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Last Chance to Secure Some of the Most Exciting Wines of the Year

Every year since 1988, *Wine Spectator* compiles a list of their Top 100 most exciting wines of the year. The 100 wines reflect significant trends, recognize outstanding producers, and spotlight successful and emerging regions and vintages around the world. This year the Top 100 was selected from over 16,000 new releases based on four criteria: quality, value, availability and the 'x-factor' (otherwise known as buzz) surrounding a new producer, wine or regional milestone.



We sold out of the #4 and the #8 wines (of which we had considerable quantity) in a matter of hours. Luckily, we still have a number of the Top 100 in stock.

(#21) 2009 Georges Duboeuf Morgon Jean Descombes \$13.95

93 points: "Light tannins and a smoky mineral note frame this lush red, which displays layers of black cherry, raspberry ganache and tea rose flavors. There's a spicy thread running through the wine, leading to a fresh, firm finish. Drink now. *Smart Buys.*"

(#36) 2007 Terrabianca Toscana Campaccio \$26.95

93 points: "[~~\$30~~ list] Very silky and floral, this red reminds me of Burgundy with its bilberry, violet and raspberry aromas and flavors. The grainy tannins show the other side to this wine, which will require time for the two components to balance. Ends with a long, intense, fruit-filled finish. Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2014 through 2027."

(#40) 2009 Beringer Chardonnay Private Reserve \$33.95

93 points: "A very classy wine that combines rich, layered, complex fruit with a sense of delicacy and finesse. Full-bodied, but not heavy, offering detailed fig, melon, apple and spice. What's most impressive is the texture and length, with the flavors continuing to develop. Drink now through 2015."

(#43) NV Gruet Blanc de Noirs NV \$12.95

90 points: "Elegant and focused, with creamy vanilla and apple aromas and rich yet crisp flavors of baked pear and cinnamon bread. Drink now through 2014."

(#46) 2009 Argiano Toscana Non Confunditur \$16.95

92 points: "[~~\$25~~ list] An appealing graphite aroma adds depth to the black currant, violet and cedar aromas and flavors in this svelte red, which is smooth, with finely woven tannins. The bright acidity drives the spicy finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Sangiovese. Best from 2013 through 2021. Tasted twice, with consistent notes."

(#50) 2008 Peter Michael Les Pavots Knights Valley \$174.95 (Holiday Discount: Take 10% Off)

98 points: "Presents a dazzling array of flavors, along with focus, style and authenticity. Dark, dense and spicy, with dark berry, mineral, cedar, sage, roasted caraway and tobacco flavors, this is full-blown yet graceful and detailed, with a tremendous finish that reverberates with the joys of ripe, stylish Cabernet. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2024."

(#65) 2009 Shafer Chardonnay Carneros Red Shoulder Ranch \$42.95

93 points: "[~~\$48~~ list] Pure, ripe and richly flavored, with tiers of nectarine, fig, honeysuckle and smoky oak. Full-bodied, with touches of citrus blossom and lemon peel. Drink now through 2017."

(#66) 2008 Leviathan Red California 2008 \$47.95

93 points: "Starts understated, building depth and dimension, featuring bright, rich black currant, anise, sage and black licorice character. A full-bodied orchestration of flavors at the end weave together into a tapered finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2022."

(#68) 2009 Buehler Zinfandel Napa Valley \$15.95

91 points: "[18 list] Elegant and beautifully focused, with floral raspberry and fresh sage aromas and complex, balanced flavors of cherry and vanilla, with a hint of spicy oak on the finish. Drink now through 2016. *Smart Buys*."

(#72) 2009 Ravines Riesling Finger Lakes Dry \$15.95

90 points: "This delivers a very pure, mouthwatering beam of anise, slate and green apple flavors, with a long, driven, quinine-tinged finish. Delicious, crunchy acidity really hangs on nicely. Drink now through 2014. 1,400 cases made. *Smart Buys*."

Each of the following wines made the list for their previous or successive vintages but those sold out months ago. These are their worthy successors. Here is your chance to get a jump on the 2012 list. You never know.

- (2009 vintage #28) 2010 Merry Edwards Sauvignon Blanc RRV \$39.95**
- (2010 vintage #29) 2011 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough \$24.95**
- (2009 vintage #45) 2010 Orin Swift Abstract California \$28.95**
- (2006 vintage #56) 2005 Casanova di Neri Brunello Tenuta Nuova \$48.95**
- (2008 vintage #60) 2007 Allegrini Veronese Palazzo della Torre \$17.95**

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