Aristotle was almost certainly talking about wine when he wrote, “Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.” While cellaring wine may, at times, feel like an agonizing guessing game, when you finally do open that cherished bottle at its optimal drinking age, it’s nirvana. Or close to it.

The reward of a well-aged wine erases any doubt or anxiety that came with its maturation, and the thrill of the experience can become surprisingly addictive. If only it were easier to know those optimal aging windows.

Our Top 100 Cellar Selections list takes the guesswork out of sitting on your hands. Culled from the nearly 1,000 wines reviewed throughout the past year that were designated Cellar Selections by our tasting panel, this lineup will guide you when undertaking the tricky yet gratifying task of starting a cellar, or just help you expand your existing collection.

This year’s list includes a range from classic Italian reds and Bordeaux-style blends to elegant Rieslings, nervy Chardonnays, and just about every grape variety and style in between. We try to include something for everyone, no matter the budget. While many of the selections on this list are not inexpensive, more than half are less than $100 and a quarter come in at under $50.

All of these beauties are projected to mature and evolve well through the next five, 10, 15, even 20 years...if you can stand the wait! Happy cellaring!
**How the Wines Break Down**

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**Top 10 Cellar Selections 2016**

1. **Krug 2002 Brut (Champagne)**

This is a fabulous wine from the greatest Champagne vintage so far this century. Still young, it blends almost equal amounts of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay fished out with Pinot Meunier. The minerality and the rich apple and green fruits are balanced, and acidity cuts into the Meunier. The minerality and the rich apple and...-

2. **Williams-Selyem 2013 Rochioli River Vineyard Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley)**

Expressive in oak, earth and clove with cinnamon-cola, this savory, complex wine is also impressive in its ability to offer crisp and focused lines of citrus and fresh-picked raspberry. Taste-tasters the variety's ability to be both fruit-forward and subtly hard to reach. Streaks of thyme and rosemary figure into the mix. Drink now through 2023. —V.B.

3. **Rondi Santi 2010 Riserva (Brunello di Montalcino)**

This gorgeous, fragrant wine opens with classic Sangiovese scents of violet, rose, perfumed red berry, new leather and a whiff of baking spice. The elegant, refined palate delivers crushed Marasca cherry, ripe strawberry, cinnamon, black tea and a hint of pipe tobacco. Fruity, fulsome tannins and bright acidity offer an age-worthy structure and impeccable balance. It's already stunning but will evolve for decades.

4. **Quinta do Vale Meão 2013 Red Wine (Douro)**

This wine is dominated by Touriga Nacional, which offers a backbone of dark tannins and with a wall of chewy tannins surrounding a deep ripe core. Treasury Wine Estates. —J.C.

5. **Grande Cuvée Trockenbeerenauslese Monier & Nouvelle Vignes (Burgundy)**

The heady, perfume of fig rind and fleshy streams from the glass. A more tart and tropical note of passion fruit pitches in as well, along with green grapefruit spice. The aromatic spectrum is a salutation of exotic fruit on nose and palate. The palate sustains this high-pitched balance by the purest lightning strike of mealy acidity. Even the tiniest drop of this amber liquid has the power to perform the entire palate for minutes. The concentration is immense, the flavors are mind-boggling. This is high-octane stuff guaranteed to blow your mind. Drink raw now or cellar it through 2040 at least. Terlato Wines International. —A.K.

6. **Alain Brumont 2010 Château Boussardès (Madiran)**

This wine is dominated by Malbec's star, Alain Brumont, has yielded a superb wine that is full of dark tannins and with a considerable ability to age. It is balanced, concentrated and touched by spice and toastiness from the wood aging. In tandem with that are generous hints of eucalyptus, herbs and truffle oil. Drink now through 2025. —R.V.

7. **Kracher 2013 Grande Cuvée Trockenbeerenauslese Monier & Nouvelle Vignes (Burgundy)**

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8. **Shafer 2013 One Point Five Cabernet Sauvignon (Stags Leap District)**

The velvety approachability of this soft, supple wine belies a strength and sophistication. It is an elegant, delicate, perfumed berry, aromatic herb, fragrant blue flower, new leather, sage and smoky oak ride atop an underscore of black pepper, combining ultimately into a tantalizingly juicy package.

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Standish 2012 Andaloumda Shiraz (Barossa Valley). This wine has a complex, layered nose of blackberry, vanilla, and baking spice. The palate is rich and supple, with supple tannins and a long, plush finish.

Guastafuro 2006 Primum Riserva (Taurasi). Dark, rich, and intense, this wine offers aromas of dark fruit, tobacco, and leather. The palate is full-bodied with a velvety texture and a long, satisfying finish.

Mascarello Giseppeco & Figlio 2010 Villosa (Barolo). Aged in Slavonian oak barrels, this wine has a deep, complex nose of blackberry, raspberry, and licorice. The palate is full-bodied with a rich, velvety finish.

Barbieri 2010 Nello Riserva (Brunello di Montalcino). This wine is aged for 2 years in oak barrels, followed by 15 months in bottle. It offers aromas of black cherry, raspberry, and tobacco. The palate is full-bodied with a rich, velvety finish.

Sineann 2014 (Columbia Gorge). This wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah. It offers aromas of plum, blackberry, and spice. The palate is full-bodied with a rich, polished finish.

Venge 2013 Oakville Estate Vineyard Merlot (Oakville). This wine offers aromas of black cherry, plum, and spice. The palate is full-bodied with a rich, velvety finish.

Wayfarer 2014 Golden Mean Pinot Noir (Fort Ross-Seaview). This wine offers aromas of blackberry, raspberry, and spice. The palate is full-bodied with a rich, polished finish.

Domaine Weinbach 2014 Schlossberg Grand Cru Riesling Ascalade. This wine offers aromas of honey, apricot, and spice. The palate is full-bodied with a rich, polished finish.

Winderlea 2014 Weber Vineyard Pinot Noir (Douglas Hills). This wine offers aromas of black cherry, plum, and spice. The palate is full-bodied with a rich, polished finish.

Salon 2010 Riserva (Barbarossa). This wine offers aromas of black cherry, plum, and spice. The palate is full-bodied with a rich, polished finish.

Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt 2014 Spätlese Goldtröpfchen, Riesling Trocken (Mosel). This wine offers aromas of fresh apple and spice. The palate is full-bodied with a rich, polished finish.

Giacchi Piccolomini d’Aragona 2010 Vigna Caleana Santa Caterina d’Oro Riserva (MONTALCINO). This wine offers aromas of black cherry, plum, and spice. The palate is full-bodied with a rich, polished finish.
96 Terre Rouge 2013 Ascent Syrah (Sierra Foothills). This is the small-production, flagship wine from the Sierra region’s best producer of Rhône-style wines. Lovely, spicy, floral aromas and generous, complex and layered flavors make the wine irresistible, while its strong but velvety texture sets it up for a long life in the cellar for those who can resist. It smells lightly oaky, like a cigar box and cocoa, tastes deep and focused on blackberry, pomegranate and dark chocolate. The mouthfeel is both rich and a bit reserved. Best to drink from 2020 to 2030. —J.G.  
*abv*: 14.5%  
*Price*: $90

97 Teso La Monja 2012 Alabaster (Toro). Gorgeous from head to toe, this saturated Toro heavyweight sets a new bar for this winery and the region as a whole. Ribald blackberry aromas are toasty and carry a strong note of crushed stones. Cassis, black plum and blackberry flavors are complex and inspired, while the finish tastes of chocolaty oak, blackened toast and a black-fruit potpourri supported by just the right amount of acidity. Drink from 2017–2030. Fine Estates From Spain. —M.S.  
*abv*: 14.5%  
*Price*: $227

96 Cavallotto 2010 Vignolo Riserva (Barolo). After a few minutes in the glass, this stunning wine opens up to reveal classic Nebbiolo aromas of leather, tilled soil, underbrush, fragrant blue flower and ripe berry. The juicy concentrated palate dishes out layers of succulent black cherry, crushed raspberry, anise and pipe tobacco framed in firm, velvety tannins. Drink 2022–2035. Oliver McCrum Wines. —K.O.  
*abv*: 14.5%  
*Price*: $150

97 Casa Ferreirinha 2007 Reserva Especial (Douro). This Ferreirinha Douro Superior wine is made in exceptional years. The 2007 is the 16th vintage since 1960 (the previous release was 2003). It is an immense wine in its grandeur while being sophisticated and structured. There are complex flavors from the long wood aging. The dark, dense black fruits are impressive while perfectly meshed into the concentrated tannins and black currant acidity. This wine, even at nine years, is young, and should not be drunk before 2020 (or decanted if you can’t wait). Broadbent Selections, Inc. —R.V.  
*abv*: 14%  
*Price*: $250

96 Donum 2013 Single Vineyard Reserve Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley). With a majority of Pommard clone in this wine contributing to its undeniable breadth and depth, this rich, rewarding wine will benefit from further time in bottle. Sultry baking spice accents kirsch and strawberry, with understudies of tar, rose garden and tannin, all framed by moderate acidity. Cellar through 2023. —V.B.  
*abv*: 14.7%  
*Price*: $90

96 Trisaetum 2015 Estates Reserve Riesling (Willamette Valley). This tops a thoroughly outstanding lineup of eight estate-grown Rieslings from Trisaetum. Unctuous citrus and stone fruits abound: a luscious mix of Meyer lemon, pink grapefruit, peach and apricot. There are hints of honey, caramel and butter, and everything is tightened up by defining acidity. Though entirely ageworthy, this is so thoroughly delicious already you’ll want to drink at least a bottle or two immediately. Drink now through 2035. —P.G.  
*abv*: 11%  
*Price*: $38

97 Louis Roederer 2009 Cristal Brut (Champagne). The latest incarnation of this famous Champagne now comes from Roderer’s own vineyards, a good portion of which are run on biodynamic lines. This still-young wine has great depth and richness, a beautiful balance between ripe fruit and crisp texture that make it alive, crisp and bright. As it matures, it will deepen and become even more intense. Drink now if you must, but preferably wait until 2019. Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. —R.V.  
*abv*: 12%  
*Price*: $249
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**39** Mauro 2011 VS Tempranillo (Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y León). Lusty aromas of black cherry and blackberry are powerful. Likewise, this Tempranillo from just outside the Ribera del Duero district tastes bullish, with blackberry, currant, mocha and rich oak flavors. Robust berry fruit along with spice and chocolate are the lead flavors on a strong, dense finish. This has the potential to age nicely for seven to 15 years. Drink through 2030. Europvin USA. —M.S.

- **abv:** 14.5%
- **Price:** $100

**40** Travaglini 2010 Riserva (Gattinara). Elegant and structured, this opens with exquisite scents of cedar, chopped herb, pressed rose, menthol and perfumed berry. The luminous palate is loaded with finesse, delivering bright red cherry, chopped red raspberry, licorice, clove and mineral. Firm, refined tannins and vibrant acidity provide impeccable balance and support. Hold for even more complexity. Drink 2018 through 2030. Palm Bay International. —K.O.

- **abv:** 13.5%
- **Price:** $45

**41** Patz & Hall 2014 Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay (Carneros). This fine marriage of site and winemaker shows experience and intuition at work, presenting a full-bodied, lush and plush expression of tremendous depth and complexity. It offers notes of tart apple, licorice and a wealth of orange zest, which adds a touch of citrusy crispness to the naturally buoyant minerality and nuanced oak. It has much more to share; drink now through 2020. —V.B.

- **abv:** 14.2%
- **Price:** $65

**42** Domaine Vacheron 2014 Les Romains Sauvignon Blanc (Sancerre). Named in honor of the Romans who first planted vines in Sancerre, this wine has its feet firmly in the chalk soil that gives it richness as well as minerality. Ripe with touches of yellow fruits as well as lime and other citrus flavors, it is structured, dense and likely to age well. Drink from 2018. European Cellars. —R.V.

- **abv:** 13%
- **Price:** $65

**43** Quinta do Noval 2013 Vintage Port. Noval has often in the past released a Vintage Port in years when other producers hold back. And, as in the past, the release is justified. For this is an impressive, dense and seriously ageworthy Port. While it has plenty of perfumed jammy red fruits and balanced acidity, it is the dark tannic character that will sustain this wine for decades. It could be drunk now for its fruit, although that would be a shame. Better to wait until 2030 and longer. Vintus LLC. —R.V.

- **abv:** 19.5%
- **Price:** $85

**44** Elvio Cogno 2010 Bricco Pernice (Barolo). Radiant and structured, this is initially closed but slowly opens to reveal engaging aromas of woodland berry, violet, star anise, dark cooking spice and a balsamic note. The vibrant, full-bodied palate boasts great energy while offering layers of wild cherry, raspberry, white pepper and licorice. Bright acidity and firm, polished tannins provide balance. Give it time to fully develop. Drink between 2020 and 2035. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —K.O.

- **abv:** 14.5%
- **Price:** $110

**45** Ponzi 2013 Madrona Pinot Noir (Willa- mette Valley). Search carefully and you’ll note delicate scents of tamarind, cola, ginger, coriander, cocoa and pepper. The palate opens with a generous, exotic potpourri of baking spices, amaro, honey, dark chocolate and caramel. There is the slightest hint of barnyard, but everything plays together beautifully. Drink now through 2025. —P.G.

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| Schramsberg 2007 Reserve (North Coast) | 46 | Made from 76% Pinot Noir and 24% Chardonnay, spice-tinged fruit aromas and toasted baguette complexity make a grand entrance on the nose. It then gushes bold and complex flavors, like toasted walnuts and almonds, poached pears and a touch of ginger. Although big and broad in flavor for a sparkling wine, it's very well structured and a good bet to age through 2022 or longer. —J.G.  
abv: 13.2%  
Price: $120 |
| Kay Brothers 2012 Amery Vineyard Block 6 Shiraz (McLaren Vale) | 47 | This full-bodied, muscular Shiraz is built for the ages. Baking spices and plummy fruit form a concentrated, nearly impenetrable wall on the nose, while the palate is nearly dense enough to stand a fork in. Despite all that, it’s not overly heavy or fudge-like, instead offering tremendous poise, purity and length. Drink 2020–2030, and likely then some. Quintessential Wines. —J.C.  
abv: 14.5%  
Price: $120 |
| Domaine Jean Grivot 2013 Clos de Vougeot | 48 | This offers a firm, dense structure, with dark tannins and big, ripe, opulent fruits. At the same time the elegance that is the hallmark of the domaine is equally present, with stylish red fruits and a velvet texture. The wine needs to age to be at its peak, although it is beautiful now. Drink from 2020. Diageo Chateau & Estate Wines. —R.V.  
abv: NA  
Price: $281 |
| Domaine de Chevalier 2013 Pessac-Léognan | 49 | This is a beautiful wine, fresh with acidity and structured with a mineral texture. Layers of creamy citrus and white fruit flavors go along with touches of wood aging that are well integrated. It’s a wine to drink for its freshness soon, although it will also benefit from several years aging. It will be best from 2018. —R.V.  
abv: 13.5%  
Price: $110 |
| Wine & Soul 2013 Pintas (Douro) | 50 | This is the top wine in the Wine & Soul range from Sandra Tavares da Silva and Jorge Serôdio Borges. It is a great wine in every sense, from its power and density to its grace and style. Allied with the black fruits, there are huge tannins and a dark, brooding character that promises long-term aging. Drink from 2020. MundoVino–The Winebow Group. —R.V.  
abv: 14.5%  
Price: $100 |
| Capanna 2011 Brunello di Montalcino | 51 | Scents of wild berry, fragrant blue flower, tilled soil, new leather and a whiff of Mediterranean herb lead the nose on this fantastic wine. Rich layers of juicy black cherry, fleshy raspberry, cinnamon, licorice and mint weave throughout the palate while firm but refined tannins provide structure. Drink 2019–2029. Masciarelli Wine Co. —K.O.  
abv: 14.5%  
Price: $50 |
| Padelletti 2010 Riserva (Brunello di Montalcino) | 52 | Forest floor, dark-skinned berry, leather and tilled earth aromas unfold in the glass. The full-bodied, elegant palate offers mature black cherry, black raspberry, ground pepper, anise and chopped mint framed in ripe, tightly packed tannins. It’s young and assertive, but also balanced, with real aging potential. Drink 2020–2035. Superior Wines. —K.O.  
abv: 14.5%  
Price: $115 |
96 Domaine Faiveley 2014 Bienvenues Bâtard-Montrachet. This wine is rich, concentrated and ripe. With its opulent mix of yellow fruits, citrus and sliced apple—a real fruit salad—it is also balanced with spice and wood flavors. The fruit is rich and will develop well. Drink this from 2020. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —R.V. 

abv: 13%  
Price: $476

95 Château Pierre-Bise 2011 Grand Cru (Quarts de Chaume). The Grand Cru of Quarts de Chaume juts out over the Layon Valley, with its autumn mists, resulting in the best conditions for noble rot. This luscious wine, gold in color, is so rich, so intense as to be almost overwhelming. It is so young still—all rich fruit, peaches, apricots with a touch of ginger. The wine, with its background of considerable acidity, will develop slowly; drink from 2020. Fruit of the Vines, Inc. —R.V. 

abv: 11%  
Price: $60/500 ml

55 Mount Eden Vineyards 2012 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon (Santa Cruz Mountains). Extremely elegant and restrained at first on the nose, this bottling eventually shows gravel and crushed rocks, with hints of blackberry and forest underbrush also emerging. A very firm structure weaves together an incredibly well-integrated wine, with dense mulberry and dried-fennel notes that morph into crushed herbs with time. Drink 2018–2032. —M.K. 

abv: 13%  
Price: $70

95 Domaine de la Bégué 2013 Red (Bandol). This impressive wine has a perfumed character, almost smelling and tasting of the wild garrigue and forest that makes up much of the La Bégué estate. It also holds a well-wrought tannic side, dark and solid, packed with black currant and berry fruits. It will age for many years and should not be drunk before 2019. Kysela Père et Fils. —R.V. 

abv: 13.5%  
Price: $36

58 A.A. Badenhorst Family Wines 2013 Red (Swartland). A blend of 68% Shiraz, 18% Grenache, 10% Cinsault and 4% Tinta Barocca, this is one of the finest reds coming out of South Africa today. It is powerful and concentrated, yet elegant and refined, with notes of lush red cherry, raspberry and plum that are complemented by notes of game, pepper and fynbos. Fine yet gripping tannins and tight fruit flavors lend a solid structure to the rich mouthfeel, while notes of peppered berries and mentholated herbs linger long on the finish. Drink 2020–2025. Broadbent Selections, Inc. —L.B. 

abv: 13%  
Price: $43
95. Quinta da Romaneira 2012 Reserva (Douro). This wine hails from the terraced heart of the Romaneira vineyard. Dark tannins and a concentrated structure are just the tip of this ripe and complex wine. With its acidity, spice and ripe black fruits, this is a serious, impressive wine that begs to be aged. Drink from 2020. Vision Wine & Spirits. —R.V.  
**abv:** 13.5%  
**Price:** $70

96. Crown Point 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon (Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara). Entrepreneur Roger Bower hired Harlan Estate alum Adam Henkel to deliver top-tier wines, and this first release is an extremely auspicious beginning. Black as night in the glass, the wine delivers elegant aromas of ollallieberry jam, baking spice, shaved chocolate, beef jerky, teriyaki and purple flowers. The sticky structure will age phenomenally, further concentrating flavors of coffee foam, soy-laced berry sauce, Asian pepper spice, and dense blueberry, black cassis and black plum fruit. Drink 2018–2033. —M.K.  
**abv:** 14.5%  
**Price:** $185

94. Mark Ryan 2013 Lonely Heart Cabernet Sauvignon (Red Mountain). This wine is a blend of fruit from the Ciel du Cheval and Force Majeure vineyards. Aromas of black cherry, herb, graphite, barrel spice and violets are followed by dense yet focused and lively black-fruit flavors, as well as tightly wound tannins. Best from 2022–2028. —S.S.  
**abv:** 14.7%  
**Price:** $95

94. Dominio de Atauta 2011 La Mala (Ribera del Duero). Of all the Atauta single-vineyard wines from the sensational 2011 vintage, La Mala is arguably the most overtly oaky and modern in style. Grainy, resinous barrel-driven aromas come with controlled burn and heat. This is tannic and firm as cement, with ample oak resin creating a creamy feel. Resiny, fully spiced black-fruit flavors end with pepper, wood grain, burnt toast and other oaky notes. Drink from 2018–2031. Aviva Vino. —M.S.  
**abv:** 15%  
**Price:** $140

95. Billecart-Salmon NV Brut Sous Bois (Champagne). Fermented and aged briefly in wood, this is dry, intense and toasty while still giving space for white fruits and some citrus. Richly endowed, spicy, and tangy, its structure and tight texture mark it out as a Champagne for long-term aging. The aftertaste is brisk, packed with acidity and with reminiscences of the oak-aging in the vanilla finish. Drink this bottling from 2018. Billecart Salmon USA. —R.V.  
**abv:** 12%  
**Price:** $80

95. Trinity Hill 2013 Homage Syrah (Hawke’s Bay). This full-bodied, richly tannic wine delivers. It starts off with savory notes of cracked pepper, black olives, violets and cedar, then eases into concentrated flavors of blueberries and roasted meat before ending with a flourish of firm, dusty tannins. Give it a few years to soften. Drink 2020–2030. Terroir Life. —J.C.  
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<td>Deep, lavish and creamy aromas of fudge, espresso, cola, vanilla and perfectly ripe black currants and berries greet the nose with measured force. The wine lands on the palate with aplomb, framed by silky yet grippy tannins and boasting flavors of espresso, dense blueberry, black peppercorn, bay leaf and pencil shavings. The woody angles will intensify with age; drink 2018–2032. —M.K. abv: 14.5% Price: $100</td>
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<td>Château Pontet-Canet 2013 Pauillac</td>
<td>This wine is rich, with generous black plum and berry fruits. It has a structure that is full, ripe and that will sustain the fruitiness of the wine over many years. The sensation is of velvet, with some force behind it. This remarkable wine will develop well over the medium term and then age for many years. Drink from 2022. —R.V. abv: 13% Price: $105</td>
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<td>Balance, depth, detail and elegance are the hallmarks here. Pretty raspberry/cherry fruit comes up quickly, framed in proportionate acids and tannins. Streaks of malt powder, caramel and mocha weave through a long, subtle finish. Drink now through 2023. —P.G. abv: 14.1% Price: $45</td>
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<td>Chanin 2014 Sanford &amp; Benedict Vineyard Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)</td>
<td>Extremely delicate on the nose, this wine from the historic vineyard shows bruised yellow grapefruit, sliced nectarine and crushed chalk aromas. The evolving palate starts daintily with cut apple and nectarine, then warms into seared peach, buttered popcorn and ripe pear flavors. A chalky, seashell-like structure and pithy texture ensure a long, interesting life. Drink 2018 through 2034. —M.K. abv: 13.5% Price: $45</td>
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<td>Fratelli Alessandria 2012 Barolo</td>
<td>This elegant, full-bodied wine opens with delicate scents of rose, iris and wild berry. The palate is juicy and delicious, offering ripe black cherry, crushed raspberry, grilled herb and tobacco alongside a backbone of firm, velvety tannins. Drink 2020–2028. Artisan Wines, Inc. —K.O. abv: 14.5% Price: $54</td>
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<td>Château Léoville Las Cases 2013 Saint-Julien</td>
<td>This impressively powerful wine has dense tannins and concentration. With 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, it is firm, packed with blackcurrant fruits with intense, perfumed acidity. Cabernet Franc adds spice to the wine. The wood aging is still showing and the wine will need several years before enjoying. Drink from 2025. —R.V. abv: 13% Price: $140</td>
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<td>Valquejigoso 2008 V2 (Spain)</td>
<td>This Cabernet Sauvignon-led blend from the south-of-Madrid area represents no designated region other than Spain. It’s an intense blend with aromas of blackberry, pepper, toasted oak and smokiness. A deep, pure palate pumps out cherry, plum and especially cassis flavors, while baking-spice notes come prior to clove, toast and char on the finish. Drink through 2024. Hidalgo Imports, LLC. —M.S. abv: 15% Price: $79</td>
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<td>Woodward Canyon 2013 Old Vines Cabernet Sauvignon (Washington)</td>
<td>Barrel notes of vanilla and spice take the lead in this aromatically brooding wine, followed by dried herbs and dark fruit. The flavors are pitch black, coating the palate from end to end with layers of fruit, tannins that go the distance and a graphite-filled finish that lingers. It will drink best from 2020–2027. —S.S. abv: 14.7% Price: $99</td>
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<td>83</td>
<td>Cheval des Andes 2011 Red (Mendoza)</td>
<td>Deep, subtle, earthy aromas of blackberry, mint, coffee and forest mist are cool and collected. This voluminous, dense blend of Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon is chewy and deep, and not too fierce. Saturated flavors of blackberry and chocolate finish with rooty berry and mocha flavors. Drink from 2017–2025. Moët Hennessy USA. —M.S. abv: 15% Price: $100</td>
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### TOP 100 CELLAR SELECTIONS 2016

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<td>Elizabeth Chambers 2014 Lazy River Vineyard Pinot Noir (Yamhill-Carlton)</td>
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Figgins 2013 Estate Red Wine (Walla Walla Valley). This blend offers beguiling, complex aromas of violets, scorched earth, cassis, black licorice and graphite. The flavors are tightly wound, showing poise and presence. It drinks well out of the gate but cellaring will be particularly rewarded. Best from 2022 through 2030. —S.S.

Hall 2012 Kathryn Hall Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). Pulling from both the Sacrashe and Bergfeld vineyards, as well as other partner sites, this is a tremendously impressive wine, bright in herb, cedar and cassis, with soft, integrated tannins. Concentrated, it maintains elegance despite the full-bodied luxuriousness, finishing in decadent chocolate. Drink now through 2022. —V.B.

Albert Bichot 2014 Corton-Charlemagne. This wine has power along with great fruit and a rich structure. Yellow fruits are laced with a more finessed texture that adds minerality. It is a dense wine, full of fruit, with a measured touch of wood. Age this until 2021. Albert Bichot USA. —R.V.

Lapostolle 2012 Clos Apalta (Colchagua Valley). Lusty notes of coconut, charcoal, vanilla and herbs grace core blackberry and cassis aromas. This is massive and widespread on the palate, but the key to its success is impeccable balance. Toasty, minty flavors of blackberry and cassis are chocolaty and lightly herbal, while the finish blends lushness, power, depth and smoky, herbal flavors that go on and on. Drink this Carmenère-led blend through 2024. Terlato Wines International. —M.S.

Quilceda Creek 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon (Columbia Valley). This wine is 100% varietal coming from Champoux, Palengat and Wallula Gap vineyards. The aromas bring plenty of appeal, with notes of incense, spice box and dark fruit that lead to full, exquisitely balanced dark fruit flavors that show polish, poise and a lengthy finish. —S.S.

Valserrano 2010 Gran Reserva (Rioja). Woody aromas of vanilla complement ripe black-fruit scents. This wine feels dry, comported, mildly tannic and nicely structured. Flavors of cherry and blackberry are accented by oaky notes of vanilla and toast, while hints of baking spices lurk around the edges. A dry, classy, well-oaked finish seals the deal on this excellent Rioja; drink from 2020–2028. Classic Wines, Inc. —M.S.