

# WINE SPECTATOR TOP 100 2019

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The Wine Spectator Top 100 comes with nervewracking anticipation each year for wineries all over the world. For the 2019 edition Chambers and Chambers is proud to celebrate the eight wineries featured within, and wishes to send our congratulations to each winery involved.

7th place is the 2016 Ramey Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard. Hyde Vineyard is located on the Napa side of the Carneros AVA and was planted back in the 90s. The influence of the Petaluma Gap helps keep this Chardonnay more complex and less fruit driven, and the 2016 vintage in Napa had a warm and consistent growing year. Ramey Wine Cellars has continued to produce stunning examples of Chardonnay throughout the north coast for nearly 40 years. This bottle is drinking beautifully now, and will only continue to impress with age. Ramey Top Ten Video

31st place is the 2017 Quivira Sauvignon Blanc Alder Grove Vineyard. The Alder Grove Vineyard is planted, in very much Bordeaux Blanc fashion, upon gravelly soils next to a body of rushing water. In fact, the style of Quivira's Alder Grove Sauvignon Blanc was inspired by wines hailing from Graves. Quivira Vineyards celebrates the land by working hard to create not just organic and biodynamic wines, but also creating a beautiful ecosystem surrounding themselves. This Sauvignon Blanc was made with predominate oak usage in the fermentation process, giving it a fuller body than most domestic Sauvignon Blancs. On the palate, the wine is fresh and aromatic full of honeysuckle and tropical fruits, finishing with lingering notes of honeyed brioche.

47th place is the 2016 Brick House Pinot Noir Les Dijonnais. The Dijon clones were planted in 1995 on a southern facing slope just amongst a forest of Douglas firs. Located in the Ribbon Ridge, this bottle of Pinot Noir has been receiving serious accolades since the late nineties thanks to its humble producers tucked away in Oregon. The 2016 vintage provides succulent complexity, with notes of spiced cherries, delicate rose petals, and fine tea.

52nd place is the 2017 Aubert Pinot Noir UV-SL. Named after the long-time vineyard manager Ulises Valdez (UV) and the location of his home estate on Stoetz Lane (SL), this bottle of Pinot Noir has been one of the most sought after which Aubert produces. From its proximity to the ocean to the painstaking winemaking processes that go into it, the bottle is a beautiful representation of California's Sonoma Coast. The wine is delicately balanced with mixes of ripe red and dark fruits with crunchy acidity and a hint of minerality on the finish.

54th place is the 2016 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. The Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is the poster child for Poliziano. This wine is made with intention and care to create a complex Tuscan red and beautifully represents the wine of the area. 2016 has been celebrated relentlessly as a stunning year for Tuscan wines with a slightly more volatile growing



season which added depth, and this bottle is no exception. This wine is deliciously rich with notes of milk chocolate, red berry fruits, vanilla, and silky tannins.

55th place is the 2017 Failla Pinot Noir Keefer Ranch. Keefer Ranch is located on the most southwestern corner of Green Valley within the Russian River Valley, exposing it to a large amount of morning fog. This morning fog is heaven-sent for those wanting to create delicious Pinot Noir in the North Coast, as it helps to keep the grapes for over-ripening. Marcey and Robert Keefer have taken full advantage of the northern California fog in the creation of their wines, and Keefer Ranch shines like a star with an enticing palate full of berry tarts with a buttery crust and warm baking spices.

73rd place is the 2017 Cristom Pinot Noir Mt. Jefferson Cuvée. The Mt. Jefferson Cuvée encompasses all great things that come from Cristom, by blending all the single vineyard sites together in this single bottling to represent the diversity of the wines. The product is an extremely delicious, classic, and beautifully youthful Pinot Noir that can be enjoyed upon release or after a couple of years in the cellar. This wine on the palate is rich with cherries, as well as spicy notes cinnamon and a bit of crunchy acidity.

91st place is the 2016 Snowden Cabernet Sauvignon Brothers Vineyard. Brother's Vineyard is the favorite of all the Snowden terroirs, with a higher elevation and volcanic soils. It shows to be a wonderful expression of mountain fruit from the Napa Valley. While 2016 was another all-star year for Napa Valley, this particular bottling has shown through a large amount of extremely well made Cabernets. The wine is piled high with ripe dark fruits such as plums and wild blackberries, as well as hints of licorice and fine smoke on the finish.

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