



100 BOTTLES

To Drink Right Now



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TO COME UP WITH 100 WINES that are truly worth the time and money, I began by making a mental list of the thousands of wines I've tasted, talked about, heard about or just plain enjoyed in recent memory. After narrowing that list down to 100 of the most exciting bottles that are on store shelves right now, I divided them into categories that would be of the most compelling interest: top vintages, up-and-coming regions around the world, new sommelier favorites, best trends, latest wine-geek choices, greatest values and so on. Read on for them all.

International VARIETIES to Know

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2009 TERREDORA DI PAOLO FALANGHINA (\$19) A pear-scented Southern Italian white.

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2007 FEILER-ARTINGER ZWEIFELT (\$18) This Austrian red is berry-bright and peppery.

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2009 BODEGA COLOMÉ TORRONTÉS (\$15) Argentina's white Torrontés is floral and melony.

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2009 TELMO RODRÍGUEZ GABA DO XIL GODELLO (\$17) Albariño fans should give the zesty Godello a try.

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2009 DOMAINE SIGALAS SANTORINI (\$25) Made from Assyrtiko, Greece's signature white.

VINTAGES TO BUY TODAY

1 2007 Perrin & Fils Côtes du Rhône Réserve (\$7)
 In the southern Rhône, 2007 was extraordinary, for wines at every price.

2 2009 Georges Duboeuf Moulin-a-Vent Domaine des Rosiers (\$17) *Cru* Beaujolais is a remarkable bargain, even in a great vintage like 2009.

3 2008 Gilbert Picq Chablis (\$22) Chablis's 2008 vintage was stellar. Picq's village wine is as complex as many *premier crus*; also look for Brocard, Fevre and Billaud-Simon.

4 2009 Buitenverwachting Sauvignon Blanc (\$15) The vivacity and subtle minerality of South African Sauvignon Blanc has never been clearer than in the 2009 wines.

5 2001 Bodegas Montecillo Gran Reserva Rioja (\$25) A great year for the region, plus Rioja's *gran reservas* are a steal, given how refined they are.

6 2007 Robert Mondavi Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$28) The 2007 vintage was spectacular in Napa Valley, and for under \$30, Mondavi is a must-buy.

7 2007 Chateau Coutet Barsac (\$30/half-bottle)
 If you're younger than 32, 2007 is the best Sauternes vintage of your lifetime. Otherwise, it's the best since 1978.

8 2007 Scherrer Old and Mature Vines Zinfandel (\$30) For Zinfandels from Sonoma's Alexander Valley, the 2007 vintage resulted in amazing richness.

9 2008 Patricia Green Estate Pinot Noir (\$36)
 A worthwhile splurge from the lovely 2008 vintage in Oregon's Willamette Valley.



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NEXT GREAT WINE REGIONS

15 2008 Vin du Lac Lehm Dry Riesling (\$25)

Washington's Lake Chelan region is making a bid to become the next great US Riesling source.

16 2008 Becker Vineyards Viognier (\$15)

Try wine from your home state (like Texas, the source of this succulent Viognier).

17 2008 Yarden Odem Vineyard Organic Chardonnay (\$18)

Israeli wines have soared in quality in the past decade.

18 2007 Murgo Sparkling (\$29) Sicily's Mt. Etna is one of Italy's most intriguing regions.

19 2006 Elyse Vineyards C'est Si Bon (\$28)

California's Sierra Foothills AVA is making news with wines like this spicy red.

20 2009 Sergio Mottura Poggio Della Costa (\$18)

The Lazio region around Rome has become home to some of Italy's best white wines, like this tropical-scented Grechetto, but few people know that—yet (see story, p. 188).

21 2006 Dominio do Bibei Lalama (\$38)

Spain's Ribeira Sacra region—in the mountainous far-eastern reaches of Galicia—produces thrilling reds from steep vineyards perched high above the Miño and Sil Rivers.

22 2005 Chateau Lagrezette Zette Malbec (\$12)

If you love Malbec, try the original: Winemakers in France's Cahors were making great Malbec when Argentina was still ruled by the Incas.

23 2007 Obsidian Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon (\$28)

The Red Hills Lake County AVA is producing Napa-quality Cabernet at far-less-than-Napa prices.

24 2009 Bodega Chacra Barda Pinot Noir (\$30)

In Argentina's far-southern reaches, Patagonia may be the most remote yet promising new Pinot Noir region in the world.

25 2007 Herdade do Esporão Reserva Red (\$22)

Good red wine from Portugal isn't limited to the Douro Valley. Try this cherry-rich blend of native grapes from Alentejo.

26 2007 Clos La Chance Santa Cruz Mountains Chardonnay (\$22)

The Santa Cruz Mountains may be the most underrated region in California.

GEEK WINES

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2008 FRATELLI ALESSANDRIA VERDUNO PELAVERGA (\$23) Piedmont's red Pelaverga—which means "branch peeler"—is delicate and fragrant.

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2008 WEINGUT ZAHEL SCHLOSS SCHOENBRUNN WIENER GEMISCHTER SATZ (\$22)

It's white, Austrian and spicy, and it's pronounced *geh-MISH-ter sats*.

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2007 YORK CREEK VINEYARDS MXB RED WINE (\$24)

"Mixed blacks," from ancient California vineyards, blend Zinfandel with other varieties.

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2007 LANG & REED TWO-FOURTEEN (\$40) An unusual Loire Valley Cabernet Franc clone is the source of this lush California red.

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2005 JACQUES PUFFENEY ARBOIS SAVAGNIN (\$25) This nutty, oxidative French white is the work of a winemaker known as "the pope of Arbois."



27 *Change-Your-Life White*
2007 DÖNNHOFF NORHEIMER DELLCHEN RIESLING GROSSES GEWÄCHS (\$77) This German Riesling is utterly profound. Or buy the brilliant producer's basic estate bottling for a mere \$24.



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