

WORLD'S TOP

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**GardiniNotes.**

THE WINE KILLERS

# World's Top 50 Wines

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After four years of Luca Gardini's Top 100 wines, he has decided to condense the results of a year's tastings into an even more select list of 50 labels. The objective of these rankings, as always, is to express the concept of quality found in the DNA of Luca Gardini's style, which esteems drinkability and availability, without necessarily taking into consideration exclusivity or the economic value of certain labels. In addition to reducing his list to 50 labels in 2016, Luca also includes wines from all over the world, made from diverse production philosophies.

Here, you will find a selection of the rankings, focused on the first ten positions. The selection provides a simple listing of each wine, with the winery that produced it, followed by its name and vintage. Eventually, the vintage will be updated, since the rankings are based exclusively upon preview tastings or available vintages on the market, at the time of the sampling.

# The Top 50

## GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

The targets are three: short (5-8 years), medium (10-15 years) and long (more than 15 years), which denote the aging potential of the wine.



SHORT (5-8 years)



MEDIUM (10-15 years)



LONG (more than 15 years)

100



### Brunello di Montalcino Docg Cerretalto 2010

ITALY

CASANOVA DI NERI

*Aged for six year in the winery, the time allotted for a riserva. This Brunello from a single vineyard is already expressive today and will reveal more mature, while equally clear and immediate impressions, tomorrow. Encyclopedic list of descriptors for its quality and quantity. Powdery tannins.*



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### Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 2014

GERMANY

FRITZ HAAG

*Riesling made from a vineyard where the slopes reach dizzying altitudes of almost 85%. On the palate, an elegance that throws its gustative chips both on the table of tropical fruits with guava and passion fruit, and upon that of spices such as cinnamon and cardamom. Savory finish.*



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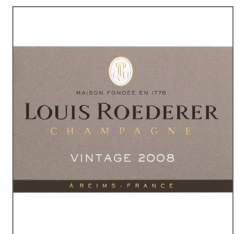


### Champagne Vintage 2008

FRANCE

LOUIS ROEDERER

*A prevalence of 70% Pinot Nero, in great part from the Verzenay Grand Cru. The wine remains in fermentation for a period of about five years. Scents of citrus, apple, and plum, completed by nuances of hazelnut and spices. Powerful yet balanced palate. Enthralling taste.*



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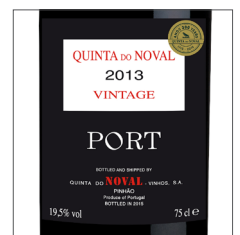


### Port Wine Vintage 2013

PORTUGAL

QUINTA DO NOVAL

*The rainy harvest season of this year negatively affected most grapes, so much so, that few other wineries produced this vintage. However, this vintner, with over 140 hectares of suitable land, was able to yield a wine characterized more by its grace, than its power. Notes of violet, cassia, cherry, cloves, and mint.*



## WINE RANKING

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**Barolo Docg Riserva Monprivato  
Ca' d'Morissio 2008**

GIUSEPPE MASCARELLO &amp; FIGLIO

*This wine is born from a Castiglione Falletto cru. Complex aromas capable of translating into either a floral note of mainly rose and violet, or a fruity and balsamic profile. A noble taste with some austere features and an incomparable capacity to improve in the bottle. Powdery tannins.*

ITALY



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**Barolo Docg Brunate 2011**

GIUSEPPE RINALDI

*Character and elegance are fused together in a label with a bouquet of strawberry, raspberry, and Damask rose. An articulated, complex, and salty taste, but above all, richly drinkable. Delicately spiced finish. Lively, but integrated tannins. Already enjoyable today.*

ITALY



97

**Toscana Igt Oreno 2013**

TENUTA SETTE PONTI

*Bordelaise varietal characterized by Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot. Profound nose without being exaggerated, rich berry nuances, spices and touches of ink. The taste is juicy in texture, but moreover, in balance. Aristocratic and powdery tannins.*

ITALY



97

**Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières 2014**

PHILIPPE PACALET

*This is not just a simple upgrade from the Meursault village. This Premier Cru pairs a fruity richness of bergamot, lime, and pippin apple, with a stoniness that confers an overall balanced flavor to an inimitable personality. Delicately spiced finish of cumin and coriander.*

FRANCE



97

**Barolo Docg Ravera 2012**

ELVIO COGNO

*A beautiful vintage rendered rather personal by a vineyard, whose prevalently chalky soils confer to the wine a very elegant aromatic and gustatory spirit. The taste evokes rose, wild strawberry, black cherry, and cinnamon. The flavorful tannins give this wine a slightly austere finish.*

ITALY



97

**Sauvignon Blanc Opoka 2012**

MARJAN SIMČIČ

*The Opoka is a rock of white limestone origins typical of the Collio. This Sauvignon is perfected in large wooden containers. Aromas of linden and elderflower, alongside notes of bergamot, cedar and green tea. Dynamic palate, taut with a savory balsamic finish.*

SLOVENIA



## WINE RANKING

<b>97</b>	<b>Vigna di Pianrosso Riserva Santa Caterina d'Oro - 2010</b>	ITALY	CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA
<b>97</b>	<b>Brunello di Montalcino - 2011</b>	ITALY	LE POTAZZINE
<b>97</b>	<b>Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese - 2014</b>	GERMANY	J.J. PRUM
<b>97</b>	<b>Els Pies - 2013</b>	SPAIN	BODEGAS MAS ALTA
<b>96</b>	<b>Guidalberto - 2014</b>	ITALY	TENUTA SAN GUIDO
<b>96</b>	<b>Barbaresco Asili - 2012</b>	ITALY	BRUNO GIACOSA
<b>96</b>	<b>Eastside Vineyard Russian River Valley Chardonnay - 2013</b>	USA	AUBERT
<b>96</b>	<b>F-Series Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese - 2014</b>	NEW ZEALAND	FRAMINGHAM
<b>96</b>	<b>Riesling Clos St Urbain Ranggen de Thann - 2012</b>	FRANCE	ZIND HUMBRECHT
<b>96</b>	<b>Reserve Blaufränkisch - 2012</b>	AUSTRIA	WEINGUT MORIC
<b>96</b>	<b>Champagne Comtes de Champagne - 2006</b>	FRANCE	TAITTINGER
<b>96</b>	<b>La Nieta - 2012</b>	SPAIN	VIÑEDOS DE PÁGANOS
<b>96</b>	<b>Bordeaux Blanc Pessac-Léognan - 2013</b>	FRANCE	CHATEAU CARBONNIEUX
<b>95</b>	<b>Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi classico riserva Passolento - 2013</b>	ITALY	LA MARCA SAN MICHELE
<b>95</b>	<b>Côte Rôtie Champin Le Seigneur - 2013</b>	FRANCE	JEAN MICHEL GERIN
<b>95</b>	<b>Fiorduva - 2013</b>	ITALY	MARISA CUOMO
<b>95</b>	<b>Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Clos St.Jacques - 2013</b>	FRANCE	ARMAND ROUSSEAU
<b>95</b>	<b>Primitivo di Gioia del Colle 17 - 2012</b>	ITALY	POLVANERA
<b>95</b>	<b>Amarone Classico della Valpolicella - 2012</b>	ITALY	FARINA
<b>95</b>	<b>Franciaorta Cabochon Stellato - 2005</b>	ITALY	MONTE ROSSA

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<b>95</b>	<b>Chianti Classico Castello di Fonterutoli Gran Selezione - 2012</b>	ITALY	MAZZEI CASTELLO DI FONTERUTOLI
<b>95</b>	<b>Passito di Pantelleria Ben Ryé - 2012</b>	ITALY	DONNAFUGATA
<b>95</b>	<b>Chavignol Rosè - 2014</b>	FRANCE	PASCAL COTAT
<b>94</b>	<b>Cabernet Franc Cuvée Madeleine - 2012</b>	CANADA	PEARL MORISSETTE
<b>94</b>	<b>Dominio de Plata Malbec - 2012</b>	ARGENTINA	SUSANA BALBO
<b>94</b>	<b>Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Cerasuolo - 2014</b>	ITALY	VALENTINI
<b>93</b>	<b>Sancerre La Moussière - 2014</b>	FRANCE	ALPHONSE MELLOTT
<b>93</b>	<b>Montes Alpha M - 2012</b>	CHILE	MONTES
<b>93</b>	<b>Champagne Brut Rosè</b>	FRANCE	LAURENT-PERRIER
<b>93</b>	<b>Champoux Vineyard - 2012</b>	USA	ANDREW WILL
<b>93</b>	<b>Bordeaux rouge Pessac-Léognan - 2013</b>	FRANCE	DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER
<b>93</b>	<b>Chardonnay Sonoma Coast - 2012</b>	USA	PAHLMAYER
<b>92</b>	<b>Picolit - 2008</b>	ITALY	ADRIANO GIGANTE
<b>92</b>	<b>Glener Pinot Nero - 2013</b>	ITALY	CASTELFEDER
<b>91</b>	<b>Perlè Rosè Brut - 2009</b>	ITALY	FERRARI
<b>91</b>	<b>Taurasi - 2010</b>	ITALY	PIETRACUPA
<b>91</b>	<b>Chablis Vieilles Vignes - 2014</b>	FRANCE	DOMAINE HAMELIN
<b>91</b>	<b>Shiraz Hilltops - 2013</b>	AUSTRALIA	CLONAKILLA
<b>91</b>	<b>Fusion V - 2013</b>	SOUTH AFRICA	DE TOREN
<b>91</b>	<b>Elliott Vineyard Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast - 2013</b>	USA	CERITAS

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