

WORLD'S TOP

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World's Top 50 Wines



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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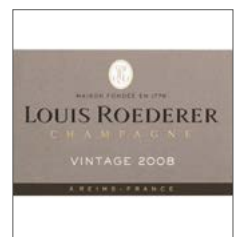


Champagne Vintage 2008

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. Entrhralling taste.



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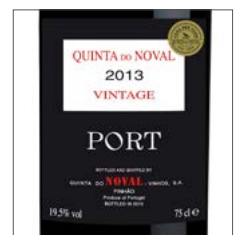


Port Wine Vintage 2013

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, cassis, cherry, cloves, and mint.



WINE RANKING

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

GIUSEPPE MASCARELLO & 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



98

**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



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**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

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

WINE RANKING

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

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