

EXCLUSIVE READER SURVEY: HOW AMERICA EATS

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Best OF THE Year



WHITES
1995 Ca' del Bosco
Chardonnay, Estate,
Franciacorta, Italy (\$60).

**1994 Domaines
Schlumberger**
Gewürztraminer, Grand
Cru, Kessler Vineyard,
Alsace, France (\$32).
1995 Louis Jadot
Chassagne-Montrachet,
Les Caillerets, Burgundy,
France (\$46).

1995 Trimbach
Pinot Gris (Tokay),
Réserve Personnelle,
Alsace, France (\$32).

1996 Yves Cuilleron
Viognier, La Côte,
Condrieu, France (\$42).



AND ITALY
...ntage—the best since the
...990—have been appearing.
...up are serious wines from
...oc-Roussillon (Vin de Pays
...which has traditionally pro-
...-range bottlings. The 1995
...Rhône Valley are magnifi-
...scany keeps producing the
...red wines in Italy.

Alsace continues to be the
underrated producer of fine
now is the time to try them.
Italian vintners have been
things with Chardonnay.
age date has been stamped
midable white bottlings in
Rhône whites have entered
Some excellent reds f

TASTING PANEL REPORT

World-Class Wines

The year's top 50 from around the globe

IT'S TIME AGAIN to list our picks for the best wines of the past year. This time around, we have divided the selections into three geographic categories: the United States; France and Italy; and the rest of the world. Since Americans most often drink wines from their own country, the domestic section is the largest. France and Italy, which dominate the import market, make up the next-largest category. And while Spain, Germany, Chile, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand are represented, some of their best wines are not available widely enough in the U.S. to be included.

The 50 wines that do appear were chosen from thousands of new releases that the Tasting Panel sampled over the past 12 months. All can be found at retail stores or on restaurant wine lists, and all represent what we consider good value. Among the choices, red wines outnumber whites. That's because interest in red wines is at an all-time high, and with so many top ones in short supply, we thought it reasonable to offer more options in this area.