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CANADA'S BEST WINES

Ontario tops the list
at the 10th annual
Canadian Wine Awards

+ 101 favourite
wines of
2010

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1 97 CHEVAL DES ANDES 2006
Las Compuertas, Vistalba, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina
\$70-\$87

Pierre Lurton (Cheval Blanc) and Nicolas Audebert (Cheval des Andes) have made the ultimate French-style Argentine malbec in '06. The nose has exceptional scent of minerality, toasted bread, floral notes and liquorice. On the palate, the wine is silky-smooth and loaded with sweet tannins and big spicy, savoury, black cherry, violet flavours. There is perfect tension between acidity and the fruit that gives this 60/35/5 blend of malbec, cabernet sauvignon and merlot wine the finesse, complexity and structure to age for a decade and beyond. Seriously good. (AG)

2 96 KRUG N/V Grande Cuvée Champagne
France
\$245-\$270

The latest cuvée is marvelous. So fresh and so intense; so impressive on entry. Crisp, elegant and dry, but structured, with high acidity and fine, creamy mousse. A high proportion of reserve wine gives it a nutty, toasty flavour, flecked with citrus, honey, quince, lemon and earthy, mineral notes and a persistent, dry, rich finish. More intense and concentrated than almost any other champagne, but also austere and drier. Ready to drink now, but will hold for many years. Top-flight bubble. (AG)

3 96 ALVARO PALACIOS 2006
Descendientes de J. Palacios Bierzo Moncerbal Bierzo, Spain
\$107

The wine's appearance is fluid and crystalline, with immense elegance, depth and balance between power and finesse, juicy acidity and fine-grained tannins. Underlying minerality shines through, with great purity and finesse. Drink 2012 to 2020 and beyond. (JS)

Our Top 101 Wines for 2010

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We taste a lot of wine at *Wine Access*, and when we look back at the end of each year, we often wonder where to start in compiling this list. In the end, we decided we would share with you the wines that inspire us to taste thousands of bottles every year. We have listed the price range as it was reviewed earlier this year. Good hunting.

13 94 DOMAINE BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS 2007 Grand Cru
Chevalier-Montrachet, Burgundy, France..... \$350

14 94 WILLIAM FÈVRE 2008
Bougros Grand Cru Chablis, Chablis, Burgundy, France \$77

15 94 DOMAINE BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS 2007 Grand Cru
Corton-Charlemagne, Burgundy, France..... \$180-\$210

16 94 COBOS 2006 Bramare
Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina \$80

17 94 BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS
2007 Grand Cru Chambertin-Clos de Bèze, Burgundy, France \$285

18 94 FROG'S LEAP 2005 Rutherford
Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley, California, United States..... \$92-\$110

19 94 CHÂTEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD 2006 Pauillac,
Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France..... \$800-\$1,000

20 94 YALUMBA 2005 The Octavius
Edition XVI, Barossa Valley, South Australia \$92-\$110

21 94 GUADO AL TASSO 2006
Bolgheri Superiore, Tuscany, Italy..... \$81-\$94

22 **94 DE VENOGÉ** 1993 Grand Vin des Princes, Champagne, France.....\$180

23 **94 CROFT** 2007 Vintage Port, Douro Valley, Portugal.....\$110-\$150

24 **94 AMOUR DE DEUTZ** 1999 Brut Blanc de Blancs, Champagne, France.....\$182-\$225

25 **94 SANDEMAN** N/V 20 Years Old Tawny Porto, Douro Valley, Northern Portugal, Portugal.....\$65

26 **94 SEÑA** 2007, Valle de Aconcagua, Region de Aconcagua, Chile.....\$70-\$76

27 **93 PENFOLDS** 2005 Grange Bin 95 Shiraz, South Australia.....\$375-\$500

28 **93 FRESCOBALDI** 2006 Castelgiocondo Lamaione Merlot, Tuscany, Italy.....\$55-\$72

29 **93 TAWSE** 2008 Robyn's Block Chardonnay, Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario.....\$42

30 **93 TEDESCHI** 2004 Capitel Monte Olmi Amarone della Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy.....\$70-\$99

31 **93 CAYMUS** 2007 Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California, United States.....\$139-\$149

32 **93 EMILIANA** 2007 Coyam, Valle del Colchagua, Chile.....\$23-\$38

33 **93 KENDALL-JACKSON** 2005 Stature Red, Napa Valley, California, United States.....\$192-\$200

34 **93 DOMAINE DE BEAURENARD** 2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Boisrenard Rouge, Rhone Valley, France.....\$75

35 **93 GRAHAM'S** 2007 Vintage Port, Douro Valley, Portugal.....\$93-\$120

36 **93 WARRE'S** 2007 Vintage Port, Douro Valley, Portugal.....\$75-\$96

37 **93 ANTINORI** 2006 Tignanello, Tuscany, Italy.....\$80-\$109

38 **93 DOW'S** 2007 Vintage Port, Douro Valley, Portugal.....\$95

39 **93 CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE DES PAPES** 2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhone Valley, France.....\$40-\$52

40 **93 FONSECA** 2007 Vintage Port, Douro Valley, Portugal.....\$128-\$132

41 **93 DOMAINE FAIVELEY** 2007 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru, Burgundy, France.....\$184

42 **93 FRESCOBALDI** 2006 Luce della Vite, Montalcino, Siena, Tuscany, Italy.....\$98-\$100

43 **93 FELTON ROAD** 2007 Block 3 Pinot Noir, Central Otago, New Zealand.....\$108

44 **93 LONG SHADOWS** 2006 Chester-Kidder Red Blend, Columbia Valley, Washington, United States.....\$69-\$91

45 **93 NICOLÁS CATENA ZAPATA** 2005, Mendoza, Argentina.....\$75-\$125

46 **93 MONTES** 2006 Folly Syrah, Apalta Valley, Santa Cruz, Valle del Colchagua, Chile.....\$82-\$88

47 **93 PEDESTAL** 2006 Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington, United States.....\$60-\$96

48 **93 QUINTA DO VESUVIO** 2007 Vintage Port, Douro Valley, Portugal.....\$100-\$103

49 **93 ERRAZURIZ** 2006 Kai, Valle de Aconcagua, Region de Aconcagua, Chile.....\$65-\$75

4 **96 TAYLOR FLADGATE** 2007 Vintage Port Douro Valley, Portugal \$120-\$144

Rich, inky port with big concentration and somewhat tannic, very full, but fresh and juicy palate. Big black cherry, blackberry, licorice, peppery, plum, chocolate flavours. Long, elegant, silky finish, with great acidity and freshness. Less is more; all to be revealed in decades. One to lay down for your grandchildren. Delicious now, but will live for 50 years easily. (ST)

5 **95 BODEGAS ALIÓN** 2004 Ribera del Duero, Castilla-León, Spain \$78-\$85

Alión is made not far from the River Duero and the famed Vega Sicilia. That said it is an entirely different wine, modern to begin with and bold, with intense, dark fruit and meaty, mineral, liquorice flavours. It is 100-percent aged in French oak, with substantial if round tannins in the back end. Very impressive now, but will clearly improve in bottle as it ages 5 to 10 years. (AG)

6 **95 DOMAINE CHRISTIAN MOREAU** 2008 Les Clos Grand Cru Chablis, Burgundy, France \$62-\$69

Fresh, round, elegant, juicy, clean palate with honey, nectarine, nutty lemon, seashell, floral, vanilla flavours. Very long, juicy, ripe, creamy, acid finish with cool fruit. Chiselled, but full. Drink now or keep for 3 to 7 years. (ST)

7 95 ORNELLAIA 2006
Bolgheri, Tuscany,
Italy
\$180-\$190

Spicy, chocolate, black olive, licorice, meaty, peppery, vanilla, tobacco, floral, black cherry, cassis jam, cedar, mocha aromas. Rich, ripe, round, supple palate with smooth-grained tannins. Very good, juicy acidity with coffee, peppery, cassis, blackberry jam, chocolate, tobacco, cedar, meaty, Oxo, licorice, resin, vanilla, orange peel flavours. Long, ripe, elegant and structured with finesse. A very fine bottle. (ST)

8 95 WILLIAM FÈVRE
2008 Bougros Côte
Bouguerots Grand
Cru Chablis
Burgundy, France
\$85-\$93

Orange, lime, floral, spicy, seashell, lees, Granny Smith aromas. Rich, round, good concentration, full, juicy palate. Seashell, seaweed, Granny Smith, lime, spicy, lees, honey flavours with creamy acidity. Very fine, will age and improve well. Impressive bottle. (ST)

9 95 SANTA RITA
2005 Casa Real
Cabernet Sauvignon
Buin, Valle del
Maipo, Region del
Valle Central, Chile
\$74-\$80

Made with 40-plus-year-old fruit, the '05 Casa Real entices you with its sublime nose of mint, cassis and spicy liquorice all supporting some pure plum fruit. The textures are the best ever. So supple, so balanced. Zero green. Nothing but rich, dense fruit in a sophisticated cabernet sauvignon that should be sold across a country that buys so much regular Santa Rita wine. The best since 1999 and perhaps already better than that fine bottle. (AG)

**50 92 DOMAINE CHRISTIAN
MOREAU 2008** Vaillon Cuvée
Guy Moreau 1er Cru Chablis, Burgundy,
France..... \$43

51 92 FELTON ROAD 2007 Cornish
Point Vineyard Pinot Noir, Central
Otago, New Zealand\$75

52 92 FELTON ROAD 2007
Calvert Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Central Otago, New Zealand..... \$84

53 92 DOMAINE FAIVELEY 2007
Laticières-Chambertin Grand Cru
Unfiltered, Burgundy, France.....\$196

54 92 DOMAINE FAIVELEY 2007
Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru,
Burgundy, France.....\$134

55 92 DOMAINE FAIVELEY 2007
Corton-Charlemagne Grand
Cru, Burgundy, France..... \$269

56 92 MONTES 2006 Purple Angel,
Valle del Colchagua, Valle del
Rapel, Region del Valle Central,
Chile.....\$46-\$58

57 92 RUBICON 2005, Rutherford,
Napa Valley, California, United
States..... \$158-\$168

58 92 CHÂTEAU BRANAIRE DUCRU
2006, St. Julien, Haut-Médoc,
Bordeaux, France..... \$89-\$100

59 92 CATENA 2006 Alta Malbec,
Mendoza, Argentina.....\$53-\$57

60 92 DIAMOND CREEK 2006
Volcanic Hill, Diamond Mountain,
Napa Valley, California,
United States.....\$247

61 92 HIGHLAND ESTATES 2007
Seco Highlands Pinot Noir, Santa
Barbara, California.....\$59-\$68

62 92 PINTIA 2005, Toro, Castilla-
León, Spain.....\$50-\$79

63 92 LONG SHADOWS 2006
Sequel Syrah, Columbia Valley,
Washington, United States.....\$60-\$96

64 92 YALUMBA 2005 The Signature
Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz, Barossa
Valley, South Australia.....\$44-\$68

65 92 NICOLAS FEUILLATTE N/V
Brut Rosé, Champagne
France.....\$58-\$73

66 92 YALUMBA 2008 The Virgilius
Viognier, Eden Valley, South
Australia.....\$44-\$63

67 92 MITOLO 2007 Savitar Shiraz,
McLaren Vale, South
Australia.....\$50-\$75

68 92 ANTINORI 2007 Cervaro della
Sala, Umbria, Italy.....\$53-\$55

**69 92 JACKSON-TRIGGS
OKANAGAN 2007** SunRock
Vineyard Shiraz, Okanagan Valley,
British Columbia, Canada.....\$35

70 92 DOMAINE FAIVELEY 2007
Corton-Clos des Cortons Grand
Cru, Burgundy, France.....\$179

71 92 PENFOLDS 2007 Yattarna Bin
144 Chardonnay, Tasmania,
South Australia.....\$107-\$115

72 92 VEUVE CLICQUOT 2002
Vintage Reserve, Champagne,
France.....\$78

73 92 PEGASUS BAY 2007 Pinot
Noir, Waipara Valley, New
Zealand.....\$47-\$63

74 92 DOMAINE DE BEAURENARD
2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Boisrenard Blanc, Rhone Valley,
France.....\$75-\$88

75 92 TRAPICHE 2006 Vina Federico
Villafañe Malbec, La Consulta,
Valle de Uco, Tunuyán, Mendoza,
Argentina.....\$40

76 **92 BELLE GLOS** 2008 Taylor Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County, California, United States \$54

77 **92 M. CHAPOUTIER** 2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Bernardine, Rhone Valley, France \$40-\$55

78 **92 COBOS** 2006 Bramare Cabernet Sauvignon, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina \$40

79 **92 LONG SHADOWS** 2006 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, Washington, United States \$60-\$96

80 **92 LONG SHADOWS** 2006 Pirouette Red Blend, Columbia Valley, Washington, United States \$47-96

81 **92 WILLIAM FÈVRE** 2008 Vignoble de Vaulorent Domaine Fourchaume 1er Cru Chablis, Burgundy, France \$41-\$56

82 **92 FINCA DECERO** 2007 Remolinas Vineyard Amano, Agrelo District, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina \$60-\$70

83 **92 OSOYOOS LAROSE** 2007, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada \$43-\$51

84 **92 RIDGE** 2001 Lytton Springs Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, California, United States \$45-\$50

85 **92 FRESCOBALDI** 2006 Mormoreto Castello di Nipozzano, Tuscany, Italy \$57-\$66

86 **92 RODNEY STRONG** 2008 Chardonnay Chalk Hill, Sonoma County, California, United States \$25

87 **92 PENFOLDS** 2007 Magill Estate Shiraz, Adelaide Plains, South Australia \$92-\$100

88 **92 DOMAINE CHRISTIAN MOREAU** 2007 Valmur Grand Cru Chablis, Burgundy, France \$67-\$71

89 **92 CUVAISSON** 2006 Block F5 Pinot Noir, Carneros, Napa Valley, California, United States \$70

90 **91 ALLEGRINI** 2006 Palazzo della Torre, Verona, Veneto, Italy \$25

91 **91 ATA RANGI** 2008 Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa, New Zealand \$65-\$68

92 **91 BELLE GLOS** 2008 Clark and Telephone Vineyard Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County, California, United States \$49-\$54

93 **91 CHARLES HEIDSIECK** N/V Brut Reserve, Champagne, France \$60-\$72

94 **91 CONO SUR** 2007 Ocio Pinot Noir, Valle de Casablanca, Region de Aconcagua, Chile \$47-\$61

95 **91 FROG'S LEAP** 2008 Chardonnay, Rutherford, Napa Valley, California, United States \$38-\$51

96 **91 GREYWACKE** 2009 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand \$22-\$27

97 **91 GUADO AL TASSO** 2006 Il Bruciato, Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy \$29-\$40

98 **91 KENDALL-JACKSON** 2008 Grand Reserve Chardonnay, Monterey-Santa Barbara, California, United States \$30-\$45

99 **91 STAGS' LEAP** 2007 Petite Syrah, Napa Valley, California, United States \$40-\$50

100 **91 YALUMBA** 2008 Bush Vine Barossa Grenache, Barossa Valley, South Australia \$20-\$27

101 **91 MONTES** 2006 Alpha M, Apalta Valley, Santa Cruz, Valle del Colchagua, Chile \$84-\$88 **WA**

10 **95 FRESCOBALDI** 2006 Giramonte Tuscany, Italy \$75-\$94

An 80/20 blend of merlot and sangiovese, Giramonte is a small production, single-vineyard wine grown at Frescobaldi's Tenuta di Castiglioni estate. Love the ripe black cherry, coffee, chocolate, savoury nose and the supple, fine-grained tannins with balanced acidity with black cherry, plum jam, espresso, liquorice and orange peel flavours. A huge wine that is but a bambino and will need a decade or more to reach its potential. Great fruit and intensity. A wine that will outlive most buyers. (ST)

11 **95 RIDGE** 2007 Montebello Cabernet Sauvignon Santa Cruz Mountains, California, United States \$141-\$160

At only 13.1 percent alcohol the aromas and flavours are quite a feat. Blackberry, cassis, smoky and vanilla aromas mix with a dry, fresh palate, excellent finesse, grainy tannins and creamy, boysenberry, spicy, black olive, tobacco and coffee flavours. Needs another 4 to 10 years to integrate. A bit fresher acidity than normal perhaps but otherwise easily among the best cabernet made in California and likely the rest of the world too. (AG)

12 **95 QUINTA DO CRASTO** 2007 Douro Reserva Old Vines Douro Valley, Portugal \$35-\$43

Does Crasto have magic quality dust they sprinkle on their vines? The '07 Reserva delivers from front to back in the glass. Typically complex (thanks to mixed plantings of 25 to 30 different grape varieties closing in on 80 years of age) the colour is dark, not black this year, and the flavours intense. Nutmeg, black plums and red fruits. Big and bold, but elegant and stylish. Cellar for a decade and treat yourself to an extraordinary experience. (AG)