

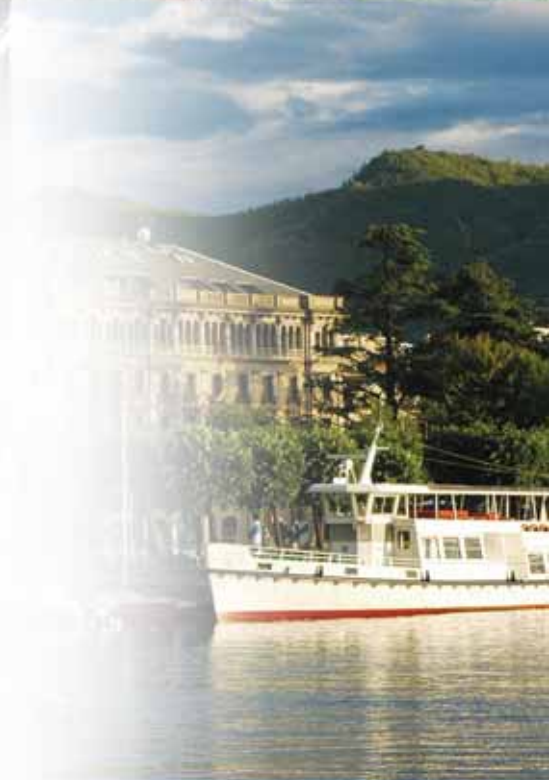


Fellow Wine Lovers~
It is my pleasure to present this list to you. I hope you appreciate and enjoy these selections to the fullest as much as I do collecting them.

All of the wine is kept in a climate controlled wine room at the perfect temperature and humidity for your full enjoyment.

Due to the nature and exclusivity of these wines, and very limited quantities, many of these wines are not available to the public.

-Phil Barbarito, Owner



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FRANCE

BIN #	VINT.	WINE	PRODUCER	REGION	CRU	BTL
100	2001	Grand Cru Bordeaux	<i>Chateau Haut-Brion</i>	Graves	Premiere Grand Cru Classe	\$340
101	1997	Grand Cru Bordeaux	<i>Chateau Mouton Rothschild</i>	Pauillac	Premiere Grand Cru Classe	\$320
102	2003	Grand Cru Bordeaux	<i>Chateau Cos d'Estournel</i>	Saint Estephe	Premiere Grand Cru Classe	\$250
103	2001	Grand Cru Bordeaux	<i>Chateau Mouton Rothschild</i>	Pauillac	Premiere Grand Cru Classe	\$350
110	1999	Burgundy - Grand Cru	<i>Louis Latour</i>	Cote de Nuits	Romanee-Saint-Vivant	\$170
104	2001	Grand Cru Bordeaux	<i>Chateau Bon Pasteur</i>	Pomerol	Grand Cru Classes	\$150
105	2003	Grand Cru Bordeaux	<i>Chateau Bon Pasteur</i>	Pomerol	Grand Cru Classes	\$132
111	2004	Burgundy - Grand Cru	<i>Robert Chevillon</i>	Nuits-St-Georges	Les Cailles	\$142
120	2004	Hermitage Rouge	<i>M. Chapoutier</i>	Rhone	La Sizeranne	\$132
122	2005	Chateauneuf-Du-Pape	<i>Chateau de Beaucastel</i>	Rhone	Domaine Beaucastel	\$150

ITALY

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200	2000	Super Tuscan	<i>Castello Dei Rampolla</i>	Toscana	Sammarco	\$200
203	2000	Super Tuscan	<i>Avignonesi 50&50</i>	Toscana		\$170
204	1998	Super Tuscan	<i>Tenuta Col D'Orcia</i>	Toscana	Olmaia	\$130
205	2002	Super Tuscan	<i>Tenuta San Guida</i>	Toscana	Sassicaia	\$305
206	1995	Super Tuscan	<i>Falchini</i>	Toscana	Campora	\$110
208	1978	Chianti Classico	<i>Villa Antinori</i>	Toscana		\$220
209	2000	Chianti Classico	<i>Castello di Brolio</i>	Toscana		\$100
212	1994	Brunello di Montalcino	<i>Fattoria Dei Barbi</i>	Toscana		\$140
213	2004	Brunello di Montalcino	<i>Fattoria Dei Barbi</i>	Toscana		\$90
214	2001	Brunello di Montalcino	<i>Solaria</i>	Toscana		\$150
216	1998	Brunello di Montalcino	<i>Val Di Suga</i>	Toscana	Angelini Spuntali	\$160
217	1999	Brunello di Montalcino	<i>Val Di Suga</i>	Toscana	Angelini Spuntali	\$160
221	1998	Brunello di Montalcino	<i>Gaja Rennina</i>	Toscana	Pieve Santa Restituta	\$175
222	1999	Brunello di Montalcino	<i>Gaja Sugarille</i>	Toscana	Pieve Santa Restituta	\$175
225	2003	Brunello di Montalcino	<i>Coldisole</i>	Toscana		\$140
226	1998	Brunello di Montalcino	<i>La Poderina</i>	Toscana	Poggio Banale	\$250
228	1994	Brunello di Montalcino	<i>Villa Poggio Salvi</i>	Toscana		\$100
231	2001	Barolo	<i>Fontanafredda</i>	Piedmont	Serralunga d'Alba	\$115
232	2000	Barolo	<i>Le Strette</i>	Piedmont		\$120
233	2000	Barolo	<i>Cerretto</i>	Piedmont	Bricco Rocche	\$290

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235	2005	Barolo	<i>Pio Cesare</i>	Piedmont		\$120
236	1996	Barolo	<i>Contratto</i>	Piedmont	Secolo Cerequio	\$110
239	2003	Barolo	<i>Gaja</i>	Piedmont	Da Gromis	\$175
240	1999	Barolo	<i>Poderi Colla</i>	Piedmont	Bussia	\$180
241	2001	Barolo	<i>Poderi Colla</i>	Piedmont	Bussia	\$180
242	1997	Barolo	<i>Brezza</i>	Piedmont	Sarmassa	\$145
245	1999	Barbaresco	<i>Ceretto</i>	Piedmont	Asij	\$100
250	2000	Barbaresco	<i>Gaja</i>	Piedmont		\$335
251	1997	Amarone	<i>Cubi Valentina</i>	Veneto	Casterna Di Fumane- Morar	\$135
252	2000	Amarone	<i>Bertani</i>	Veneto	Classico	\$175

UNITED STATES

BIN #	VINT.	WINE	PRODUCER	REGION	CRU	BTL
300	2004	Cabernet Blend	<i>Joseph Phelps</i>	Napa	Insignia	\$250
301	2005	Cabernet Blend	<i>Joseph Phelps</i>	Napa	Insignia	\$250
302	2004	Cabernet Blend	<i>Grgich Hills</i>	Napa-Yountville	Reserve	\$220
303	1990	Cabernet Blend	<i>Beaulieu Vineyard</i>	Napa	Priv. Reserve Georges De Latour	\$175
304	1991	Cabernet Blend	<i>Beaulieu Vineyard</i>	Napa	Priv. Reserve Georges De Latour	\$175
305	1992	Cabernet Blend	<i>Beaulieu Vineyard</i>	Napa	Priv. Reserve Georges De Latour	\$175
307	2003	Cabernet Blend	<i>Beaulieu Vineyard</i>	Napa	Priv. Reserve Georges De Latour	\$135
309	2002	Cabernet Blend	<i>Freemark Abbey</i>	Napa	'Bosche' Estate	\$120
310	1994	Cabernet Blend	<i>Burgess</i>	Napa	Library Release	\$125
322	1999	Cabernet Blend	<i>Dominus</i>	Napa	Estate	\$250
324	2005	Cabernet Blend	<i>Quintessa</i>	Napa- Rutherford		\$190
325	2004	Cabernet Blend	<i>Frog's Leap</i>	Napa- Rutherford		\$120
326	2001	Cabernet Blend	<i>Chimney Rock</i>	Napa- Stags Leap	Reserve	\$160
327	1999	Cabernet Blend	<i>St. Supery</i>	Napa- Rutherford	Reserve	\$120
340	2001	Cabernet Blend	<i>Chalk Hill</i>	Sonoma		\$110
341	2001	Cabernet Blend	<i>Kenwood</i>	Sonoma	Artist Series	\$140
351	2006	Cabernet Sauvignon	<i>Plump Jack</i>	Napa		\$220
360	2004	Merlot	<i>Duckhorn</i>	Napa	Three Palms	\$125

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France

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100	France	2001	Grand Cru Bordeaux Chateau Haut-Brion	Graves	Premier Grand Cru	\$340



Built in 1550 by Jean de Pontac, Chateau Haut-Brion has been a seat of winemaking in Bordeaux since even before the construction of the Chateau. Haut-Brion is often known as the “first of firsts” referring to its being the only property outside of the Medoc that was given “Premiere Grand Cru” status in the famous (or infamous) 1855 Classification which determined the present hierarchy of Crus in Bordeaux as well as the fact that it was the first of the Bordeaux Chateaux to gain international recognition for its wines.

95 points-Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate “Haut-Brion’s 2001, which was bottled late (the end of September, 2003), possesses an unmistakable nobility as well as a burgeoning complexity. Plum/purple to the rim. Pure notes of sweet and sour cherries, black currants, licorice, smoke, and crushed stones. Medium-bodied with excellent purity, firm tannin, and an angular, structured finish, it requires 5-7 years of cellaring. Anticipated maturity: 2006-2020+.”

Blend of 52% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 12% Cabernet Franc.

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101	France	1997	Grand Cru Bordeaux Chateau Mouton Rothschild	Pauillac		\$320



Wine Advocate Review “Only 55% of the harvest was utilized for the 1997 Mouton-Rothschild. One of the most forward and developed Moutons over recent years, it possesses all the charm and fleshiness this vintage can provide. The wine exhibits a dense ruby/purple color, and an open-knit nose of cedar wood, blackberry liqueur, cassis, and coffee. Fleshy, ripe, and mouth-filling, with low acidity, soft tannin, and admirable concentration and length, this delicious Pauillac will be drinkable in 2-3 years, and should age for 15+. It is an impressive effort for this vintage.”

Blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot.

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102	France	2003	Grand Cru Bordeaux Chateau Cos d'Estournel	Grand Classe	Saint Estephe	\$250



A lovely depth of dark, macerated fruit on the nose, still showing the nuttiness of oak. A very impressive although youthful character. Gentle structure on the palate, very supple and silky, with integrating tannins, and a decent presence of fruit.

Cos is famous for its Oriental towers. It is prominent for its longevity and power.

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103	France	2001	Chateau Mouton Rothschild	Pauillac		\$350



Luscious black currant flavored Cabernet fruit makes Mouton beguilingly easy to drink. Rich complex flavors, powerful ripe tannins and an extremely long finish are all hallmarks of this wine.

A blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, and 2% Cabernet Franc.

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110	France	1999	Burgundy-Grand Cru Louis Latour	Cote de Nuits	Romanee-St. Vivant	\$170



Romanée-Saint-Vivant Grand Cru “ Les Quatre Journaux”, a medium dark color and an evocative feminine nose. This wine appeared rich and sweet with an aromatic bouquet. The palate was silky smooth with pronounced cigar box aromas. The tannins seemed to rest at the top of the mouth and slowly drip, unnoticed, onto the tongue. The finish was long and voluptuous showing some green fruit and hints of chocolate - this is a wine of breeding and distinction.

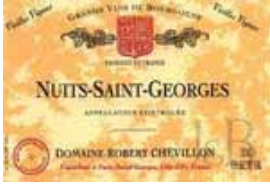
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104	France	2001	Chateau Bon Pasteur	Pomerol	Grand Cuvee Classe	\$150
105	France	2003	Chateau Bon Pasteur	Pomerol Classe	Grand Cuvee	\$132



(2001) *92 Points - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* “A terrific success from the well-known estate of Bordeaux’s famed oenologists Dany and Michel Rolland, the 2001 Bon Pasteur is a super effort for the vintage. Deep plum/purple to the rim, with a sumptuous nose of barbecue spices, smoke, black cherries, mocha, and spice box, this opulent, medium to full-bodied, rich red reveals amazing extract and intensity for a wine from this vintage.”

(2003) Red-ruby. Sexy aromas of cherry, smoked meat and minerals, with suggestions of chocolate and mint. Sweet, ripe and full, with better depth of flavor than many of its Pomerol neighbors in 2003. Finishes with ripe, dusty tannins.

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111	France	2004	Burgundy - Grand Cru Robert Cheillon	Nuits-St-Georges	Les Cailles	\$142



90 Points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar "Medium red. Wild small red berries complicated by smoked meat and minerals on the captivating nose. Suave in texture and quite pliant, with sweet red fruit flavors complemented by underbrush and flowers. Much richer than the village wine. Here the tannins are sweet and the long finish offers subtle hints of spices and dried herbs.

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120	France	2004	Hermitage Rouge M. Chapoutier	Rhone	La Sizeranne	\$132



Deep garnet red, with purple highlights. Aromas of red fruit (raspberry, blackcurrant), with a hint of liquorice. A round, elegant wine, soft and concentrated tannins, and a long aftertaste of blackcurrant, raspberry and spicy.

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122	France	2005	Chateauf-neuf-Du-Pape Chateau de Beaucastel	Rhone	Domaine Beaucastel	\$150



The most famous Châteauf-neuf-du-Pape producer! A unique blend of thirteen different grapes. Kept in large oak casks until their complete finishing, these wines evolve in a rare and unique way for the Châteauf-neuf-du-Pape appellation. Real example of concentration in a silk glove, these nectars are the perfect illustration of the words "complexity" and "Châteauf-neuf-du-Pape" !

94 Points - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

Italy

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200	Italy	2000	Super Tuscan Castello Dei Rampolla	Toscana	Sammarco	\$200



90 points-Wine Spectator “Fascinating berry, incense and floral aromas. Full-bodied, with silky tannins. Really kicks in on the fresh, bright finish. Sangiovese and Cabernet. Best after 2005.”

The cellars of the Rampolla winery, near Panzano in central Tuscany, date back to the 13th century. Situated on 42 hectares of calcareous soil about 360 meters above sea level, these vineyards are ideal for Sangiovese, which here achieves particular vigour and potential for long-aging. The di Napoli family combines biodynamic methods in the vineyard with its modern, well-equipped cellars to produce world class wines with the famous consultant oenologist, Giacomo Tachis.

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203	Italy	2000	Super Tuscan Avignonesi 50&50	Toscana		\$170



Grapes: Merlot (Avignonesi), Sangiovese (Capannelle). This wine, as important and special as it is rare, is the fruit of collaboration between Avignonesi and Capannelle.

The color is a particularly deep ruby-red with garnet hues; the bouquet is intense and delicate, opening with wild fruits and evolving into a spicy fragrance of rich and persistent vanilla, tobacco and leather; it is warm and smooth on the palate, wide, complex, long and persistent; there is good balance between the alcohol and acidic components; great in structure and longevity.

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204	Italy	1998	Super Tuscan Tenuta Col D'Orcia	Toscana	Olmaia	\$130



The Col D'Orcia estate is one of the oldest companies of Montalcino, Col D'Orcia is the feted producer of one of Italy's most revered red wines: Brunello di Montalcino. Situated near the medieval hilltop village of Montalcino in Tuscany's Siena province, the estate has a rich winemaking history that dates back to the 1700s.

Brilliant ruby with violet hues. Aromas of ripe blackberries accentuated by noble spices. Very true to the varietal and the terroir. Full-bodied, meaty, well-structured, culminating in long and elegant finish.

Grape Varieties: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux clones, with loose bunches of a reduced size. Yield in the 2001 vintage: 51q/ha. Grapes are handpicked, with a rigorous selection of the best bunches conducted in the vineyards and subsequently on a selection table in the cellar.

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205	Italy	2002	Super Tuscan San Guido	Toscana	Sassicaia	\$305



The Sassicaia 2002 is one of the few wines of this vintage that was honored with "3 bicchieri" (3 glasses, the highest) As a student in Pisa during the 1920's, Marquis Mario Incisa della Rocchetta dreamed of creating a "noble" wine. Like most of Italian aristocracy at the time, his taste in wine ran strongly to fine Bordeaux.

Sassicaia is a unique interpretation of the Cabernet variety, a wine of great breadth, complexity and longevity. The intense blackberry and cassis aromas, offset by notes of smoke and spice, are confirmed on a palate of lush concentration underscored by firm, ripe tannins carrying into a long, elegant finish.

(award) In the Guide "Vini 2006" by Gambero Rosso and the "5 grappoli" (5 clusters, the highest award) in the Guide "Duemilavini 2006" by the A.I.S. (Italian Sommelier Association).

Blend of 85-90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10-15% Cabernet Franc.

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206	Italy	1995	Super Tuscan Falchini	Toscana	Campora	\$110



Casale Falchini's Campora has been rated **The Best Super Tuscan** more than once. An extremely elegant wine that's very nice to drink.

Deep, opaque blackish-ruby hue. Perfumed brown spice and chocolate aromas have a lush, oaky quality. A rich entry leads to a firm, rounded, moderately full-bodied palate with ripe, varietal Cabernet flavors. Well balanced and exceptionally stylish.

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208	Italy	1978	Chianti Classico Villa Antinori	Toscana		\$220



Marchesi Antinori can trace its history back to 1385. They are one of the biggest wine companies in Italy, and their innovations played a large part in the "Super-Tuscan" revolution of the 1970s.

Marchese Antinori Chianti Classico Reserva is produced exclusively from the finest, most highly selected grapes grown on the Antinori Santa Cristina, Pèppoli and Badia a Passignano estates in the Mercatale Val di Pesa zone in Chianti Classico. Deep ruby red with light garnet hues, it has pronounced cherry and violet fruit with tobacco nuances on the nose. It is a full-bodied and rounded red wine of remarkable depth, structure and length.

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209	Italy	2000	Chianti Classico Castello di Brolio	Toscana		\$100



The estate of Castello di Brolio also features vineyards with surprisingly low altitudes and hotter climates than most of Chianti Classico as well as significant deposits of marine fossils, all very favorable conditions for viticulture. Very ripe red, with dried fruit and Indian spices on the nose. Full-bodied, with plenty of chewy tannins and a long finish.

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212	Italy	1994	Brunello di Montalcino Fattoria Dei Barbi	Toscana		\$140
213	Italy	2004	Brunello di Montalcino Fattoria Dei Barbi	Toscana		\$90



This wine is a wonderful example of Brunello. There's ripe fruit, particularly notes of red cherries and black cherries. You can almost taste the Tuscan countryside in this wine, it has all the smells of a walk through the forest. This wine has the earthy depth and is the trademark of this estate. And all of this is framed by the wine's structure, with gentle but adequate acidity and appropriately tannic finish. The wine is quite open after a gentle decanting, and has quite a silky texture in the mouth_ a compelling Brunello.

The Cinelli Colombini family, land owners in Montalcino since 1352, has owned the Fattoria dei Barbi from the end of the 18th century. The Fattoria includes 450 hectares of land and vineyards in Montalcino, Scansano and Chianti. Since 1892, the Fattoria has been producing Brunello and was the first to export it to Europe, America and Asia. From the 1800's to today, our wines have received awards in every part of the world, and the blue label Brunello is one of the most widely recognized.

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214	Italy	2001	Brunello di Montalcino Solaria	Toscana		\$150



The medieval hills of Montalcino have given way to a new wave of glitz in winemaking. In the eastern corner of this region, it is the passion and drive of the true artisan producer that shines above the glamour of the neighboring estates. Patrizia Cencioni doesn't spend her time behind a desk; instead she sits behind the wheel of her tractor, tends to her vines by hand, and takes on the tasks of the cellar. The relatively unknown producer walked away with the Three Glasses award from Gambero Rosso in 1997 and has not slowed down.

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216	Italy	1998	Brunello di Montalcino Val Di Suga	Toscana	Angelini Spuntali	\$160
217	Italy	1999	Brunello di Montalcino Val Di Suga	Toscana	Angelini Spuntali	\$160



Val di Suga is one of Tenimenti Angelini's family-owned triad of estates in Tuscany. Located near the ancient, fortified hill-town of Montalcino, Val di Suga is the only winery in the region with vineyards in each of the different microclimates surrounding the hill.

(1998) *93 points-Wine & Spirits/Top 100 Wineries of 2004* "...the '98 Vigna Spuntali, from a single, 45-year-old vineyard south of Montalcino, is more powerful and intense even as it stays elegant, balancing its blackberry fruit with refined tannins."

(1999) *90 points-Wine Spectator* "Rich aromas of dried fruit and spices follow through to a medium bodied palate, with velvety tannins and a flavorful aftertaste."

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221	Italy	1998	Brunello di Montalcino Gaja Rennina	Toscana		\$175



Plain and simple, Angelo Gaja is the biggest name in Italian wine. The Gaja winery was founded by Giovanni Gaja in 1859 and has been owned and operated by four generations of the Gaja family, with Angelo Gaja running the operation since the 1960s. Angelo is credited with modernizing Barbaresco and Barolo wines, having pioneered the use of controlled-temperature fermentation (for reducing oxidation) and small-cask aging (to stabilize color and preserve fruitiness). Gaja is most well-known for his Barbarescos, though the three most sought-after wines, Costa Russi, Sori Tildin and Sori San Lorenzo have recently been reclassified from Barbaresco DOCG to Langhe DOC, giving Gaja more flexibility in the winemaking process. Strikingly profound and built to live for decades, Gaja's wines display opulence and elegance unmatched elsewhere in Italy. These wines, while harnessing modern technology, have a long-established track record, ensuring they will perform well both in the glass and on the auction block.

For any collector considering Italian wines, Gaja should be the first name on the list.

90 points- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar "Dark red. Mocha, cedar and nutty oak on the nose. Then sharply delineated and penetrating, with strong acids giving the wine superb vinosity and thrust. Showing more vanilla, clove and mint than primary fruits today, but this rather powerful Brunello has terrific backbone for development in bottle. Firm and uncompromising on the finish."

91 points-Wine Spectator "Lots of ripe berry in this one, as well as new oak, yet it's refined and silky. Full- to medium-bodied, with well-integrated tannins and a fruity, light vanilla finish. Needs some bottle age to come together. Another winner from Gaja."

91 points-Wine Advocate "The 1998 Brunello di Montalcino Rennina, a solid garnet, is richly spicy with vanilla and cedar aromas intermingled with the ripe red fruit. Powerful and velvety in flavor with a fleshy and sustained finish, its aging potential seems excellent. Drink 2005- 2015."

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222	Italy	1999	Brunello di Montalcino Gaja Sugarille	Toscana	Pieve Santa Restituta	\$175



The unique position and soil structure of the Sugarille vineyard – calcareous clay with a gently sloping southern exposure – give this wine an expressive, powerful character. It is normally more austere in youth than Rennina due to the slightly firmer tannic structure. But after 5-7 years, the depth and concentration of this wine lead to a complex flavor profile of great balance.

The parish church, or "Pieve," of Santa Restituta stands on the winery property and gives it its name; the Sugarille vineyard was first recorded in the Pieve's inventory in 1547. The unique position and soil structure of the Sugarille vineyard—calcareous clay with a gently sloping southern exposure—give this wine an expressive, powerful character. This is a very special terroir, producing outstanding, long-aging single-vineyard Brunello.

94 points-Wine & Spirits

92 points-Wine Advocate

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225	Italy	2003	Brunello di Montalcino Coldisole	Toscana		\$140



Wonderful aromas of crushed berries and flowers follow through to a full-bodied palate, with loads of fruit and big, velvety tannins. Goes on and on.

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226	Italy	1998	Brunello di Montalcino La Poderina	Toscana	Poggio Banalr	\$250



94 points-Wine Spectator "Another blockbuster from this estate. This is beautiful, with loads of cherry, blackberry and jam character. Full-bodied, with big velvety tannins and a finish that lasts a very long time."

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228	Italy	1994	Brunello di Montalcino Villa Poggio Salvi	Toscana		\$100



Decanter award winner. The 1994 Brunello di Montalcino has delicate cherry aromas, fabuoulsy intense and not overloaded. This wine wine will continue to improve for 5-10 more years.

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231	Italy	2001	Barolo Fontanafredda	Piedmont	Serralunga D'Alba	\$115



Blood red with ruby highlights, it has a clear-cut, intense nose with overtones of vanilla, spices, with red roses and underbrush. The palate is dry, but soft, full bodied, velvety and well balanced, and is engagingly complex throughout the lengthy finish.

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232	Italy	2000	Barolo Le Strette	Piedmont		\$120



Barolo Le Sette is deep, complex and has a wonderful woody quality. Quite drinkable now, but imagine it'll certainly last a number of years. Extraordinary aromatics, with intense cherry, flowers, licorice and mint scents in the nose. A Barolo with grace and complexity.

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233	Italy	2000	Barolo Ceretto	Piedmont	Bricco Rocche	\$290



(2000) *97 points- Wine Spectator* "Amazing aromas of cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and mace, with hints of mint waft from this full-bodied red with wonderfully well-integrated and superfine tannins that build on the palate. This is a wine for the long-term. Ceretto's greatest wine ever. 400 cases made.

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235	Italy	2005	Barolo Pio Cesare	Piedmont		\$120



94 points-Wine Spectator “Meaty and earthy aromas open to wonderful raspberries and strawberries. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a lovely chocolate, berry aftertaste. Drink this and understand Barolo. Best after 2009.”

The nebbiolo grapes used to produce the classical Barolo comes from family vineyards around the village of Serralunga d’ Alba. This Barolo is produced through careful blending of grapes from different vineyards. The grapes from Serralunga give a full body, the ones from Castiglione Falletto offer an ethereal and tempting nose, and those from Monforte provide class and a refined nature.

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236	Italy	1996	Barolo Contratto	Piedmont	Secolo Cerequio	\$110



Developed by Barbera-master Giancarlo Scaglione, the creator of “Bricco dell’Uccellone.”
Gambero Rosso Vini d’Italia Three Glasses; 95 points-Wine Spectator

Single vineyard, 100% Nebbiolo from one of the finest and most exclusive Barolo’s sub-zones. Nearby Cerequio producers include Angelo Gaja, Michele Chiarlo and Roberto Voerzio. The vineyard lies at an altitude of 300 meters above sea level and is rich in lime and clay. After harvesting, the grapes are fermented using the extended maceration for 10 - 15 days. Malolactic fermentation takes place, the wine is then aged in small barrique barrels for a period of 18 months. Refining in the bottle for another 12 months.

A rich texture, creamy and smooth, plenty of unobtrusive tannins, and a deep ruby red color.

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239	Italy	2003	Barolo <i>Gaja Dagromis</i>	Piedmont		\$175



This is a tribute to the Gromis family, that owned the vineyard of the same name that makes up most of this wine. Full, rich with berries and floral notes as well as aromas of licorice, dried herbs and spices. Solid structure and a rich softness as well as a lingering finish.

The Italians call Barolo the king of wines and wine of kings. The Piedmont-based wine impresario is a whirlwind of passion who confidently speaks about his family, its heritage and wines. Gaja the man, is a bit like the wines: well dressed and charming.

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240	Italy	1999	Barolo Poderi Colla	Piedmont	Bussia	\$180
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Typically Nebbiolo in color, in its finest and fullest expression: intense, faceted ruby red with subtly lighter hues. The impact is immediately appealing, with a very complex bouquet showing decided character and personality, albeit without aggressiveness. Mineral and animal notes enrich its structure and layered complexity, characteristic of the "Bussia" cru; the ensemble is comparable to the intricate power of an orchestra. On the palate, this unique symphony plays on.

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242	Italy	1997	Barolo Brezza	Piedmont	Sarmassa	\$145



The Barolo produced from these vineyards is usually quite elegant and readier for early consumption. It should be enjoyed with game and red meat but can also be enjoyed throughout a meal. In the best vintages Sarmassa is exceptional after 9-10 years from harvest; it is a wine that stimulates conversation and should be enjoyed with one's intimate friends.

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245	Italy	1999	Ceretto Barbaresco	Piedmont	Asij	\$100



Asij, Piedmont dialect for "Asili," has a very important function in safeguarding and guaranteeing the excellence of Bricco Asili wines. In vintages when the wines in the Barbaresco cellar of Bricco Asili are not considered fit to be declared a cru, they are used as a foundation for Asij. Additionally, two other vineyards contribute to Asij. The wine is produced at the Monsordo Bernardina estate.

Asij has intense and persistent aromas that hint at sun-warmed flowers. It is an extremely well-balanced wine with good acidity. It will show best for four to 10 years after harvest and for 15 to 20 years in outstanding vintages.

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250	Italy	2000	Barbaresco Gaja	Piedmont		\$335



Perhaps the most influential individual in Italian wines over the last 30 years has been Angelo Gaja. In a relentless pursuit to show-off the best of Italy's cellars, Angelo has canvassed the globe. His exhaustive, door-to-door campaign has been a raging success. The world now knows the greatness of Barbaresco and Barolo, especially those bottles with his simple, black-and-white label. The Gaja name emblazoned in bold capital letters across the front embodies world-class quality.

Angelo Gaja is arguably the most important man in Italian wine over the past four decades. His family, beginning with his grandmother and father, have undoubtedly produced the greatest Barbarescos ever – in fact Barbaresco was not on the radar of wine enthusiasts until Angelo began his relentless worldwide campaign in the sixties. The Gaja name is now synonymous with Barbaresco and quality.

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251	Italy	1997	Amarone Cubi Valentina	Veneto	Casterna Di Fumane Morar	\$135



Today the estate comprises 13 hectares of vineyard and a small olive grove, spread out in the communes of Fumane, S. Pietro in Cariano and near by Verona.

The neighboring vineyards 'Monte Tenda' and 'Monte Crosetta' are particularly interesting due to the clay and calcareous-rich soils. Their orientation on the hilltop favors a climate which is ideal for the ripening of grapes which will give birth to full-bodied wines of the highest quality.

Grape varieties: 70% Corvina, 20% Corvinone, 10% Rondinella.

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252	Italy	2000	Amarone Bertani	Veneto	Classico	\$175



Bertani was founded in 1857 by brothers Gaetano and Giovan Battista Bertani near Verona in the province of Veneto in northeast Italy. Bertani owns its own vineyards and so is able to oversee the entire winemaking cycle from start to finish setting it apart from many other wine producers in that region's. Casa Vinicola Bertani is one of the region's most important and influential wine producers. Well known for pioneering the production of dry Amarone, the company is also considered by many to produce the wine against which other classically-styled bottlings are judged.

Generous aroma of freshly picked cherries mingled with notes of sour cherry, vanilla and an agreeable trace of spiciness. Dry, full bodied and amply structured. Cherries, red berries and a hint of vanilla lead into a dazzling finish that recalls walnuts

92 points-Robert Parker's Wine Advocate "The 2000 Amarone (70% Corvina, 25% Rondinella, 5% Molinara) is big, rich and sexy in the way it combines fresh, vibrant rose petals, red cherries and spices with a firm, structured personality. Although it is not especially generous in its fruit, it does offer notable poise in a powerful, muscular style. Anticipated maturity: 2007 - 2012."

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300	USA	2004	Cabernet Blend /Meritage Joseph Phelps	Napa	Insignia	\$250
301	USA	2005	Cabernet Blend /Meritage Joseph Phelps	Napa	Insignia	\$250



With the release of the 1974 Insignia, Joseph Phelps Vineyards became the first California winery to produce a blend of traditional Bordeaux varietals under a proprietary name. Originally sourced from the best estate-owned vineyards in the Stag's Leap District and Rutherford Bench.

2004: *96 points-Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* "Soft, opulent, seductive and lush. Offering abundant quantities of cassis, incense, graphite, plums, blackberries, and black currants, it will be hard to resist young, but should age effortlessly for two decades or more."

2005: *95 points-Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* "Since 2004, 100% of the Bordeaux varietals used in the Insignia proprietary blend have been from estate vineyards. The beautiful, dense ruby/purple-tinged 2005 Insignia (a 12,500-case blend of 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot, and 1% Malbec) possesses sweet aromas of black cherries, cassis, chocolate, camphor, and a subtle hint of roasted herbs. Medium to full-bodied and elegant, with a European style imposed on the rich, velvety, California fruit, this cuvee will benefit from several years of bottle age, and should easily keep for three decades."

Blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot, and 2% Malbec

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302	USA	2004	Cabernet Sauvignon Grgich Hills	Napa	Yountville Selection	\$220



2004 marks the second year of Biodynamic farming the Grgich Hills Cabernet Sauvignon vines that produce their prestigious Yountville Selection. Full-bodied with firm tannins, this Cabernet Sauvignon offers rich aromas of blackberry, black licorice and allspice. This is a balanced wine that will pair nicely pair with food.

94 points- The Wine News

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303	USA	1990	Cabernet Blend /Meritage Beaulieu Vineyard	Napa	Private Reserve Georges De Latour	\$175
304	USA	1991	Cabernet Blend /Meritage Beaulieu Vineyard	Napa	Private Reserve Georges De Latour	\$175
305	USA	1992	Cabernet Blend /Meritage Beaulieu Vineyard	Napa	Private Reserve Georges De Latour	\$175
307	USA	2003	Cabernet Blend /Meritage Beaulieu Vineyard	Napa	Private Reserve Georges De Latour	\$135



(1990) Bright ruby-red. Cassis, licorice and bitter chocolate on the slightly medicinal nose; classic Rutherford character. Tightly wound and a bit unyielding, with dark fruit and mint flavors currently dominated by the wine's rather tough structure. Finishes with chalky tannins and a noticeable greenness.

(1991) Aged for 20 months in 60% French barrels and the remainder in American wood with 52 percent of the whole being new. The listed alcohol is 14.2%. The

(1992) Deep black cherry, black olive and complex, mineral-licorice aromas reflect classic Rutherford. One of the most powerful Georges de Latour Cabernets in recent years, the dark berry flavors are framed by powerful, rich tannins. Well balanced and full-bodied, the finish features the dense minerality and structure.

(2003) Classic black-ruby color typical of this blend. Ripe, coffee and black cherry aromas showcase the varietal, while black olive and dark cocoa scents suggest the wine's Rutherford origin. Medium full-body and firm structure dominate, with the cherry-plum and herb Merlot adding nuance in the finish. Chewy tannins, fine minerality, with vanilla oak-spice adding an elegant touch of sweetness. production – 14,000 cases – is enormous for such a storied and improved reserve.

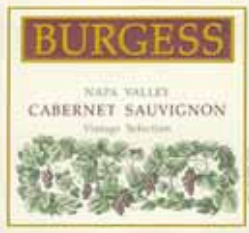
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309	USA	2002	Cabernet Sauvignon Freemark Abbey	Napa	Bosche Vineyard	\$120



Since 1970, Freemark Abbey Winery has produced Cabernet Bosche, one of California's first vineyard-designated wines. Deep garnet color gives way to aromas of cherry, cedar, and a hint of chocolate. A soft, plush mouthfeel harbors subtle blackberry and cherry fruit flavors. A touch of oak on the nose lends an intriguing spiciness and approachability.

Blend of 91% Cabernet Sauvignon & 9% Merlot.

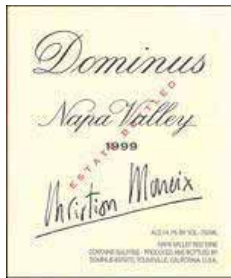
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310	USA	1994	Cabernet Sauvignon Burgess	Napa	Vintage Selection	\$125



Burgess holds a small percent of the bottled Cabernet Sauvignon back until it is at least 10 years old. This concept demonstrates that their mountain vineyards have the ability to age under proper cellar conditions. The aged wine then displays the characteristics of Cabernet with bottle bouquet.

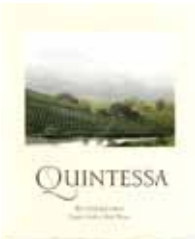
The vintage of 1994 was excellent for the Cabernet harvest. The summer was warm and harvest began about two weeks earlier than normal. This assured full maturity and outstanding complexity. There are layers of aromas balanced with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot, along with complementary French oak.

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322	USA	1999	Dominus Estate Christian Moueix	Napa	Estate	\$250



95 points- Wine Spectator "A wine of great intensity, depth and complexity. Beautifully crafted, ripe, rich and creamy, showing off pretty vanilla and mocha-scented oak before a deep core of currant, blackberry, black cherry and mineral flavors fold in. Firm tannins add structure on the finish."

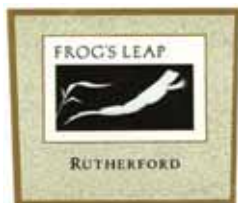
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324	USA	2005	Proprietary Blend Quintessa	Rutherford-Napa		\$190



Sweet blackberry and some oak aromas, while in the mouth the wine performs elegantly but with definitive power on a silky texture. Quintessa 2005 is a wine that draws its power not from a single idea of concentration but from layer upon layer of complexity. It is an intellectual wine requiring study to understand its full profound genius.

The following blocks, in decreasing order of quantity, form the components of Quintessa 2005: Dragon's Terraces Cabernet Sauvignon, Corona Sur Cabernet Sauvignon, Riviera Sur Cabernet Sauvignon, Pedraza Terrace Merlot, Corona Norte Cabernet Sauvignon, Cruz del Sur Cabernet Sauvignon, Lake Terrace Merlot, Howard's Million Cabernet Sauvignon, Bill's Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon.

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325	USA	2004	Rutherford Frog's Leap	Napa		\$120



91 points-Wine Enthusiast “This organically farmed cabernet has the fine density and balance of the ‘02 vintage in Rutherford. Its flavors ride high across the palate, richly tannic, equally enriched by tart raspberry and inky black fruit. The finish is clean, the elements integrated to age with grace.”

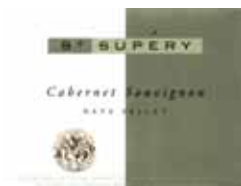
Blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Cabernet Franc.

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326	USA	2001	Cabernet Sauvignon Chimney Rock	Stag's Leap District	Reserve	\$160



90 points-Wine Spectator “Smooth, ripe and polished, with a pretty core of spicy plum and currant fruit and a touch of blackberry, it wins points for its elegance and grace, finishes long, smooth and flavorful.”

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327	USA	1999	Cabernet Sauvignon St. Supery	Napa Valley		\$120



90 points-Wine Spectator “This Cabernet Sauvignon combines richness and concentration with an incredible sense of elegance and finesse. The layers of cherry, violets, and raspberry with just the right amount of tobacco create a wonderful aroma. Copiously flavored with cassis, currant, cherry and nuances of vanilla this wine becomes more complex with every sip. The finish firms up nicely with ripe round tannins that give it a sweet fruit edge.”

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340	USA	2001	Cabernet Sauvignon Chalk Hill	Sonoma County	Estate Bottled	\$110



90 points-Wine Enthusiast “After multiple passes to harvest only those clusters at maximum ripeness, the entire vintage was allowed to progress in small tanks through a native yeast fermentation that extracted layers of flavor, concentrated texture, and nuance that finds its way to barrel, bottle, and glass. Blended with varietals that frame and enhance the Cabernet, the wine boasts perfumed aromas of black currants, blackberry jam, with hints of lavender, mocha and star anise. The rich and expansive texture, bolstered by the ripe, velvety tannins, creates a lush mouth feel and indicates cellar worthiness.”

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341	USA	2001	Cabernet Sauvignon Kenwood	Sonoma	Artist Series	\$140

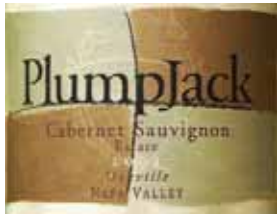


The 2001 vintage is the 27th Artist Series Cabernet Sauvignon from Kenwood. The finest lots of Cabernet Sauvignon were selected from our hillside vineyards located in the Sonoma and Dry Creek Valleys. This intense mountain Cabernet Sauvignon was blended with a small percentage of Malbec from the rich soil of the Sonoma Valley floor to add body and ripe fruit qualities to the wine.

The Art- Polish-born Tamara de Lempicka took up art to earn a living, studying in Paris at the Academie de la Grande Chaumiere and privately with André Lhote and Maurice Denis. She quickly earned a reputation as a portrait painter, whose subjects were from the elite social circles in which she moved; a quintessential expression of which is “Femme Bleue a la Guitare”.

Blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec.

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351	USA	2006	Cabernet Sauvignon Plump Jack	Napa		\$220



91points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate “The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate (5,800 cases of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon) has closed down since last year, but with additional time, it should be an impressive effort. A beautiful inky/ruby/purple color is followed by concentrated creme de cassis fruit intermixed with graphite, charcoal, and spicy new oak notes. This medium to full-bodied, long, structured, muscular Cabernet needs 2-3 years of cellaring, and should drink well for two decades.”

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360	USA	2003	Merlot Duckhorn	Napa		\$125



Both deeper and more complex than the typical Merlot, this wine cuts a fine figure with aromas of ripe red cherries, currants and a dash of cocoa, but, for all of its fullness and seeming sense of muscle on the palate, it is never quite so well-fruited as it is big and bold and is reminiscent of a good Cabernet.