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**OUR ANNUAL ROUNDUP OF
THE YEAR'S MOST EXCITING WINES**

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Every year since 1988, *Wine Spectator* has compiled a list of the most exciting wines we've reviewed over the past 12 months. These 100 wines reflect significant trends, recognize outstanding producers and spotlight successful regions and vintages around the world.

In 2011, our list was selected from more than 16,000 new releases our editors rated in our independent blind tastings. More than 5,400 of these wines earned outstanding or classic ratings (90 points or higher on *Wine Spectator's* 100-point scale). We narrowed the list down based on four criteria: quality (represented by score); value (reflected by release price); availability (measured by cases made or imported); and what we call the "X-factor"—the excitement generated by a rising-star producer, a benchmark wine or a significant milestone for a wine region. But no equation determines the final selections: These choices reflect our editors' judgment and passion about the wines we tasted.

In this year's list, 12 countries are represented, and quality remains high, with an average score of 93 points. The average price per bottle dipped from last year from \$48 to \$44, compared with a \$70 average for 90-point wines reviewed this year. We hope that you enjoy this list of exciting values, emerging stars and time-honored stalwarts and that our Top 100 of 2011 leads you to more deeply explore the world of wine.





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WINE SPECTATOR'S 2011 TOP 100 AT A GLANCE

RANK	SCORE	PRICE	WINE
1	95	\$52	Kosta Browne Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2009
2	96	\$90	Hall Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Kathryn Hall 2008
3	96	\$69	Domaine Huët Vouvray Moelleux Clos du Bourg Première Trie 2009
4	96	\$50	Campogiovanni Brunello di Montalcino 2006
5	95	\$50	Dehlinger Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2008
6	95	\$35	Baer Ursa Columbia Valley 2008
7	95	\$55	Quinta do Vallado Touriga Nacional Douro 2008
8	96	\$90	Domenico Clerico Barolo Ciabot Mentin Ginestra 2006
9	94	\$55	Alain Graillot Crozes-Hermitage La Guiraud 2009
10	94	\$58	Château de St.-Cosme Gigondas Valbelle 2009
11	97	\$45	Denner The Dirt Worshipper Paso Robles 2008
12	95	\$38	Seghesio Zinfandel Alexander Valley Home Ranch 2009
13	95	\$55	Mount Eden Vineyards Chardonnay Santa Cruz Mountains 2008
14	95	\$45	Failla Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Keefer Ranch 2009
15	95	\$36	Efeste Syrah Yakima Valley Jolie Bouche Boushey Vineyard 2008
16	95	\$50	Rivetto Barolo Serralunga 2006
17	95	\$60	Tenuta Carlina Brunello di Montalcino La Togata 2006
18	94	\$30	Januik Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2008
19	95	\$43	Carlisle Zinfandel Russian River Valley Papera Ranch 2008
20	94	\$45	Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville 2008
21	93	\$15	Georges Duboeuf Morgon Jean Descombes 2009
22	94	\$44	Freeman Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2009
23	93	\$15	Bodegas Resalte de Peñafiel Ribera del Duero de Restia Crianza Selected Harvest 2004

RANK	SCORE	PRICE	WINE
24	97	\$60	La Serena Brunello di Montalcino 2006
25	93	\$24	Owen Roe Syrah Columbia Valley Ex Umbris 2009
26	93	\$24	Descendientes de J. Palacios Bierzo Pétalos 2009
27	93	\$25	Rusack Syrah Santa Barbara County 2008
28	93	\$30	Merry Edwards Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley 2009
29	92	\$25	Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2010
30	94	\$42	Sineann Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton District Resonance Vineyard 2009
31	92	\$22	Castello di Monsanto Chianti Classico Riserva 2007
32	95	\$72	Andrew Will Sorella Horse Heaven Hills 2008
33	92	\$18	Château Tanunda Shiraz Barossa Grand Barossa 2008
34	93	\$25	Sans Liege The Offering Santa Barbara County 2008
35	94	\$60	Two Hands Shiraz Barossa Valley Bella's Garden 2009
36	93	\$30	Terrabianca Toscana Campaccio 2007
37	93	\$30	Tablas Creek Côtes de Tablas Paso Robles 2009
38	93	\$33	Rex Hill Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2009
39	93	\$32	Tamarack Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2007
40	93	\$37	Beringer Chardonnay Napa Valley Private Reserve 2009
41	93	\$37	L'Ecole No. 41 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley 2008
42	90	\$9	Quinta de Cabriz Dão 2008
43	90	\$14	Gruet Blanc de Noirs New Mexico NV
44	94	\$53	Moccagatta Barbaresco Bric Balin 2007
45	92	\$25	Orin Swift Abstract California 2009
46	92	\$25	Argiano Toscana Non Confunditur 2009
47	92	\$22	Hecht & Bannier Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2008
48	92	\$28	Zenato Valpolicella Superiore Ripassa 2007
49	92	\$29	Fonterutoli Chianti Classico 2009
50	98	\$175	Peter Michael Les Pavots Knights Valley 2008

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51	97	\$60	Evening Land Chardonnay Eola-Amity Hills Seven Springs Vineyard La Source 2009
52	97	\$75	Saxum James Berry Vineyard Paso Robles 2008
53	94	\$70	Bodegas Los Astrales Ribera del Duero 2008
54	92	\$22	Vincent Girardin Moulin-à-Vent Domaine de La Tour du Bief Clos de la Tour 2009
55	93	\$45	Roederer Estate Brut Anderson Valley L'Ermitage 2003
56	95	\$80	Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova 2006
57	93	\$37	Fratelli Revello Barolo 2006
58	91	\$24	Bodega Catena Zapata Malbec Mendoza 2009
59	90	\$18	Bodegas Dinastía Vivanco Rioja Selección de Familia Crianza 2008
60	90	\$20	Allegrini Veronese Palazzo della Torre 2008
61	90	\$22	Tormaresca Primitivo Salento Torricoda 2008
62	93	\$46	Quinta do Crasto Douro Reserva Old Vines 2008
63	94	\$80	Darioush Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2007
64	95	\$70	Quinta do Vale Meão Douro 2008
65	93	\$48	Shafer Chardonnay Napa Valley Carneros Red Shoulder Ranch 2009
66	93	\$48	Leviathan California 2008
67	92	\$23	Zind-Humbrecht Gewürztraminer Alsace L170 2009
68	91	\$18	Buehler Zinfandel Napa Valley 2009
69	91	\$22	Rocca di Frassinello Maremma Toscana Le Sughere di Frassinello 2009
70	91	\$20	Morgan Chardonnay Monterey Metallico Un-Oaked 2009
71	90	\$18	Bodegas Godeval Valdeorras Viña Godeval 2010
72	90	\$16	Ravines Riesling Finger Lakes Dry 2009
73	91	\$20	Fratelli Oddero Barbera d'Alba 2007
74	96	\$125	Marcassin Chardonnay Sonoma Coast Marcassin Vineyard 2006
75	93	\$29	Loring Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2009
76	92	\$35	Kumeu River Chardonnay Kumeu Estate 2008
77	92	\$40	Ayala Brut Champagne Majeur NV
78	93	\$30	Markus Molitor Riesling Spätlese Mosel Wehlener Sonnenuhr 2009
79	93	\$35	Poggio al Tesoro Bolgheri Sondaia 2008
80	96	\$150	Continuum Napa Valley 2008
81	92	\$28	Salomon-Undhof Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Undhof Kögl 2009
82	91	\$21	Margerum Sauvignon Blanc Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara Sybarite 2010
83	91	\$24	Domaine Sigalas Assyrtiko Santorini 2010
84	93	\$26	Domaine La Monardière Vacqueyras Les 2 Monardes 2009
85	97	\$125	Domaine Serene Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Grace Vineyard 2008
86	91	\$26	Domäne Wachau Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Trocken Wachau Terrassen 2009
87	90	\$26	Terredora di Paolo Greco di Tufo Loggia della Serra 2009
88	94	\$65	Nicolis Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Ambrosan 2004
89	91	\$30	Telmo Rodríguez Toro Gago 2007
90	94	\$65	Jean-Michel Stephan Côte-Rôtie 2009
91	90	\$28	Bodegas Beronia Rioja Gran Reserva 2001
92	92	\$32	Bernard Baudry Chinon Franc de Pied 2009
93	91	\$30	De Morgenzon Chenin Blanc Stellenbosch 2009
94	93	\$37	Château Brown Pessac-Léognan White 2008
95	93	\$57	Château Canon-La Gaffelière St.-Emilion 2008
96	93	\$55	Eric & Joël Durand Cornas Empreintes 2009
97	93	\$65	Philippe Colin Chassagne-Montrachet Les Chenevottes 2008
98	92	\$45	Louis Chèze St.-Joseph Caroline Cuvée Prestige 2009
99	90	\$25	Château Ste.-Eulalie Minervois La Livinière La Cantilène 2008
100	96	\$105	Bodega Noemía de Patagonia Río Negro Valley 2009