



# Our Annual Roundup of the Year's Most Exciting Wines

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## GREAT VALUES OF 2007: OUTSTANDING WINES FOR \$15 OR LESS

**THIS YEAR'S NEW RELEASES INCLUDE SOME OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE WINES WE HAVE SEEN.** The frenzy for the best 2005s from Bordeaux and Burgundy and clamor for the 2004 California Cabernets have pushed prices ever higher, in some cases in excess of \$1,000 per bottle. Nevertheless, good values still exist. From the pool of wines tasted by our editors in 2007, we have compiled a list of more than 50 that exhibit great value-to-price ratio.

Value is an important consideration in choosing our Top 100 wines each year; this year, the average score among our picks is almost 93 points, while the average bottle price (cal-

culated using release prices) is slightly more than \$42. But even as many high-scoring wines did not make our list because they were too expensive, other wines with low prices and solid scores also missed the cutoff.

Below is our list of top values from 2007—wines that scored 90 or more points and sell for \$15 or less. Eleven of these wines were so impressive that we included them in the Top 100; they are indicated with a diamond (♦).

The following group of 55 wines represents 11 countries and a diversity of styles. All will stretch your wine-buying dollars and bring pleasure to your table.

SCORE	WINE	RELEASE PRICE	CASES MADE
92	<b>Chamarré</b> Jurançon Tradition 2003	\$14	5,000
♦ 91	<b>Chateau St. Jean</b> Fumé Blanc Sonoma County 2005	\$13	26,270
♦ 91	<b>Drylands</b> Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2006	\$15	18,000
♦ 91	<b>Freie Weingärtner Wachau</b> Riesling Federspiel Trocken Wachau Terrassen Domäne Wachau 2005	\$14	7,750
91	<b>Cantina Giralan</b> Sauvignon Alto Adige SelectArt 2006	\$13	665
91	<b>Gritsch Mauritiushof</b> Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Wachau Kalmuck 2005	\$13	1,250
91	<b>Quinta de la Rosa</b> Douro 2004	\$15	5,000
91	<b>Ryan Patrick</b> Chardonnay Columbia Valley 2005	\$15	1,200
91	<b>Staete Landt</b> Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2006	\$15	6,000
91	<b>Thorn-Clarke</b> Riesling Eden Valley Terra Barossa Single Vineyard 2006	\$13	1,000
90	<b>Australian Domaine Wines</b> Shiraz McLaren Vale Alliance 2004	\$14	4,000
♦ 90	<b>Babich</b> Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2006	\$14	*50,000
90	<b>Baroncini</b> Maremma Toscana Fattoria Querciarossa Fulgente 2004	\$15	665
90	<b>Alain Boisson</b> Côtes du Rhône-Villages Cairanne Domaine Cros de Romet 2005	\$12	NA
90	<b>Régis &amp; Bruno Boisson</b> Côtes du Rhône-Villages Cairanne 2005	\$14	NA
♦ 90	<b>Bodegas Borsao</b> Garnacha Campo de Borja Tres Picos 2005	\$12	*5,000
90	<b>Claude Branger</b> Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie Le Fils des Gras Moutons 2005	\$12	*400
90	<b>Domaine Bru-Baché</b> Jurançon Sec 2004	\$12	NA
90	<b>Fattoria di Calappiano</b> Toscana Lungarno 2005	\$15	670
90	<b>Pierre Chainier</b> Côt Touraine Domaine Roc de Châteauevieux 2005	\$10	1,000
♦ 90	<b>Columbia Crest</b> Merlot Columbia Valley Grand Estates 2004	\$11	140,000
90	<b>Domaine La Croix Belle</b> Coteaux du Languedoc 2004	\$15	1,000
90	<b>Dashwood</b> Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2006	\$14	75,000
90	<b>Desert Wind</b> Ruah Desert Wind Vineyard Wahluke Slope 2004	\$15	7,084
90	<b>Johann Donabaum</b> Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Wachau Johann 2005	\$14	*300

SCORE	WINE	RELEASE PRICE	CASES MADE
♦ 90	<b>Emery</b> Athiri Rhodes Rhodos 2005	\$11	*1,500
90	<b>Fairview</b> Shiraz Coastal Region 2005	\$15	4,000
90	<b>Falesco</b> Sangiovese Umbria 2006	\$14	7,000
♦ 90	<b>Fontanafredda</b> Barbera Piemonte Briccotondo 2006	\$13	50,000
90	<b>R. Gassier</b> Syrah Costières de Nimes Les Piliers 2004	\$15	*900
90	<b>Château Haut-Monplaisir</b> Cahors 2004	\$14	*500
90	<b>Jacob's Creek</b> Shiraz South Australia Reserve 2004	\$12	*90,000
90	<b>Domaine Jaume</b> Vinsobres Altitude 420 2005	\$15	5,000
90	<b>L'Ecole No. 41</b> Sémillon Columbia Valley 2005	\$15	4,047
90	<b>Joseph Landron</b> Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie Domaine de la Louvetrie Hermine d'Or 2005	\$13	*128
90	<b>Leasingham</b> Riesling Clare Valley Magnus 2006	\$12	3,000
♦ 90	<b>La Marca</b> Extra Dry Prosecco di Conegliano-Valdobbiadene NV	\$12	50,000
90	<b>Mount Riley</b> Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2006	\$15	40,000
♦ 90	<b>Mulderbosch</b> Chenin Blanc Stellenbosch 2006	\$14	7,265
90	<b>Mulderbosch</b> Chenin Blanc Stellenbosch 2005	\$14	4,700
90	<b>Alain Normand</b> Mâcon-La Roche Vineuse 2005	\$15	*400
90	<b>Razor's Edge</b> Shiraz McLaren Vale 2005	\$12	20,000
90	<b>Balthasar Röss</b> Riesling Kabinett Rheingau Hattenheimer Schützenhaus 2005	\$14	4,000
90	<b>Rocky Gully</b> Shiraz-Viognier Frankland River 2005	\$15	*700
90	<b>Saint Clair</b> Chardonnay Marlborough Vicar's Choice 2006	\$14	4,000
90	<b>Allan Scott</b> Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2006	\$14	50,000
90	<b>Sociedade Agricola Seixais</b> Dão Dom Fradique 2004	\$9	*210
90	<b>Sepp Moser</b> Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Wolfsgraben 2005	\$13	1,665
90	<b>Strozzi</b> Bolgheri Ocra 2005	\$15	4,000
90	<b>Terredora</b> Falanghina Irpinia 2005	\$14	9,000
90	<b>Thorn-Clarke</b> Terra Barossa Cuvée Barossa 2005	\$13	5,000
90	<b>Cave des Vignerons de Saumur</b> Saumur Réserve des Vignerons 2005	\$10	8,000
90	<b>Cave des Vignerons de Saumur</b> Saumur-Champigny Les Poyeux 2005	\$15	3,500

\*Indicates cases imported; NA means not available