



TOP of the TOP

Territories of great renown, and not only that. Established, celebrated names, but not just those. Labels that have written the history of wine and labels getting ready to write another story. The top 10 of the top wines are a parade of emotions starting from Ribera del Duero with the exuberant nature of its blend of vintages of Reserva Especial from Vega Sicilia. It is a sumptuous wine. Then we move to Burgundy, a land favoured by us and others with three labels: the three magnificent Domaines of D'Auvenay from madame Leroy, Romanée Conti, and Roumier, incidentally this year affirming our preference for the village of Chambolle and its two facing Grands Crus (Bonnes Mares and Musigny), through which you can grasp the highest and purest grace of the denomination. And again France, with the Bordeaux and Rhone regions, counting on a triptych of favourable vintages: in many cases, the 2009 and 2011 vintages are excellent, and the 2010 outstanding. Italy makes its mark with two formidable territories, Langhe and Montalcino, and two interpreters of rare sensitivity. Australia produces a Penfolds champion that never ceases to amaze. And Portugal continues to surprise with the wine from Colinas de São Lourenço, sheer and utter elegance, once again, and a rising star in the Top of the tops.



<p>1</p> <p>VEGA SICILIA ÚNICO RIBERA DEL DUERO RESERVA ESPECIAL (Edición 1994, 1999, 2000)</p> <p>Reserva Especial is an assemblage of vintages that mixes mature and mineral notes with more toned, fruity sensations. Exceptional flavour stratification and complexity. Candy, myrtle, blackberry juice and currant seeds. Great extension.</p> <p><small>Vega Sicilia Owner: Alvarez family - Oenologist: Mercedes Asuas Ctra. n.º 122, Km 323, 47359 Valbuena de Duero (Valladolid), Spain tel. +34.983690147 - www.vega-sicilia.com</small></p>	<p>4</p> <p>DOMAINE DE LA ROMANÉE-CONTI GRAND CRU ROMANÉE-CONTI 2011</p> <p>A less important vintage than the 2010 but the best Vosne Romanée site, and the Villaine and Roch duo still produce a wonder of aromatic complexity (peonies and violets, raspberries and currants, passionfruit and citron) in a velvety body.</p> <p><small>Domaine de la Romanée-Conti Owner: Aubert de Villaine and Henri-Frédéric Roch Oenologist: Albert de Villaine and Henri-Frédéric Roch 1, rue Damiens-Le-Four - 21700 Vosne Romanée (France) tel. +33.(0)380624880 - www.romanee-conti.fr</small></p>	<p>5</p> <p>POGGIO DI SOTTO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2009</p> <p>Grosso di Montalcino Sangiovese at its best, once again measured by the talent of maestro Giulio Gambelli. Extraordinarily elegant aromas (raspberries and dog rose, thyme and aniseed) and a body as light as a caress. Unmissable.</p> <p><small>Fattoria Poggio di Sotto Owner: Tosi family Oenologist: Luca Martone and Federico Staderini Castelluccio dell'Abate, 53024 Montalcino, Siena (Italy) tel. +39.0577835502 - www.poggiodisotto.com</small></p>	<p>7</p> <p>CHATEAU AUSONE SAINT-ÉMILION 2011</p> <p>Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon equally divide the 7 hectares of vineyards of the Vauthier family. 2011 is the all-time greatest, pure vintage Bordeaux. Mature, voluminous, dense and slender tannins, pulsating with morello cherry, incense and coffee. Powerful.</p> <p><small>Château Ausone Owner: Vauthier family Oenologist: Michel Rolland Lieu-dit Ausone, 33330 Saint-Émilion, France tel. +33(0)557242457 - http://chateau-ausone.fr</small></p>
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<p>2</p> <p>DOMAINE ROMANÉE-CONTI GRAND CRU ROMANÉE-CONTI 2011 www.romanee-conti.fr</p>	<p>3</p> <p>CHATEAU AUSONE GRAND CRU SAINT-ÉMILION 2011 http://chateau-ausone.fr</p>	<p>7</p> <p>DOMAINE J-F MUGNIER MUSIGNY 2010 www.mugnier.fr</p>	<p>8</p> <p>CHATEAU LATOUR PAULLAC 2011 www.chateau-latour.com</p>	<p>12</p> <p>CHATEAU HAUT-BRION 2011 www.haut-brion.com</p>	<p>23</p> <p>CHATEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON SAINT JULIEN 2011 www.domaines-delon.com</p>
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<p>2</p> <p>FATTORIA POGGIO DI SOTTO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2009 www.poggiodisotto.com</p>	<p>15</p> <p>DAL FORNO ROMANO AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2008 www.dalfornoromano.it</p>
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TOP REST of the WORLD

<p>1</p> <p>VEGA SICILIA SPAIN ÚNICO RESERVA ESPECIAL 1994, 1999, 2000 www.vega-sicilia.com</p>	<p>A legend that is renewed with each new edition. Tinto Fino and Ribera grapes find unique proportion and complexity here. Relaxed fruit but a sustained mineral edge: ferrous, a hint of brine. The palate develops gradually and possesses extraordinary depth. The consistency is silky, the texture dense and the development firm, complex</p>
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