled Vintage Port (Portugal); \$22.
- 37 **97** Cayuse 2003 Armada Syrah (Walla Walla) Washington; \$65.
- 38 **92** Domaine Vacheron 2005 Les Romains (Sancerre) France; \$27.
- 39 **92** Villa Maria 2006 Clifford Bay Reserve Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough) New Zealand; \$27.
- 40 **92** De Loach 2006 O.F.S. Sauvignon Blanc (Russian River Valley) California; \$22.
- 41 **94** St. Urbans-Hof 2005 Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Auslese (Mosel-Saar-Ruwer) Germany; \$40.
- 42 **93** Domaine Chandon NV Pinot Noir Brut (Napa-Sonoma) California; \$30.

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- 43 **95** Cadence 2004 Camerata Cabernet Sauvignon (Red Mountain) Washington; \$50.
- 44 **93** Il Borro 2004 Il Borro (Toscana) Italy; \$36.
- 45 **93** Dry Creek Vineyard 2004 Somers Ranch Zinfandel (Dry Creek Valley) California; \$30.
- 46 **91** Finca Luzón 2004 Altos de Luzón (Jumilla) Spain; \$16.
- 47 **93** Domaine de la Terre Rouge 2004 Sentinel Oak Vineyard Pyramid Block Syrah (Shenandoah Valley) California; \$35.
- 48 **95** Baldacci 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon (Stags Leap District) California; \$55.
- 49 **94** Beauregard 2004 Beauregard Ranch Vineyard Zinfandel (Ben Lomond Mountain) California; \$45.
- 50 **92** Louis Roederer NV Brut Premier (Champagne) France; \$35.
- 51 **98** Coup de Foudre 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) California; \$75.
- 52 **95** Gloria Ferrer 1997 Carneros Cuvée (Carneros) California; \$50.
- 53 **97** Domaine des Lambrays 2004 Clos de Lambrays (France); \$110.
- 54 **96** Laetitia 2005 Les Galets Pinot Noir (Arroyo Grande Valley) California; \$60.
- 55 **93** Musella 2003 Amarone della Valpolicella (Italy); \$37.
- 56 **92** Rolf Binder 2005 Heinrich Shiraz-Mataro-Grenache (Barossa Valley) Australia; \$28.
- 57 **92** Quinta do Portal 2003 Grande Reserva (Douro) Portugal; \$29.
- 58 **97** Beringer 2003 Nightingale Sémillon-Sauvignon Blanc (Napa Valley) California; \$40.
- 59 **91** Palliser Estate 2006 Sauvignon Blanc (Martinborough) New Zealand; \$19.
- 60 **91** Elk Cove 2006 Pinot Gris (Willamette Valley) Oregon; \$19.
- 61 **93** Falesco 2004 Montiano Merlot (Lazio) Italy; \$40.

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- 62 **92** Yalumba 2005 Hand Picked Tricentenary Vines Grenache (Barossa) Australia; \$30.
- 63 **95** Leonetti Cellar 2005 Merlot (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$65.
- 64 **92** Capaia 2005 Capaia (Philadelphia) South Africa; \$42.
- 65 **91** Chateau Ste. Michelle 2005 Canoe Ridge Estate Chardonnay (Horse Heaven Hills) Washington; \$20.
- 66 **93** Justin 2004 Justification (Paso Robles) California; \$42.
- 67 **94** Quinta do Vale Meão 2004 Douro (Portugal); \$57.
- 68 **95** Penfolds NV Great Grandfather Rare Old Liqueur Tawny (Barossa Valley) Australia; \$70.
- 69 **92** Hans Wirsching 2005 Iphöfer Kronsberg Riesling Spätlese Trocken (Franken) Germany; \$33.
- 70 **96** Vall Llach 2004 Priorat (Spain); \$85.
- 71 **92** Gesellmann 2004 Op Eximium Cuvée 17 (Burgenland) Austria; \$34.
- 72 **92** Elena Walch 2004 Castel Ringberg Riserva Chardonnay (Alto Adige) Italy; \$34.
- 73 **92** Torbreck 2005 The Steding (Barossa Valley) Australia; \$35.
- 74 **92** Bressan 2004 Pinot Grigio (Venezia Giulia) Italy; \$35.
- 75 **94** Alphonse Mellot 2002 Edmond (Sancerre) France; \$61.
- 76 **95** Ostatu 2003 Gloria de Ostatu (Rioja) Spain; \$75.
- 77 **93** Renacer 2003 Renacer R Malbec (Perdriel) Argentina; \$48.
- 78 **91** Casa Lapostolle 2005 Cuvée Alexandre Apalta Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Colchagua Valley) Chile; \$23.
- 79 **93** Domaine Anne Gros 2004 La Combe d'Orveau Premier Cru (Chambolle-Musigny) France; \$60.
- 80 **93** Masciarelli 2004 Marina Cvetic (Trebiano d'Abruzzo) Italy; \$50.

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- 81 **93** Dominio de Tares 2004 Bembibre (Bierzo) Spain; \$50.
- 82 **94** Bodega Norton 2003 Perdriel Single Vineyard (Mendoza) Chile; \$64.
- 83 **92** Charles Joguet 2004 Clos du Chêne Vert (Chinon) France; \$37.
- 84 **93** Alain Voge 2004 Fleur du Crussol (Saint-Péray) France; \$52.
- 85 **95** Joseph Drouhin 2004 Clos de la Roche (France); \$112.
- 86 **91** Concha y Toro 2006 Terrunyo Sauvignon Blanc (Casablanca Valley) Chile; \$25.
- 87 **91** Glen Carlou 2003 Grand Classique Meritage (Paarl) South Africa; \$20.
- 88 **93** Cesari 2001 Il Bosco (Amarone della Valpolicella) Italy; \$65.
- 89 **98** R.L. Buller & Son NV Calliope Rare Muscat (Rutherglen) Australia; \$86/375 ml.
- 90 **91** Salomon-Undhof 2006 Lindberg Reserve Grüner Veltliner (Kremstal) Austria; \$34.
- 91 **95** Louis Jadot 2004 Corton Charlemagne (France); \$113.
- 92 **91** Domaine Courbis 2005 Les Royes (Saint-Joseph) France; \$40.
- 93 **92** Bernard Magrez 2003 La Bienvenida Malbec (Mendoza) Argentina; \$39.
- 94 **92** Peregrine 2006 Pinot Noir (Central Otago) New Zealand; \$42.
- 95 **90** Brotte 2005 Domaine Grosset Cairanne (Côtes-du-Rhône Villages) France; \$20.
- 96 **94** Domaine de la Vougeraie 2005 Bonnes-Mares (France); \$110.
- 97 **95** Beaulieu Vineyard 2004 Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) California; \$95.
- 98 **92** Gianni Brunelli 2003 Amor Costante (Toscana) Italy; \$65.
- 99 **94** Abraham Perold 1998 Shiraz (Paarl) South Africa; \$155.
- 100 **94** Hugel 2005 Sélection de Grains Nobles Gewürztraminer (Alsace) France; \$210. 

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TOP 100 BEST BUYS OF 2007

The Top 100 Best Buys of 2007 constitute the best of the Best Buys, with wine ratings of 85 points or higher and suggested retail prices of \$15 or below

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- 1 **91** Pascual Toso 2006 Maipú Vineyards Malbec (Mendoza) Argentina; \$12.
- 2 **91** Snoqualmie 2006 Winemaker's Select Riesling (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$8.
- 3 **88** Dão Sul 2005 Berço do Infante (Estremadura) Portugal; \$7.
- 4 **88** Pepperwood Grove 2005 Chardonnay (California); \$8.
- 5 **88** TerraNoble 2005 Vineyard Selection Carmenère (Colchagua Valley) Chile; \$8.
- 6 **88** Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi 2005 Sauvignon Blanc (California); \$6.
- 7 **87** Viña Borgia 2005 Campo de Borja (Spain); \$5.
- 8 **90** Winery of Good Hope 2006 Chenin Blanc (Helderberg) South Africa; \$9.
- 9 **89** Conquista de Argentina 2005 Malbec (Mendoza) Argentina; \$9.
- 10 **87** Pine & Post 2005 Chardonnay (Washington); \$6.
- 11 **89** Cycles Gladiator 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon (Central Coast) California; \$10.
- 12 **90** Pedro Escudero 2006 Valdelainos Verdejo (Rueda) Spain; \$11.
- 13 **90** Montes 2005 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Colchagua Valley) Chile; \$12.
- 14 **90** Barnard Griffin 2005 Fumé Blanc (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$9.

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- 15 **88** Sebeka 2006 Cape Blend Shiraz-Pinotage (Western Cape) South Africa; \$9.
- 16 **88** Covey Run 2005 Quail Series Chenin Blanc (Columbia Valley); Washington \$8.
- 17 **90** Chakana 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon (Mendoza) Argentina; \$11.
- 18 **88** 39° 2006 Sauvignon Blanc (Lake County) California; \$9.
- 19 **90** Taurino 2001 Riserva (Salice Salentino) Italy; \$12.
- 20 **88** Concha y Toro 2005 Casillero del Diablo Chardonnay (Casablanca Valley) Chile; \$9.
- 21 **90** Leaping Lizard 2004 Zinfandel (Sonoma County) California; \$12.
- 22 **89** Mas de Monistrol NV MPX Brut Rosé (Cava) Spain; \$11.
- 22 **89** Terra Buena 2004 Tempranillo (Mendoza) Argentina; \$9.
- 24 **90** Bonair 2005 Dry Gewürztraminer (Yakima Valley) Washington; \$9.
- 25 **89** Château de Gaudou 2003 Cahors (France); \$9.
- 26 **90** Casa Castillo 2005 Monastrell (Jumilla) Spain; \$11.
- 27 **90** Renacer 2006 Punto Final Malbec (Perdriel) Argentina; \$11.
- 28 **89** Château de Montguéret 2003 Le Petit Saint Louis (Coteaux du Layon) France; \$10.
- 29 **89** Durigutti 2004 Bonarda (Mendoza) Argentina; \$10.
- 30 **87** Coto de Hayas 2005 Tinto Garnacha (Campo de Borja) Spain; \$8.

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- 31 **90** Septima 2006 Malbec (Mendoza) Argentina; \$12.
- 32 **91** Alma de los Andes 2004 Reserva Malbec (Mendoza) Argentina; \$14.
- 33 **87** Veramonte 2006 Reserva Chardonnay (Casablanca Valley) Chile; \$10.
- 34 **88** Les Jamelles 2005 Pinot Noir (Vin de Pays d'Oc) France; \$9.
- 35 **88** Santa Alicia 2005 Reserve Shiraz (Maipo Valley) Chile; \$9.
- 36 **91** J. & F. Lurton 2004 Château des Erles (Fitou) France; \$15.
- 37 **91** Leasingham 2005 Bin 7 Riesling (Clare Valley) Australia; \$15.
- 38 **89** Stevenot 2006 Persuasion (California); \$11.
- 39 **90** Gaba do Xil 2005 Godello (Valdeorras) Spain; \$13.
- 40 **90** Gordon Brothers 2006 Sauvignon Blanc (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$13.
- 41 **90** 2 Up 2005 Shiraz (South Australia) Australia; \$14.
- 42 **90** Tangent 2006 Paragon Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc (Edna Valley) California; \$13.
- 43 **90** Tin Roof 2005 Merlot (California); \$13.
- 44 **89** Caliterra 2005 Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon (Colchagua Valley) Chile; \$11.
- 45 **91** J. Bookwalter 2006 Riesling (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$15.
- 46 **89** Peter Nicolay 2005 Estate Riesling (Mosel-Saar-Ruwer) Germany; \$14.

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- 47 **89** Santa Rita 2005 Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon (Maipo Valley) Chile; \$11.
- 48 **91** Two Angels 2006 Sauvignon Blanc (High Valley) California; \$15.
- 49 **87** Beau Joubert 2005 Oak Lane Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon (Stellenbosch) South Africa; \$8.
- 50 **86** Dominio de Eguren 2004 Protocolo Tinto (Vino de la Tierra de Castilla) Spain; \$6.
- 51 **87** Calina 2005 Reserva Merlot (Maule Valley) Chile; \$8.
- 52 **88** Dancing Coyote 2005 Albariño (Clarksburg) California; \$10.
- 53 **88** Maryhill 2005 Winemaker's Blend (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$10.
- 54 **87** Columbia Crest 2004 Two Vines Shiraz (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$8.
- 55 **87** Caves Aliança 2005 Aliança Reserva (Dão) Portugal; \$8.
- 56 **90** Simon Hackett 2005 Old Vine Grenache (McLaren Vale) Australia; \$15.
- 57 **87** Estampa 2006 Viognier-Chardonnay (Colchagua Valley) Chile; \$8.
- 58 **88** Stormhoek 2005 Pinotage (Western Cape) South Africa; \$10.
- 59 **88** Tenute Rubino 2005 Marmorelle (Salento) Italy; \$10.
- 60 **90** Pure Love Wines 2005 Layer Cake Shiraz (Barossa Valley) Australia; \$15.
- 61 **89** Roodeberg 2003 Red Blend (Western Cape) South Africa; \$12.
- 62 **90** Epiphany 2006 Grenache Rosé (Santa Barbara County) California; \$14.
- 63 **89** Los Vascos 2006 Sauvignon Blanc (Casablanca Valley) Chile; \$12.
- 64 **90** Vinos Valtuille 2005 Pago de Valdoneje (Bierzo) Spain; \$14.
- 65 **89** Buitenverwachting 2005 Beyond Sauvignon Blanc (Coastal Region) South Africa; \$12.

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- 66 **89** House of Nobilo 2006 Regional Collection Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough) New Zealand; \$12.
- 67 **90** Rocky Gully 2005 Riesling (Frankland River) Australia; \$14.
- 68 **89** Matua Valley 2006 Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough) New Zealand; \$12.
- 69 **89** Porcupine Ridge 2004 Syrah (Coastal Region) South Africa; \$12.
- 70 **90** Luna Beberide 2006 Mencía (Bierzo) Spain; \$13.
- 71 **88** Rotari NV Arte Italiana (Trento) Italy; \$12.
- 72 **90** Condes de Albarei 2006 Albariño (Rías Baixas) Spain; \$15.
- 73 **85** Cantina Gallura 2005 Karana (Sardinia) Italy; \$5.
- 74 **88** Mandolin 2005 Riesling (Monterey) California; \$10.
- 75 **90** Final Cut 2005 Shiraz (McLaren Vale) Australia; \$15.
- 76 **90** Hugel 2004 Cuvée les Amours Pinot Blanc (Alsace) France; \$15.
- 77 **89** Chateau Ste. Michelle 2006 Pinot Gris (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$13.
- 78 **90** Jacob's Creek 2006 Reserve Riesling (South Australia) Australia; \$15.
- 79 **90** Pothana Vineyards 2004 Big Mouth Red (New South Wales) Australia; \$15.
- 80 **88** Viña Mayor 2005 Tinto Roble (Ribera del Duero) Spain; \$10.
- 81 **90** Duca di Salaparuta 2003 Vajasi di Lávico (Etna) Italy; \$15.
- 82 **87** Ironberry 2005 Cabernet-Shiraz-Merlot (Western Australia) Australia; \$9.
- 83 **90** Ironstone 2005 Reserve Chardonnay (Calaveras County) California; \$15.
- 84 **86** Marqués de Cáceres 2006 Viura (Rioja) Spain; \$7.

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- 85 **88** Luigi Bosca 2006 Finca La Linda Viognier (Mendoza) Argentina; \$11.
- 86 **87** Feudo Arancio 2006 Chardonnay (Sicilia) Italy; \$9.
- 87 **90** Val de Los Frailes 2003 Vendimia Seleccionada (Cigales) Spain; \$15.
- 88 **87** Mezzacorona 2006 Pinot Grigio (Vigneti delle Dolomiti) Italy; \$9.
- 89 **87** Joseph Mellot 2006 Sincérité Sauvignon Blanc (Vin de Pays du Jardin de la France) France; \$10.
- 90 **89** Josef Ehmoser 2006 Von den Terrassen Grüner Veltliner (Donauland) Austria; \$14.
- 91 **86** Twisted Chard 2005 New Vine Chardonnay (California); \$8.
- 92 **87** Conti Zecca 2004 Cantalupi Negramaro (Salento) Italy; \$10.
- 93 **88** Louis Guntrum 2006 Dry Riesling (Rheinhessen) Germany; \$12.
- 94 **90** Alois Lageder 2003 Merlot (Alto Adige) Italy; \$15.
- 95 **88** Tenuta Oliveto 2005 Il Leccio (Toscana) Italy; \$12.
- 96 **89** Umani Ronchi 2003 San Lorenzo (Rosso Conero) Italy; \$14.
- 97 **87** Osborne 2005 Solaz Merlot-Tempranillo (Vino de la Tierra de Castilla) Spain; \$9.
- 98 **87** Freixenet NV Cordon Negro Extra Dry (Cava) Spain; \$10.
- 99 **87** Dr. Pauly Bergweiler 2005 Noble House Riesling (Mosel-Saar-Ruwer) Germany; \$10.
- 100 **91** LaVelle 2006 Estate Riesling (Willamette Valley) Oregon; \$15. **W**

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TOP 50 CELLAR SELECTIONS OF 2007

Cellar Selections are wines deemed highly collectible and/or requiring time in a temperature-controlled wine cellar to reach their maximum potential.

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- 1 **97** Domaine Jamet 2003 Côte Rôtie (France); \$96.
- 2 **95** Caymus 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) California; \$70.
- 3 **96** J.L. Chave 2004 Hermitage (France); \$98.
- 4 **95** Jacquesson et Fils 1997 Avize Grand Cru Extra Brut (Champagne) France; \$90.
- 5 **94** Betz Family Winery 2004 La Cote Rousse Syrah (Red Mountain) Washington; \$45.
- 6 **96** Bründlmayer 2006 Zöbinger Heiligenstein Alte Reben Riesling (Kamptal) Austria; \$62.
- 7 **95** Elderton 2004 Command Shiraz (Barossa) Australia; \$83.
- 8 **94** Sbragia 2003 Monte Rosso Cabernet Sauvignon (Sonoma Valley) California; \$50.
- 9 **94** Duval-Leroy 1996 Brut (Champagne) France; \$50.
- 10 **94** Roederer Estate 2000 L'Ermitage (Anderson Valley) California; \$45.
- 11 **94** Brewer-Clifton 2005 Mt. Carmel Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) California; \$60.
- 12 **96** John Duval Wines 2005 "Reserve" Shiraz (Barossa Valley) Australia; \$NA.
- 13 **93** Roquette e Cazes 2003 Xisto (Douro) Portugal; \$56.
- 14 **95** Rochioli 2005 East Block Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley) California; \$90.
- 15 **95** Sineann 2005 Block One Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Columbia Valley) Washington; \$NA.
- 16 **95** Masciarelli 2001 Villa Gemma (Montepulciano d'Abruzzo) Italy; \$90.

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- 17 **96** Feiler-Artinger 2004 Ruster Ausbruch Essenz (Neusiedlersee-Hügelland) Austria; \$58/375 ml. **18** **94** Mount Veeder 2003 Reserve Red Wine (Napa Valley) California; \$80.
- 19 **94** Auguste et Pierre-Marie Clape 2003 Cornas (France); \$82.
- 20 **95** Telmo Rodríguez 2004 Altos de Lanzaga (Rioja) Spain; \$105.
- 21 **95** LeSalette 2003 Pergole Vece (Amarone della Valpolicella Classico) Italy; \$118.
- 22 **94** Giaconda 2004 Warner Vineyard Shiraz (Victoria) Australia; \$100.
- 23 **93** Château de Fesles 2005 (Bonnezeaux) France; \$41/375 ml.
- 24 **96** Louis Jadot 2004 Chambertin Clos de Bèze (France); \$152.
- 25 **97** Kracher 2004 Zwischen den Seen Trockenbeerenauslese Nummer 10 Scheurebe (Neusiedlersee) Austria; \$90.
- 26 **96** M. Chapoutier 2004 De L'Orée (Hermitage) France; \$160.
- 27 **98** Torbreck 2004 RunRig (Barossa Valley) Australia; \$220.
- 28 **96** Joseph Phelps 2003 Insignia (Napa Valley) California; \$165.
- 29 **95** Marc Sorrel 2004 Les Rocoules (Hermitage) France; \$140.
- 30 **95** Sierra Cantabria 2004 Finca El Bosque (Rioja) Spain; \$145.
- 31 **94** Yalumba 2004 The Octavius Shiraz (Barossa) Australia; \$NA.
- 32 **94** Pride Mountain 2003 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa-Sonoma) California; \$120.
- 33 **95** Domaine Drouhin-Laroze 2004 Clos Vougeot (France); \$149.
- 34 **94** Delas Frères 2005 Les Bessards (Hermitage) France; \$128.

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- 35 **97** Penfolds 2004 Block 42 Kalimna Cabernet Sauvignon (Barossa Valley) Australia; \$225.
- 36 **95** Artadi 2004 Pagos Viejos (Rioja) Spain; \$95.
- 37 **94** Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2004 Pessac-Léognan (France); \$140.
- 38 **97** Taylor Fladgate 2004 Vargellas Vinhas Velhas Vintage Port (Portugal); \$240.
- 39 **95** Vineyard 29 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon (St. Helena) California; \$195.
- 40 **98** Harlan Estate 2004 Red Wine (Napa Valley) California; \$350.
- 41 **95** Joseph Drouhin 2004 Musigny (France); \$242.
- 42 **99** E. Guigal 2003 La Landonne (Côte Rôtie) France; \$450.
- 43 **96** Dr. H. Thanisch (Erben Müller-Burggraef) 2006 Berncasteler Doctor Riesling Beerenauslese Goldkap (Mosel-Saar-Ruwer) Germany; \$160/375 ml.
- 44 **95** Tua Rita 2004 Redigaffi (Toscana) Italy; \$275.
- 45 **95** Maximin Grünhäuser 2005 Abtberg Riesling Beerenauslese (Mosel-Saar-Ruwer) Germany; \$177/375 ml.
- 46 **95** Domaine Jean Grivot 2004 Richebourg (France); \$375.
- 47 **96** Henschke 2002 Hill of Grace Vineyard Shiraz (Eden Valley) Australia; \$550.
- 48 **97** Schloss Johannisberger 2006 Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Goldlack (Rheingau) Germany; \$486/375 ml.
- 49 **97** Château Pétrus 2004 Pomerol (France); \$1,000.
- 50 **96** Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 2004 La Tâche (France); \$1,200. 

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TOP 50 SPIRITS OF 2007

According to Paul Pacult, Wine Enthusiast's Spirits Tasting Director, the Top 50 Spirits of 2007 represent "the very best of what I sampled, falling into the Superb or Classic rating categories...and cited for their inherent splendor and brilliance."

COGNAC

CLASSIC (96-100)/
HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

Le Réviseur XO Fine Petite Champagne Single Estate Cognac (France; North American Beverage Group, Clarkston, MI); 40% abv, \$50.

Richard Hennessy Cognac (France; Moët Hennessy USA, New York, NY); 40% abv, \$1,800.

SUPERB (90-95)/
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Louis XIII de Remy Martin Grande Champagne Cognac (France; Remy Cointreau USA, New York, NY); 40% abv, \$1,500.

ARMAGNAC

CLASSIC (96-100)/
HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

Francis Darroze 1988 Domaine du Martin Bas Armagnac (France; Preiss Imports, Ramona, CA); 50.4% abv, \$117.

Marcel Trépout 1925 80-Year-Old Armagnac (France; North American Beverage Group, Clarkston, MI); 40% abv, \$833.

SUPERB (90-95)/
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Château de Briat 1986 Baron de Pichon-Longueville Bas Armagnac (France; Charles Neal Selections, Richmond, CA); 46% abv, \$110.

Gélas 20-Year-Old Bas Armagnac (France; Serge Doré Selections, Ltd., Chappaqua, NY); 40% abv, \$75.

ALVADOS/NORMANDY APPLE BRANDY

SUPERB (90-95)/
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Christian Drouin Blanche de Normandie Normandy Apple Brandy (France; Preiss Imports, Ramona, CA); 40% abv, \$43.

Comte Louis de Lauriston 40-Year-Old Calvados Domfrontais (France; A. Hardy USA, Des Plaines, IL); 42% abv, \$300.

GRAPPA

CLASSIC (96-100)/
HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

Bocchino 10 Year Old Grappa Riserva della Cantina Privata (Italy; Bedford International, Larchmont, NY); 45% abv, \$115/375 ml.

SCOTCH WHISKY

CLASSIC (96-100)/
HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

Auchentoshan 18-Year-Old Limited Edition Oloroso Sherry Matured Lowlands Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland; White Rock Distilleries, Inc., Lewiston, ME); 55.8% abv, \$1,000.

Jura Twenty-One 21-Year-Old Isle of Jura Single Malt Whisky (Scotland; Gemini Spirits & Wine Co.) Loomis, CA); 43% abv, \$129.

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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Duncan Taylor Auld Blend 38-Year-Old Blended Malt Whisky (Scotland; Preiss Imports, Ramona, CA); 40% abv, \$181.

Gordon Graham's Black Bottle Blended Scotch Whisky (Scotland; International Beverage Company Inc.); 43% abv, \$39.

Laphroaig Cask Strength 10 Year Old Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Scotland; Beam Global Spirits & Wine, Deerfield, IL); 55.7% abv, \$60.

Littlemill 12-Year-Old Lowlands Single Malt Whisky (Scotland; Preiss Imports, Ramona, CA); 43% abv, \$61.

The Glenlivet Nàdurra 16-Year-Old Cask Strength/Non-Chill Filtered Speyside Single Malt Whisky (Scotland; Pernod Ricard USA, White Plains, NY); 57.2% abv, \$60.

CANADIAN WHISKY

CLASSIC (96-100)/
HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

Crown Royal XR Extra Rare Blended Canadian Whisky (Canada; Diageo USA, New York, NY); 40% abv, \$150.

SUPERB (90-95)/
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Canadian Club Classic 12 Year Old Blended Canadian Whisky (Canada; Beam Global Spirits & Wine, Deerfield, IL); 40% abv, \$20.

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AMERICAN WHISKEY

CLASSIC (96–100)/

HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

Old Forester 2006 Birthday Bourbon Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Distilled Spring 1993/Bottled 2006 (USA; Brown-Forman Distillers, Louisville, KY); 48% abv, \$40.

SUPERB (90–95)/

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

George T. Stagg Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey 2006 Antique Collection (USA; Buffalo Trace, Frankfort, KY); 70.3% abv, \$55.

Hirsch Selection 21-Year-Old Kentucky Straight Rye (USA; Preiss Imports, Ramona, CA); 46.5% abv, \$133.

William Larue Weller Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey 2006 Antique Collection; (USA; Buffalo Trace, Frankfort, KY); 64.95% abv, \$55.

RUM

CLASSIC (96–100)/

HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

Depaz Blue Cane Rhum Agricole (Martinique; Kobrand Corporation, New York, NY); 45% abv, \$42.

English Harbour 5-Year-Old Aged Antigua Rum (Antigua; Preiss Imports, Ramona, CA); 40% abv, \$26. T

Rhum Clement Cuvée Homère Rhum Vieux Agricole Hors d'Age (Martinique; Clement USA Inc., New York, NY); 44% abv, \$85.

SUPERB (90–95)/

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Cuba Libre 21-Year-Old El Dorado Demerara Rum (Guyana; Demerara Distillers (USA) Inc., Miami, FL); 40% abv, \$100.

Rhum J.M. Réserve Spéciale Rhum Agricole (Martinique; Clement USA, New York, NY); 45% abv, \$50.

TEQUILA

CLASSIC (96–100)/

HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

1800 Colección 100% Agave Añejo Tequila (Mexico; Jose Cuervo International, New York, NY); 40% abv, \$1,800.

Don Julio Blanco 100% Blue Agave NOM 1449 CRT (Mexico; Diageo Americas, Stamford, CT); 40% abv, \$50.

VODKA

CLASSIC (96–100)/

HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

Herb's Dill Leaf Herb Infused Vodka (USA; Garden Variety Vodka Company, Rigby, ID); 40% abv, \$29.

Puriste No. 1 Premium Vodka (Austria; Puriste USA, Chicago, IL); 40.2% abv, \$40.

Vincent Van Gogh Mojito Mint Vodka Mint Flavored Vodka (Holland; Luctor International LLC, Orlando, FL); 35% abv, \$30.

SUPERB (90–95)/

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Charbay Pomegranate Flavored Vodka (USA; Domaine Charbay Distillers, St. Helena, CA); 35% abv, \$36.

Koenig Distillery Idaho Potato Pot Still Vodka (USA; Koenig Distillery, Caldwell, ID); 40% abv, \$20.

p.i.n.k. Caffeine & Guarana Infused Vodka (Holland/USA; High Energy Holdings, Lake Alfred, FL); 40% abv, \$40.

Pinky Vodka With Natural Flavors (Sweden; Liquidity, Manhasset, NY); 40% abv, \$33.

Stoli Blueberi Blueberry Flavored Vodka (Russia; Pernod Ricard USA, White Plains, NY); 35% abv, \$20.

Svedka Apple Flavored Vodka (Sweden; Spirits Marque One, New York, NY); 40% abv, \$23.

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CLASSIC (96–100)/

HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

Plymouth English Gin (England; Absolut Spirits Co., New York, NY); 41.2% abv, \$23.

Tanqueray London Dry Gin (England; Diageo North America, Norwalk, CT); 47.3% abv, \$22.

SUPERB (90–95)/

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

G'Vine Gin de France Small Batch Gin (France; EuroWineGate, Manhasset, NY); 40% abv, \$38.

LIQUEURS

CLASSIC (96–100)/

HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

Bauchant Pomegranate XO Liqueur (France; Palm Bay Imports, Inc., Boca Raton, FL); 24% abv, \$40.

Chartreuse Green Liqueur Fabriquée par Les Pères Chartreux (France; Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd., New York, NY); 55% abv, \$48.

SUPERB (90–95)/

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Aperol Aperitivo Liqueur (Italy; Skyy Spirits, San Francisco, CA); 11% abv, \$20.

L'Amour des Trois Oranges Oranges Macerated in Sugar with Chateau de Briat Bas Armagnac (France; Charles Neal Selections, Richmond, CA); 36% abv, \$60.

Limoncello di Puglia Lemon Liqueur (Italy; Puglia Inc., Brookfield, CT); 30% abv, \$15.

Luxardo Il Maraschino Originale Cherry Liqueur (Italy; Preiss Imports, Ramona, CA); 32% abv, \$25.

Nocino della Cristina Walnut Liqueur, Napa Valley (USA; Monterverdi Spirits, Napa, CA); 30% abv, \$24/200 ml; \$60/750 ml.

Soho Lychee Flavored Liqueur (France; Pernod Ricard USA, White Plains, NY); 21% abv, \$19. 