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OUR TOP 100



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96 Laurent-Perrier NV Grande Siècle (Champagne); \$200. Laurent-Perrier's prestige cuvée is always non-vintage, a blend of top years. The latest bottling is so elegant, definitely maturing from bottle aging and older vintages in the blend, but still worthy of aging in itself. It is dry, in the L-P style, but has richness, an intense pink grapefruit character, hints of cilantro, the final acidity a great shaft of light. Imported by Laurent-Perrier U.S.



Our editors select the most ageable wines of the year

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As wallets tighten and smart investment becomes ever more key for wine lovers, our collection of Top 100 Cellar Selections from 2009 is, we hope, timed auspiciously. Without apologies, this is by large a list for collectors with deep cellars and fat wallets, but price and availability are still factors, we believe these wines will bring enjoyment—and truly good investment—for years to come.

This list of 100 great cellar-worthy wines is a relatively new category, which we first created for our Best of Year issue in 2007. Through the year, our tasting panels can apply a "Cellar Selection" designation on a wine that by its facts is collectible and/or might require the proper temperature and humidity-controlled cellar to deliver maximum pleasure.

Keep in mind that many of these wines are limited in production, and just like wines on our other Top 100 lists, some may have sold or increased in price since our initial reviews were published.

The nature of this list intrinsically favors those parts of the world known for producing intense, cellar-worthy wines. In general, the New World wines, while still demanding time on the cellar, will require less aging than their European counterparts.

In years to come, these wines will begin to offer depth and complexity that other wines can only envy. They get older and better—a perfect combination.