

Wine Spectator's 2003 TOP 100

The editors of *Wine Spectator* reviewed more than 12,000 newly released wines in 2003. From this pool, they chose the Top 100. These are the most exciting wines of the year, based on three criteria: high score, large production and value pricing. Not all will be widely available and prices may fluctuate, but we recommend these wines as outstanding representatives of their types.

ABOUT THE 100-POINT SCALE

Ratings reflect how highly our tasters regard each wine relative to other wines. The rating summarizes a wine's overall quality; to determine if the wine's style and character appeal to you, check its complete tasting note in the Buying Guide or on our Web site, www.winespectator.com.

95-100 Classic: a great wine
90-94 Outstanding: a wine of superior character and style
85-89 Very good: a wine with special qualities
80-84 Good: a solid, well-made wine
70-79 Average: a drinkable wine that may have minor flaws
60-69 Below average: drinkable but not recommended
50-59 Poor, undrinkable: not recommended

Rank	Wine	Score	Release Price	Rank	Wine	Score	Release Price
1	PALOMA Merlot Spring Mountain District 2001	95	\$45	51	KIM CRAWFORD Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2003	90	\$16
2	CHÂTEAU COS-D'ESTOURNEL St.-Estèphe 2000	96	\$95	52	LISINI Brunello di Montalcino Ugoiaia 1997	97	\$99
3	CASA LAPOSTOLLE Clos Apalta Rapel Valley 2000	94	\$55	53	DOMAINE TEMPIER Bandol 2000	92	\$27
4	CLOS MOGADOR Priorat 2001	95	\$60	54	NEIL ELLIS Sauvignon Blanc Groenekloof 2002	90	\$14
5	CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE LAS CASES St.-Julien 2000	100	\$170	55	CHÂTEAU D'AGASSAC Haut-Médoc 2000	90	\$15
6	PENFOLDS Shiraz Barossa Valley RWT 2000	95	\$69	56	LINGENFELDER Riesling QbA Pfalz Bird Label 2001	90	\$13
7	PAUL COULON & FILS Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine de Beurenard 2001	94	\$27	57	ROSEMOUNT Shiraz Mudgee Hill of Gold 2001	90	\$17
8	JOH. JOS. PRÜM Riesling Spätlese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Wehlener Sonnenuhr 2001	96	\$30	58	ALLEGRI Veronese Palazzo della Torre 1999	90	\$18
9	GRAHAM Vintage Port 2000	98	\$80	59	CHÂTEAU GRUAUD-LAROSE St.-Julien 2000	95	\$100
10	SETTE PONTI Toscana Oreno 2001	95	\$80	60	COLUMBIA CREST Syrah Columbia Valley Reserve 2001	92	\$30
11	TWO HANDS Shiraz Barossa Valley Bella's Garden 2002	96	\$40	61	GINI Soave Classico Superiore 2001	90	\$15
12	AUBERT Chardonnay Sonoma Coast Ritchie Vineyard 2001	95	\$50	62	PETER LEHMANN Clancy's Barossa 2001	91	\$20
13	SPRING VALLEY Uria Walla Walla Valley 2001	94	\$40	63	ARGYLE Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2001	90	\$18
14	CLOS DU MARQUIS St.-Julien 2000	94	\$30	64	CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE-DR. LOOSEN Riesling Columbia Valley Eroica 2002	91	\$20
15	CHÂTEAU LA ROQUE Coteaux du Languedoc Pic St.-Loup Cupa Numismae 2000	93	\$18	65	PASCAL JOLIVET Sancerre 2002	90	\$20
16	SMITH WOODHOUSE Vintage Port 2000	95	\$52	66	D'ARENBERG Shiraz McLaren Vale The Footbolt Old Vine 2001	90	\$18
17	H. DÖNNHOFF Riesling Spätlese Nahe Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle 2001	97	\$48	67	DOMINIO DE TARES Mencía Bierzo 2001	90	\$16
18	ALBAN Syrah Edna Valley Reva 2000	94	\$44	68	CAPEZZANA Carmignano Conte Contini Bonacossi 2000	91	\$25
19	PRATS & SYMINGTON Douro Chryseia 2001	94	\$40	69	BOLLINGER Brut Champagne Special Cuvée NV	93	\$45
20	CHATEAU SOUVERAIN Chardonnay Russian River Valley Winemaker's Reserve 2001	93	\$25	70	CHATEAU BEAU-SITE St.-Estèphe 2000	90	\$20
21	CHÂTEAU DE FLAUGERGUES Coteaux du Languedoc La Méjanelle Cuvée Sommelière 2000	92	\$13	71	VIÑA MONTES Cabernet Sauvignon Santa Cruz Alpha Apalta Vineyard 2001	90	\$20
22	KUMEU RIVER Chardonnay Kumeu 2002	92	\$27	72	FRANCISCAN OAKVILLE ESTATE Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2000	90	\$27
23	MOCCAGATTA Barbaresco Basarin 2000	96	\$60	73	FINCA ALLENDE Rioja 1999	90	\$20
24	CHÂTEAU LANGOA BARTON St.-Julien 2000	94	\$50	74	BERGSTRÖM Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2001	91	\$18
25	CHÂTEAU LAGRANGE St.-Julien 2000	93	\$33	75	CASTELLO DI QUERCETO Chianti Classico Riserva 1999	90	\$23
26	MOUNT EDEN Chardonnay Edna Valley West Slope Edna Ranch 2001	91	\$12	76	ALTOS DE MEDRANO Malbec Mendoza Viña Hormigas Reserva 2001	91	\$24
27	CASANOVA DELLE CERBAIE Brunello di Montalcino 1998	94	\$54	77	BYRON Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley 2001	90	\$25
28	MULDERBOSCH Sauvignon Blanc Stellenbosch 2003	92	\$20	78	TALLEY Chardonnay Arroyo Grande Valley 2001	90	\$24
29	CHÂTEAU BOUSSASSÉ Madiran Vieilles Vignes 2000	93	\$30	79	LANDMARK Chardonnay Sonoma-Monterey Counties Overlook 2001	90	\$25
30	E. GUIGAL Hermitage 2000	97	\$60	80	SEA SMOKE Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Botella 2001	91	\$25
31	CHÂTEAU LATOUR MARTILLAC Pessac-Léognan 2000	92	\$25	81	RUST EN VREDE Stellenbosch 2000	92	\$33
32	ALBINO ROCCA Barbaresco Vigneto Brich Ronchi 2000	95	\$65	82	PENFOLDS Cabernet-Shiraz South Australia Bin 389 2000	90	\$26
33	LANÇON PÈRE & FILS Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine de la Solitude 2001	93	\$34	83	CIMS DE PORRERA Priorat Solanes 2001	90	\$25
34	DOMENICO CLERICO Barolo Pajana 1999	95	\$75	84	BERINGER Alluvium Red Knights Valley 1999	90	\$30
35	ROSENBLUM Zinfandel San Francisco Bay Carla's Vineyards 2001	92	\$23	85	J. & F. LURTON Toro El Albar Excelencia 1999	91	\$25
36	YANGARRA PARK Shiraz McLaren Vale Appellation Series 2001	91	\$17	86	NIGL Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Kremsier Freiheit 2002	90	\$18
37	DR. LOOSEN Riesling Kabinett Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Wehlener Sonnenuhr 2001	92	\$18	87	L'ECOLE NO. 41 Syrah Walla Walla Valley Seven Hills Vineyard 2001	92	\$35
38	NUMANTHIA-TERMES Toro Termes 1999	92	\$21	88	HDV Chardonnay Carneros 2000	93	\$45
39	CHÉREAU-CARRÉ Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie Château de Chasseloir 2002	90	\$9	89	ROBERT MONDAVI Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District 1999	92	\$40
40	PATZ & HALL Chardonnay Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch 2001	93	\$36	90	CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA Chianti Classico Riserva 2000	91	\$29
41	E. GUIGAL Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2001	93	\$40	91	BODEGAS EMILIO MORO Ribera del Duero 2000	91	\$28
42	BONNEAU DU MARTRAY Corton-Charlemagne 2000	95	\$80	92	PRIDE Merlot Napa-Sonoma Counties 2001	93	\$48
43	CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2001	93	\$40	93	ZIND-HUMBRECHT Gewürztraminer Alsace Turckheim Herrenweg 2001	91	\$34
44	NOBILO Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Icon Series 2002	91	\$19	94	BENI DI BATASIOLO Barbaresco 2000	90	\$35
45	MARCHESI DE' FRESCOBALDI Chianti Rufina Montesodi 2001	93	\$40	95	JOSMEYER Riesling Alsace Les Pierrets 2001	93	\$47
46	ST.-URBANS-HOF Riesling QbA Mosel-Saar-Ruwer 2001	90	\$10	96	OJAI Syrah California Roll Ranch Vineyard 2000	93	\$45
47	CONCHA Y TORO Merlot Peumo Marqués de Casa Concha 2001	90	\$14	97	CANTINA VIGNAIOLI Barbaresco Vigneto Marcarini 2000	93	\$48
48	CHÂTEAU MALESCASSE Haut-Médoc 2000	90	\$15	98	CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA Brunello di Montalcino Vigna di Pianrosso 1998	93	\$50
49	SEGHESSIO Zinfandel Sonoma County Old Vine 2001	92	\$28	99	LAGIER MEREDITH Syrah Mount Veeder 2001	93	\$50
50	DIDIER DAGUENEAU Pouilly-Fumé Pur Sang 2001	93	\$42	100	VINCENT GIRARDIN Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot Vieilles Vignes 2001	91	\$49