

EXCLUSIVE (THE SPIRITO CLASSIFICATIONS)

# The top **10** of the world's

They are the best wines to be put on sale during the course of the world, our classification also considers the outsiders: those

1<sup>st</sup>



2<sup>nd</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup>



4<sup>th</sup>



5<sup>th</sup>



# 100 best reds

2013. Apart from the great wines of Italy, France and the rest of that are destined to become great in the future

*Thus spoke World Wine Hunter Luca Gardini*

6<sup>th</sup>



7<sup>th</sup>



8<sup>th</sup>



9<sup>th</sup>



10<sup>th</sup>



# TOP of the TOP

It is not merely a question of attributing scores on the basis of a different evaluation relating to aromatic complexity, equilibrium and persistence. Making classifications means interfacing that which expresses taste with a series of parameters relating to the knowledge of the wine, of its producer, the territory and the year. The selection of the top 100 red wines in the world, drawn up with reference to the vintages present on the market during the current year, also envisaged constant, meticulous and repeated tasting, which began in 2012 with the previews and extended into a task that has not actually terminated yet. Not wishing to anticipate the vintages, and hence to avoid the risk of finding ourselves faced with glasses of wines that are still in the making, I preferred to eschew the first-fruits at all costs, in the name of that balance and impartiality that should be the rudder with which we steer through this sea of red wine.



# 98.8

## POGGIO DI SOTTO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2007

A refined bouquet with notes of petunia, rose, black cherry, tobacco and oolong tea. Vibrant and pulpy on the palate, abounding in suggestions of black cherry and pomegranate. Tannins are present but caressing.

**Poggio di Sotto**  
**Owner:** Claudio Tipa - **Oenologist:** Luca Sensi  
Loc. Castelnuovo dell'Abate  
53024 Montalcino, Siena (Italy)  
tel. +39.0577835502 - [www.poggiodisotto.com](http://www.poggiodisotto.com)



# 98.7

## DOMAINE LEROY MUSIGNY GRAND CRU 2010

From one of the great climates on the Côte d'Or comes a wine with refined aromas that explore the varieties of red fruits. The palate is multidimensional for the quantity and quality of sensations. Sophisticated tannin.

**Domaine Leroy S.A.**  
**Owner:** Lalou Bize Leroy and the Takashimaia Group  
**Oenologist:** Lalou Bize Leroy  
Rue du Pont Boillot - 21190 Mersault (France)  
tel. +33.(0)3802121010 - [www.domaine-leroy.com](http://www.domaine-leroy.com)



# 98.3

## DOMAINE JEAN-LOUIS CHAVE HERMITAGE ROUGE 2010

Syrah and its iconic producer have created a wine with a dense, warm and earthy bouquet, featuring violets, clay and the roots that inhabit it. Potent and spicy on the palate. Smooth tannins.

**Domaine Jean-Louis Chave**  
**Owner:** Jean-Louis Chave | **Oenologist:** Jean-Louis Chave  
37, Avenue Saint Joseph - 07300 Mauves (France)  
tel. 0033.(0)475082463  
<http://hermite.fr/domaine-jean-louis-chave>



# 98.2

## CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC SAINT-ÉMILION 2010

One of the best vintages for this blend based on Cabernet Franc. Noble aromas of flowers and raspberries, with touches of mint and graphite. A sumptuous, dense and broad but not excessive palate. The tannins are caressing but present.

**Château Cheval Blanc**  
**Owner:** Bernard Arnault and Albert Frère  
**Oenologist:** Pierre Lurton  
33330 Saint-Émilion (France)  
tel. +33.(0)557555555 - [www.chateau-cheval-blanc.com](http://www.chateau-cheval-blanc.com)



# 98.6

## CHÂTEAU LATOUR PAUILLAC 2010

Over 90% Cabernet Sauvignon completed with Merlot and traces of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Bouquet with everything and even more on the palate. The tannins are pure oenology. Great persistence.

**Château Latour**  
**Owner:** Frédéric Engerer  
**Oenologist:** Pierre-Henri Chabot  
Saint-Lambert - 33250 Pauillac (France)  
tel. +33.0556731980 - www.chateau-latour.com



# 98.5

## DOMAINE DE LA ROMANÉE-CONTI ROMANÉE-CONTI 2010

Pinot noir as it should be? Perhaps. Since '85 this cru (1.81 hectares in monopole) has been cultivated organically. Slender in the mouth but not without body, bewitching. Silky tannin.

**Domaine de la Romanée-Conti**  
**Owner:** Aubert de Villaine and Henri-Frédéric Roch  
**Oenologist:** Henri-Frédéric Roch  
1, rue Derrière-Le-Four - 21700 Vosne Romanée (France)  
tel. +33.(0)380624880 - www.romanee-conti.fr



# 98.4

## ROAGNA BARBARESCO ASILI VECCHIE VIGNE 2007

Bright garnet-red colour. Generous palate alternating juicy sensations of dog rose, blackcurrant, black cherry, ferrovia cherries and raspberries with metallic hints and suggestions of Cuban tobacco.

**Roagna**  
**Owner:** Luca Roagna - **Oenologist:** Luca Roagna  
Loc. Pajè, via Rabajà 8  
12050 Barbaresco, Cuneo (Italy)  
tel. +39.0173635109 - www.roagna.it



# 98.2

## DOMAINE ARMAND ROUSSEAU CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU 2010

Its 2.15 hectares have yielded a wine of inebriating aromas with the notes of rose, red fruits, graphite and blood to the fore. Mineral and concentrated on the palate. Implied and never excessive wood.

**Domaine Armand Rousseau**  
**Owner:** Charles Rousseau  
**Oenologist:** Éric Rousseau  
1, rue de l'Aumônerie - 21220 Gevrey Chambertin (France)  
tel. +33(0)380585025 - www.domaine-rousseau.com



# 98.1

## PÉTRUS POMEROL 2010

Splendour returns in this vintage with profound aromas of blueberry, black cherry, coffee and tobacco. In the mouth the vigorous Merlot gives sensations of blueberry and liquorice. Imposing but well amalgamated tannins.

**Pétrus**  
**Owner:** Jean-François Moueix  
**Oenologist:** Christian Moueix  
54, Quai du Priourat 33502 Libourne (France)  
tel. +33(0)557517896 - www.moueix.com



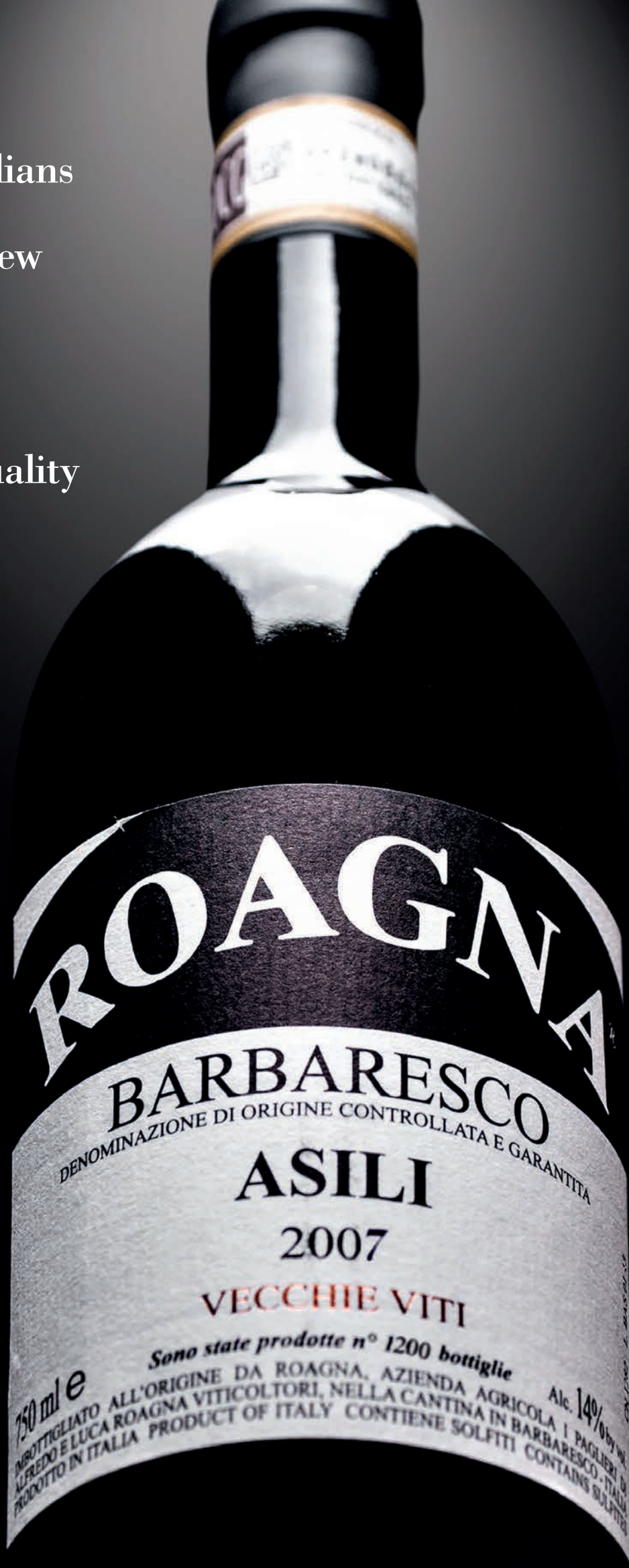
# 98.1

## PRINCIPAL RED GREAT RESERVE 2009 COLINAS DE SÃO LOURENÇO - BAIRRADA

Garnet-red colour. Bouquet with notes of fresh and preserved dark fruits. On the palate it is never excessively mature, thanks also to minty sensations. Dense and potent tannins.

**Colinas de São Lourenço**  
**Owner:** Idealdrinks of Carlos Dias  
**Oenologist:** Pascal Chatonnet  
Rua Principal 3780-179 - San Lourenço do Barrio (Portugal) - tel. +351.231528312 - www.idealdrinks.com

The best Italians  
come from  
ever-more new  
producers  
and there is  
a constant  
increase  
in overall quality



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**98.8 POGGIO DI SOTTO**  
BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2007  
[www.poggiosdisotto.com](http://www.poggiosdisotto.com)

**98.4 ROAGNA**  
BARBARESCO ASILI  
VECCHIE VIGNE 2007  
[www.roagna.it](http://www.roagna.it)



**98 TENUTA SETTEPONTI**  
ORENO 2010  
[www.tenutasetteponti.it](http://www.tenutasetteponti.it)

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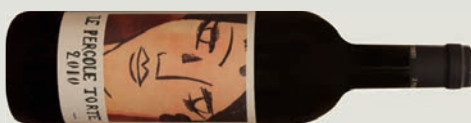
**97.7 MASSOLINO**  
BAROLO VIGNA RIONDA RISERVA 2007  
[www.massolino.it](http://www.massolino.it)



**97 PIANPOLVERE SOPRANO**  
BAROLO BUSSIA RISERVA 2006  
[www.pianpolveresoprano.it](http://www.pianpolveresoprano.it)

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**96.9 MONTEVERTINE**  
LE PERGOLE TORTE 2010  
[www.montevervine.it](http://www.montevervine.it)

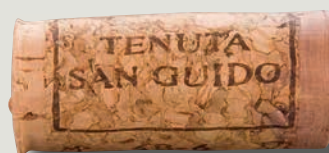


**96.3 PALARI**  
FARO 2008  
[www.palari.it](http://www.palari.it)

**96.2 CAVALLOTTO**  
BAROLO RISERVA  
BRICCO BOSCHIS VIGNA  
SAN GIUSEPPE 2007  
[www.cavallotto.com](http://www.cavallotto.com)

**96.7 TENUTA SAN GUIDO**  
SASSICAIA 2010  
[www.tenutasanguido.com](http://www.tenutasanguido.com)

**96.7 TUA RITA**  
REDIGAFFI 2010  
[www.tuarita.it](http://www.tuarita.it)



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**95.9 SCHIAVENZA**  
BAROLO PRAPÒ 2009  
[www.schiavenza.com](http://www.schiavenza.com)

**95.7 DUEMANI**  
DUEMANI CABERNET FRANC  
COSTA TOSCANA IGT 2010  
[www.duemani.eu](http://www.duemani.eu)



**95.6 POLVANERA**  
PRIMITIVO DI GIOIA  
DEL COLLE 17 2010  
[www.cantinepolvanera.it](http://www.cantinepolvanera.it)

**95.4 BRUNO GIACOSA**  
BAROLO LE ROCHE DEL FALLETTO  
RISERVA 2008  
[www.brunogiacosa.it](http://www.brunogiacosa.it)

**95.2 POLLENZA**  
IL POLLENZA 2010  
[www.ilpollenza.it](http://www.ilpollenza.it)

**95.1 ALLEGRIANI**  
AMARONE CLASSICO  
DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2009  
[www.allegriani.it](http://www.allegriani.it)

**95 TRAVAGLINI**  
GATTINARA RISERVA 2007  
[www.travaglinigattinara.it](http://www.travaglinigattinara.it)

**95 CASANOVA DI NERI**  
BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO  
CERRETALTO 2007  
[www.casanovadineri.it](http://www.casanovadineri.it)

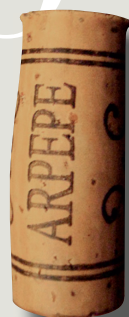
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**94.9 SALVIONI**  
LA CERBAIOLA BRUNELLO  
DI MONTALCINO 2008  
[www.aziendasalvioni.com](http://www.aziendasalvioni.com)

**94.5 GAJA**  
LANGHE NEBBIOLO COSTA RUSSI 2010  
[www.gajadistribuzione.it](http://www.gajadistribuzione.it)

**94.4 PODERE IL CARNASCIALE**  
IL CABERLOT 2009  
[bettina.rogosky@gmail.com](mailto:bettina.rogosky@gmail.com)

**94 ARPEPE**  
VALTELLINA SUPERIORE SASSELLA  
ROCCE ROSSE RISERVA 2002  
[www.arpepe.com](http://www.arpepe.com)



**94 GIACOMO CONTERNO**  
BAROLO CASCINA FRANCA 2009  
[www.conterno.it](http://www.conterno.it)

TOP  
ITALY

Italian wine is making life difficult for the French leadership. This is shown by the higher position on the podium occupied by the Brunello Riserva produced by the Poggio di Sotto winery, which not only surpassed the great aristocracy of Burgundy, but also the plethora – particularly fierce in an excellent year such as 2010 – of the best Bordeaux wines. The classification of the best Italian reds is really rather meagre, only quantitatively speaking, although it is representative of the rising quality of Italian wine. What makes Italians proud is the constant increase in overall quality. Behind these wines that represent the crème de la crème, we could in reality draw up every bit as reliable a ranking of different labels. Here there is the constant presence of new names (Tenuta Sette Ponti, Roagna and Palari), or at least of contemporary producers, thus not belonging to the old guard of wine producers, who must, however, be credited with having brought us to these heights. A final newsworthy item: the rebirth of the great Tuscans. Labels which, perhaps, have ceased following oenological fashions – I refer to the great extractions – to begin making great wines in an absolute sense once again.

## THE OTHERS

**93.6 Castell'in Villa Chianti**

Classico Riserva 2006  
[www.castellinvilla.com](http://www.castellinvilla.com)

**92 Tenute dell'Ornellaia**

Masseto 2010 | [www.ornellaia.com](http://www.ornellaia.com)

**92 Tenuta Petrolo**

Galatrona 2010 | [www.petrolo.it](http://www.petrolo.it)

**91 Radikon** | Merlot 1999

[www.radikon.com](http://www.radikon.com)

**91 Biondi Santi** | Brunello

di Montalcino Riserva 2007

[www.biondisanti.it](http://www.biondisanti.it)

**90.4 Tenuta Mara**

Maramia 2012 | [www.tenutamara.it](http://www.tenutamara.it)

**90.3 Tenute dell'Ornellaia**

Ornellaia 2010 25 anniversario

[www.ornellaia.com](http://www.ornellaia.com)

# TOP FRANCE

It's a ranking of the best 'tipples' of all in an absolute sense, whose distinguishing trait is, in some cases, modelled by excellent vintages. I will refer to Bordeaux. Every five years this territory brings forth genuine oenological divinities. And the great Burgundy wines produced by some of the all-time stars of winemaking.

## THE OTHERS

**95.8 E. Guigal** | Crozes-Hermitage Rouge 2009 | [www.guigal.com](http://www.guigal.com)

**95.4 Château Ducru-Beaucaillou** | Saint Julien 2010  
[www.chateau-ducru-beaucaillou.com](http://www.chateau-ducru-beaucaillou.com)

**95.4 Château Lynch-Bages** | Pauillac 2010 | [www.lynchbages.com](http://www.lynchbages.com)

**95.4 Domaine Faiveley** | Musigny 2010 | [www.domaine-faiveley.com](http://www.domaine-faiveley.com)

**95.2 Ponsot** | Clos de la Roche 2010 | [www.domaine-ponsot.com](http://www.domaine-ponsot.com)

**95 Château Beauséjour-Duffau-Lagarrosse** | Saint-Émilion 2010  
[www.beausejourhdl.fr](http://www.beausejourhdl.fr)

**95 Domaine Henri Bonneau** | Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2007  
tel. +33.(0)490837308

**95 Ch. Malescot Saint-Exupéry** | Margaux 2010 | [www.malescot.com](http://www.malescot.com)

**95 Clos Rougeard** | Le Bourg 2009 | tel. +33.(0)241529265

**95 Cos d'Estournel** | Saint-Éstephe 2010 | [www.estournel.com](http://www.estournel.com)

**94.8 Domaine Trapet** | Chapelle-Chambertin 2010  
[www.domaine-trapet.fr](http://www.domaine-trapet.fr)

**94.4 Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste** | Pauillac 2010  
[www.chateau-grand-puy-lacoste.com](http://www.chateau-grand-puy-lacoste.com)

**94.3 Domaine Méo-Camuzet** | Richebourg Grand cru 2010  
[www.meo-camuzet.com](http://www.meo-camuzet.com)

**94.1 Maison Louis Jadot** | Bonnes-Mares 2010 | [www.louisjadot.com](http://www.louisjadot.com)

**94 Domaine Dujac** | Echézeaux 2010 | [www.dujac.com](http://www.dujac.com)

**93.9 Roche de Bellene-Nicolas Potel** | Grands Echézeaux 2010 | [www.maisonrochedebellene.com](http://www.maisonrochedebellene.com)

**93.6 Domaine Pierre Usseglio** | Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Mon Aieul 2010  
[www.domainepierreusseglio.fr](http://www.domainepierreusseglio.fr)

**93.1 Jean Grivot** | Echézeaux 2010 | [www.domainegrivot.fr](http://www.domainegrivot.fr)

**92.5 Marcel Lapiere** | Morgon 2011 | [www.marcel-lapiere.com](http://www.marcel-lapiere.com)

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**98.7 Domaine Leroy** | Musigny Grand Cru 2010  
[www.domaine-leroy.com](http://www.domaine-leroy.com)

**98.6 Château Latour** | Pauillac 2010  
[www.chateau-latour.com](http://www.chateau-latour.com)

**98.5 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti** | Romanée-Conti 2010  
[www.romanee-conti.fr](http://www.romanee-conti.fr)

**98.3 Domaine Jean-Louis Chave** | Hermitage Rouge 2010  
<http://hermite.fr/domaine-jean-louis-chave>

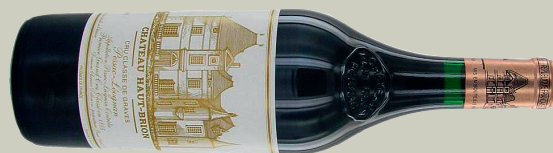


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**97.9 Château Haut-Brion** | Pessac-Léognan 2010  
[www.haut-brion.com](http://www.haut-brion.com)

**97.8 Château Margaux** | Margaux 2010  
[www.chateau-margaux.com](http://www.chateau-margaux.com)

**97.6 Château Lafleur** | Pomerol 2010  
[www.moueix.com](http://www.moueix.com)



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**96.6 Domaine Prieuré-Roch** | Clos Goillot 2009  
<http://domaine-prieure-roch.com>

**96.5 Château Angéus** | Saint-Émilion 2010  
[www.angelus.com](http://www.angelus.com)

**96.5 Chaptoutier** | Hermitage Rouge L'Ermitte 2009  
[www.chaptoutier.com](http://www.chaptoutier.com)

**96.5 Château Lafite-Rothschild** | Pauillac 2010  
[www.lafite.com](http://www.lafite.com)

**96.5 Domaine Comte de Vogüé** | Musigny VV 2010  
tel. +33.(0)380628625

**96.4 Château Troplong Mondot** | Saint-Émilion 2010  
[www.chateau-troplong-mondot.com](http://www.chateau-troplong-mondot.com)



**98.2 Château Cheval Blanc** | Saint-Émilion 2010  
[www.chateau-cheval-blanc.com](http://www.chateau-cheval-blanc.com)

**98.2 Domaine Armand Rousseau** | Chambertin Grand Cru 2010  
[www.domaine-rousseau.com](http://www.domaine-rousseau.com)

**98.1 Pétrus** | Pomerol 2010  
[www.moueix.com](http://www.moueix.com)



**98 Domaine Georges & Christophe Roumier** | Bonnes Mares Grand Cru 2010  
[www.roumier.com](http://www.roumier.com)

**97.5 Château Léoville-Las Cases** | Saint-Julien 2010  
tel. +33.(0)556732526

**97.4 Domaine Auguste Clape** | Cornas Cuvée Renaissance 2010  
tel. +33.(0)475405951

**97.2 Château Ausone** | Saint-Émilion 2010  
<http://chateau-ausone.fr>



**97.1 Château Pontet-Canet** | Pauillac 2010  
[www.pontet-canet.com](http://www.pontet-canet.com)

**96.4 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti** | La Tâche 2010  
[www.romanee-conti.fr](http://www.romanee-conti.fr)

**96.1 Domaine Leroy** | Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2010  
[www.domaine-leroy.com](http://www.domaine-leroy.com)

**96 Perrin & Fils** | Château de Beaucastel | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | Hommage à Jacques Perrin 2010  
[www.beaucastel.com](http://www.beaucastel.com)

**96 Ogier** | Côte Rôtie | La Belle Hélène 2009  
[www.domaine-ogier.fr](http://www.domaine-ogier.fr)

**96 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti** | Romanée-Saint-Vivant 2010  
[www.romanee-conti.fr](http://www.romanee-conti.fr)





Every five  
years, the all  
territory  
of Bordeaux  
provides us  
with genuine  
oenological  
divinities





A surprise from a country whose flagship product is fortified wine: a red in Bordeaux style, but made from native grape varieties

# TOP THE REST OF THE WORLD

Paraphrasing the title of one of the James Bond movies filmed in 1999, it could be said that the world, even the oenological one, is not enough. New wineries are springing up practically everywhere, while those that have been in the breach for years are being consolidated as reference points. While a few years back Europe could afford to snub the realities of the so-called "new world", nowadays it has to keep them in mind as possible, and formidable, market rivals; especially in relation to new markets. Apart from confirming wineries such as Ridge, Mondavi, and Penfolds, there are interesting surprises associated with labels produced by Principal, Pahlmeyer and Rupert Wines. In the first case, we must acknowledge the efforts of a company which, in a country that stakes its reputation on fortified wine, has decided to bring out a dry red that is modelled on the style that distinguishes Bordeaux wines, but with the use of native varieties. There is also a very good vintage of Merlot from Pahlmeyer, which is today managed by the new oenologist Kale Anderson. Finally, Spain has also achieved commendable results with its wines.

## THE OTHERS

- 90.8 Clarendon Hills** | Australia  
Astralis Syrah 2010  
[www.clarendonhills.com.au](http://www.clarendonhills.com.au)
- 90.6 Seña** | Chile | Aconcagua Valley 2008 | [www.sena.cl](http://www.sena.cl)
- 90.6 Descendientes de José Palacios** | Spain | Las Lamas Bierzo 2010 | tel. +34.987540821
- 90.5 Catena Zapata** | Argentina  
Malbec 2011 | [www.catenawines.com](http://www.catenawines.com)
- 90.4 Klein Constantia**  
South Africa | Anwilka 2008  
[www.kleinconstantia.com](http://www.kleinconstantia.com)
- 90.4 Monte de Luz** | Uruguay  
Tannat Reserva 2007  
[www.vignobles-lesgourgues.com](http://www.vignobles-lesgourgues.com)

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**98.1 PRINCIPAL** | PORTUGAL  
RED GREAT RESERVE 2009  
COLINAS DE SÃO LOURENÇO  
- BAIRRADA  
[www.idealdrinks.com](http://www.idealdrinks.com)



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**96.1 RIDGE** | USA  
MONTE BELLO 2010  
[www.ridgevine.com](http://www.ridgevine.com)

**96 ANTHONIJ RUPERT WINES** | SOUTH AFRICA  
ANTHONIJ RUPERT 2007  
[www.rupertwines.com](http://www.rupertwines.com)

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**95.8 ÁLVARO PALACIOS** | SPAIN  
PRIORAT L'ERMITA 2010  
[info@alvaropalacios.com](mailto:info@alvaropalacios.com)

**95.5 MONDAVI** | USA  
OPUS ONE 2010  
[www.opusonewinery.com](http://www.opusonewinery.com)

**95.5 PAHLMEYER** | USA  
MERLOT NAPA VALLEY 2011  
[www.pahlmeyer.com](http://www.pahlmeyer.com)



**95.4 DOMINIO DE PINGUS** | SPAIN  
RIBERA DEL DUERO 2010  
[info@pingus.es](mailto:info@pingus.es)

**95.3 HENSCHKE** | AUSTRALIA  
HILL OF GRACE SHIRAZ 2008  
<http://henschke.com.au>

**95.1 SCREAMING EAGLE** | USA  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY 2010  
[www.screamingeagle.com](http://www.screamingeagle.com)

**95 PENFOLDS** | AUSTRALIA  
BIN 707 2010  
[www.penfolds.com](http://www.penfolds.com)

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**94.8 THE SADIE FAMILY**  
SOUTH AFRICA  
COLUMELLA 2010  
[www.thesadiefamily.com](http://www.thesadiefamily.com)

**94.4 DOMAINE DROUHIN** | USA  
LAURÈNE PINOT NOIR  
DUNDEE HILLS 2010  
[www.domainedrouhin.com](http://www.domainedrouhin.com)

**94.4 VEGA-SICILIA** | SPAIN  
ÚNICO 2003  
[www.vega-sicilia.com](http://www.vega-sicilia.com)

**94.2 BODEGA NOEMÍA PATAGONIA**  
ARGENTINA  
MALBEC 2010  
[www.bodeganoemia.com](http://www.bodeganoemia.com)

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**93.5 FELTON ROAD**  
NEW ZEALAND  
PINOT NOIR CALVERT 2011  
[www.feltonroad.com](http://www.feltonroad.com)

**93.2 ALMAVIVA** | CHILE  
CONCHA Y TORO 2010  
[www.almavivawinery.com](http://www.almavivawinery.com)



**93 HARLAN ESTATE**  
NAPA VALLEY 2010  
UNITED STATES  
[www.harlanestate.com](http://www.harlanestate.com)



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**92 CHATEAU PORTO CARRAS**  
GREECE  
CHATEAU PORTO CARRAS 2005  
[www.portocarras.com](http://www.portocarras.com)

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**91.8 CHATEAU MUSAR** | LEBANON  
RED 2005  
[www.chateaumusar.com](http://www.chateaumusar.com)

**91.5 BENJAMIN ROMERO**  
SPAIN  
CONTADOR 2010  
[www.bodegacontador.com](http://www.bodegacontador.com)



# TOP OUTSIDERS

They will be famous. Actually, some of the wines on this list already are. These wines come from the four corners of the earth, because in terms of quality, 'important' wines are produced at all latitudes nowadays. However, a classification of this kind should not merely speak about quality,

but about excellence. And there is excellence here, whether we find it in Mexico from Bodega de Santo Tomas, even if wine has been made here since 1888, or in South Africa with Rupert Wines or The Sadie family. Looking at Europe, there are surprises here, too. From the Château with still-affordable prices and undisputed quality to the marvels that come from the great rivers (Loire and Rhone), represented by winemakers with solid reputations for not only one particular wine but an entire range of labels. And not forgetting Italy. Here, I chose to accompany with a ground of grape-cultivation and winemaking practices that are highly respectful of the territory, of the plants and of the consumer.

## 1 **PRINCIPAL** **RED GREAT RESERVE 2009** **COLINAS DE SÃO LOURENÇO - BAIRRADA**

The outsider of the outsiders: leading the wines of the rest of the world is this red, which symbolizes Portuguese quality, also featuring in the classification of the best overall as an absolute revelation. In years to come, it will amaze even more

**Colinas de São Lourenço**  
Rua Principal 3780-179 - San Lourenço do Barrio  
(Portugal) - tel. +351.231528312 - [www.idealdrinks.com](http://www.idealdrinks.com)

## 2 **DUEMANI** **DUEMANI CABERNET FRANC COSTA** **TOSCANA IGT 2010**

An Italian red with intense aromas of blackberry, plum, mulberry, tobacco and hints of Mediterranean maquis. The flavour is full, rich, and just as elegant. The tannins are present but harmonious and well merged with the body of the wine.

**Duemani**  
Loc. Ortacavoli - 56046 Ripabella, Pisa (Italy)  
tel. +39.0583975048 - [www.duemani.eu](http://www.duemani.eu)

## 3 **THE SADIE FAMILY** **COLUMELLA 2010**

A blend of Syrah and Mourvedre grapes. Profound and complex bouquet, rich in suggestions of sweet and hot spices. In the mouth it is ample and spicy (cloves, pepper and mace) with mineral notes. Silky tannins.

**The Sadie Family**  
P.O. box 1019 - Aprilskloof road 7299 - Paardeberg  
Malmesbury (South Africa) - [www.thesadiefamily.com](http://www.thesadiefamily.com)

## 4 **TENUTA BIODINAMICA MARA** **MARAMIA 2011**

Made from 100% Sangiovese grapes, has a bouquet of pulpy red fruit and faint spices that recall star anise. Taut on the palate, dominated by notes of eucalyptus, raspberry and spices. The tannins are smooth but present.

**Tenuta biodinamica Mara**  
via Cà Bacchino - 47832 San Clemente, Rimini (Italy)  
tel. +39.0541859654 - [www.tenutamara.it](http://www.tenutamara.it)

## 5 **DOMAINE DES ROCHES NEUVES** **LA MARGINALE SAUMUR CHAMPIGNY 2010**

Thierry Germain and the calcareous terrains of Saumur have yielded this Cabernet Franc, which is rich in floral aromas (rose, jasmine and peony) as well as fruity hints (cassis). In the mouth it offers an intriguing boost of iron.

**Domaine des Roches Neuves**  
56, Boulevard Saint Vincent - 49400 Varrains (France)  
tel. +33(0)41529402 - [www.rochesneuves.com](http://www.rochesneuves.com)

## 6 **CHÂTEAU POUJEAUX** **MOULIS EN MÉDOC 2010**

A prevalence of Cabernet Sauvignon elevated in barriques for 12 months. The bouquet abounds in notes of cassis, sandal wood and cedar wood. Fruity and mineral hints on the palate, never overpowered by the tannins.

**Château Poujeaux**  
33480 Moulis en Médoc (France)  
tel. +33(0)556580296 - [www.chateau-poujeaux.com](http://www.chateau-poujeaux.com)

## 7 **DARD & RIBO** **HERMITAGE 2010**

This duo formed in 1984. This Hermitage has intense aromas of cassis jam, coriander and laurel. Material and concentrated on the palate, with hints of cassis and black olive paste.

**Dard & Ribo**  
54 Blanche Laine - 26600 Mercuroil (France)  
tel. +33(0)475074000

## 8 **FRANÇOIS MIKULSKI** **MERSAULT PREMIER CRU** **LES CAILLERETS 2010**

No Chardonnay, only Pinot noir in this wine whose bouquet proposes rose, geranium and wild strawberry. In the mouth it is slender and never overly concentrated - does not like too much bâtonnage - and recalls wild berries.

**François Mikulski**  
7 Rd 974 - 21190 Mersault (France)  
tel. +33(0)380212511 - [www.domainemikulski.fr](http://www.domainemikulski.fr)

## 9 **ANTHONIJ RUPERT WINES** **ANTHONIJ RUPERT 2007**

From the top cellar of those of the chairman Richemont Johann Rupert, here is one of the world's best Bordeaux blend outside the classic Bordeaux areas: Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc take up 40% each with a balance of 17% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot.

**Anthonij Rupert Wines**  
P.O. box 435 - Franschoek, 7690 South Africa  
tel. +27.(0)218749023 - [www.rupertwines.com](http://www.rupertwines.com)

## 10 **BODEGA DE SANTO TOMÁS** **DUETTO 2005**

A blend of Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon laid down separately in barriques for at most 18 months and then assembled. Undergrowth and mint in the bouquet. A rich mouth with fine tannins to the fore.

**Bodega de Santo Tomás**  
Lerdo 323 - Col. San Simón Tolnahuac (Mexico)  
tel. +55.91506448 - [www.santo-tomas.com](http://www.santo-tomas.com)

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