

# WINE

## ENTHUSIAST

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# TOP 100 WINES OF THE YEAR

BY THE BEVERAGE TESTING INSTITU

THIS IS IT: THE SUMMIT, THE PINNACLE, THE LOFTY MOUNT OLYMPUS OF WINES TASTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. HEREWITH OUR 100 WINES OF THE GOD

### PARKLING WINES

**97** **Ca' del Bosco 1991 Cuvée Annamaria Clementi, Franciacorta, Italy.** Opulent aromas, with a yeasty, Champagne-like flavor profile. Rich and quite round in the mouth with an excellent persistence of bubbles. May have seen a touch of oak because vanilla nuances rear up in the finish. \$71

**96** **Krug 1989 Brut, Champagne.** Outstanding vinous nose follows through on a richly flavored palate, showing an oily texture and powerful, spicy, nutty flavors through the finish. Drinking very well now, though this will develop much more complexity. \$120

**95** **Gosset 1985 Grand Millésime, Champagne.** Mature, evolved aromas have nutty, toasty richness that follows through on the palate with a silky yet powerful character showing great maturity. Aristocratic, artisan style that opens up spectacularly with aeration. Drink with food. \$82

**97** **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1995 Grand Cru, La Tâche.** Powerful, brooding aromas. Extremely solid and tight with enormous earthy depth and impressive levels of ripeness, though still a very austere wine. \$350

### RED WINES

**97** **Ca' del Bosco 1995 Maurizio Zanella, Rosso del Sebino, Italy.** Generous aromas follow through with complex flavors. Firm and highly structured with excellent balance and grip. Still rather tough on the finish, but should develop beautifully with age. \$82

**96** **Vega Sicilia 1986 Unico Reserva, Ribera del Duero, Spain.** Pronounced spicy, toasty nose. Hugely concentrated plump and black fruit flavors expand on the palate, deferring to smoky vanilla-oak flavors on the finish. Outstanding mouthfeel and length, though this is a little reined-in at present. Extra cellar age would benefit this. \$125

**97** **Stag's Leap Wine Cellars (CA) 1995 Cask 23, Napa Valley.** Brown spice and expressive Cabernet fruit aromas open up on the palate. Forceful, abrupt dry tannins give a firm finish through which fruit generosity is still very marked. \$130

**96** **Guigal 1994 "La Turque," Côte-Rôtie.** Esotically aromatic, with a firm and well-structured mouthfeel. Has fine intensity and length, with excellent grip through the finish. Despite the extraordinarily developed aromas, this has fine cellar-aging potential. \$150

**96** **Domaine Comte Georges de Vogüé 1996 Grand Cru, Les Bonnes Mares.** Exotic aromas lead to a forceful, powerful palate. Excellent focus and depth with a firm, intense, and direct finish. Well balanced, this heavyweight shows cellar for the long haul. \$NA

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