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100 Ways to Celebrate

A Holiday Wish List of Unforgettable Wines and Balsamicos

MADEIRA

1. **1802 Acciaiuoli Terrantez**950.00
Alex Liddell: "★★★★★ ... complex; highly perfumed ... heavy and viscous, coating the glass ... rich, black treacly flavors ... great length."
2. **1850 D'Oliveira Verdelho**450.00
Michael Broadbent: "★★★★. One adjective covers appearance, nose and palate: intense. Fabulous, fairly deep colour for an old Verdelho, very rich, powerful, peppery acidic bouquet and flavour."
3. **1860 Cossart-Gordon Sercial Solera**110.00
The original bottling of Cossart's famous 1860 Sercial Solera—which we purchased in England nearly 15 years ago. Michael Broadbent wrote this about the wine: "Matured in cask, put into demijohns in 1936 or 1937 ... beautiful bouquet, gentle, sweet, refined yet mouth-watering ... A classic old Sercial."
4. **1862 D'Oliveira Sercial**425.00
Wine Spectator: "97 rating ... explodes on the palate, full of butterscotch flavor that's mouthcoating without being heavy or cloying. Firm, intense and laser-like, leaving an intriguing smokiness in the finish."
5. **1875 Barbeito Malvasia**245.00
Wine & Spirits: "98 rating ... so concentrated it takes only the smallest sip to coat the palate ... thrilling stuff"
6. **Barbeito Terrantez Reserve**59.95
We have just a few bottles left of this marvelous Terrantez— about 20 years old when bottled last year. *Wine & Spirits* calls it "complex and fascinating."

TUSCANY

7. **1982 Tignanello 3L**495.00
8. **1997 Tignanello 3L**495.00
A pair of rare 3-liter bottles of Tignanello, including the 1997, perhaps the greatest Tignanello ever.
9. **1994 Le Macchiole Messorio**175.00
10. **1994 Le Macchiole Scrio**95.00
Messorio (100% Merlot) and Scrio (100% Syrah) have emerged as two of the "holy grail" wines of Tuscany. 1994 was the first vintage for each, with fewer than 50 cases made. Rare!
11. **1988 Sassicaia Magnum**525.00
One of the great Sassicaia vintages and rare in magnum. 94 rating from Steve Tanzer.
12. **1985 Solaia**295.00
The first great Solaia. 96 rating from Parker.
13. **1997 Percarlo**185.00
Parker: "98 rating ... profound levels of concentration as well as unbelievably dense, black currant, blackberry liqueur notes ... an amazing accomplishment!"
14. **1997 Le Pupille Saffredi**145.00
15. **1997 Le Pupille Saffredi 1.5L**295.00
Parker: "97 rating ... reminiscent of a hypothetical blend of Chateaux Mouton-Rothschild and Margaux ... fabulous richness, multiple dimensions ..."
16. **1997 Frescobaldi Lamaione**59.95
Wine Spectator: "96 rating ... a blockbuster Merlot ... Full bodied and almost Port-like ... has a long future ahead ..."

PIEDMONT

17. **1982 Scavino Barolo "Bric del Fiasc"**95.00
An historic wine, made just as Enrico Scavino was emerging as a leader of Barolo's new wave. Pristine.
18. **1989 Sandrone Barolo Cannubi Boschis Mag**.....495.00
Parker: "97 rating ... awesome dimension and persistence."
19. **1989 Gaja Barbaresco "Sori Tildin"**245.00
Parker: "96+ rating ... massive ... rich, fleshy"
20. **1989 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala"** 135.00
Parker: "96 rating ... massive and structured ..."
21. **1990 Giacomo Conterno Barolo "Cascina Francia"**125.00
Parker: "92-95 rating ... a huge blockbuster of a wine ..."
22. **1996 Gaja Barolo "Sperss"**135.00
Parker: "94-96 rating. One of the great wines of the vintage ...enormously ripe ... compelling intensity and purity."
23. **1997 Giacosa Barbaresco "S. Stefano" Mag.**165.00
Parker: "93 rating ... flamboyant ... with a creamy texture, superb concentration and an exquisite finish ..."
24. **2000 Elio Perrone Moscato "Clarte" Magnum**35.00
In a soaring magnum bottle—and with its perfume, luscious sweetness and soft bubbles—this is heaven.

AUSTRALIA

25. **1998 J. J. Hahn Shiraz Block 1914** 69.95
Parker: "96 rating, ... sumptuous, opulent, individualistic yet sensational Shiraz ... huge, chewy, distinctive, and a true blockbuster in every sense of the word ..."
26. **Chambers Rosewood Special Muscat half bottle**39.95
Parker: "98 rating ... notes of smoke, roasted nuts, coffee, brown sugar, maple syrup ... riveting ..."
27. **1998 Parker "Terra Rossa First Growth"**89.95
Parker: "95-97 rating ... intense glycerin ... The purity, high extract and uncanny symmetry is breathtaking"
28. **1976 Grange**450.00
Parker: "98 rating ... resembles, in its decadent richness and thick, unctuous texture, such Bordeaux legends as the 1947 Pétus, 1947 Cheval Blanc, and 1947 Lafleur."
29. **1991 Grange**250.00
Parker: "95 rating" Steve Tanzer: "95 rating ... Extravagantly ripe ... builds to a crescendo."
30. **1995 Grange**199.95
Wine Spectator: "97 rating ... Australia's legendary red once again graces our Top 100 (wines of 2000) with its current release."
31. **1992 Henschke "Hill of Grace"**175.00
Along with Grange, Hill of Grace is the Aussie legend.

ELSEWHERE IN ITALY

32. **1990 Quintarelli Recioto**149.95
Two prizes from Giuseppe Quintarelli, the dean of Veneto producers.
33. **1996 Allegrini Amarone**49.95
Parker: "95 rating ... knock-out nose ... Amazingly rich and full-bodied, ... this chewy, thick, exceptionally pure, harmonious offering should drink well for 10-15+ years."
34. **1997 Montiano**59.95
Parker: "96 rating ... multiple layers ... one of the finest Merlots made in Italy. Production was 1,000 cases."
35. **1997 Arnaldo Caprai "25 Anni" Riserva**69.95
Gambero Rosso: "Tre bicchieri ... intense and powerful ... rich and long." Daniel Thomases writing in *Tanzer*: "Leaves one straining for adjectives."

VINTAGE PORT

36. **1963 Niepoort**125.00
It's been years since we've run across this legendary 1963. 1 bottle limit.
37. **1970 Taylor "Quinta da Vargellas"**175.00
In the great 1970 vintage, they did in 1997, Taylor produced a single barrel of from old vines in their flagship Vargellas vineyard. We've never seen a bottle before. Even rarer than Noval Nacional. 1 bottle limit.
38. **1897 Harvey's** 395.00
A century ago, Harvey's of Bristol bottled their own vintage ports, quietly purchasing the wine from the best port shippers of the time: Taylor, Fonseca, etc. Recorded in 1980. Broadbent rates 1897 ★★★★★.
39. **1970 Graham**145.00
Increasingly rare Oporto bottling of a top 1970 port. 94 rating from James Suckling.
40. **1997 Delaforce "Quinta da Corte"**39.95
Incredible price. Suckling: "95 rating ... fabulously concentrated ... sweet, thick and viscous."
41. **1997 Niepoort**65.00
Suckling: "96 rating ... Wild and exotic aromas ... The greatest modern vintage of Niepoort."

RED BORDEAUX

42. **1964 Ch. Cheval Blanc**575.00
Parker: "95 rating ... a wonderfully rich, thick, powerful and concentrated wine"
43. **1990 Ch. Montrose**240.00
Parker: "100 rating ... remarkably rich huge, corpulent, awesomely endowed ..."
44. **1990 Ch. Leoville Las Cases**185.00
Parker: "96 rating ... continues to put on weight and richness ... broad, expansive flavors ..."
45. **1990 Ch. Margaux**425.00
Parker: "100 rating... one of the greatest wines of this superb vintage."

WHITE BURGUNDY

46. 1989 Coche-Dury Meursault195.00
From one of the great white burgundy vintages.
47. 1998 Coche-Dury Bourgogne Blanc49.95
A favorite cult wine of white Burgundy lovers.
48. 1996 Thevenet "Bongran" Cuvee Tradition Mag...56.95
49. 1999 Thevenet "Bongran" Cuvee Tradition27.95
Over the years, Robert Parker has compared Thevenet's Macon-Clessé to "top-flight grand cru white Burgundy." These two examples offer compelling evidence for why.
50. 1995 Dauvissat Chablis Grand Cru "Les Clos" .79.95
Dauvissat Les Clos—one of the greatest of all Chablis—from the superb 1995 vintage.
51. 1989 Raveneau Chablis Grand Cru "Les Clos" ..225.00
Legendary.
52. 1991 Raveneau Chablis Grand Cru "Blanchots" .79.95
A sumptuous marriage of butter and steel. A gloriously mature Raveneau Chablis.

CHAMPAGNE

53. 1971 Dom Perignon295.00
We're not alone in worshipping this wine; it is one of the most revered of all Dom Perignon vintages.
54. 1985 Dom Perignon145.00
55. 1961 Krug350.00
A legendary Krug vintage.
56. 1988 Pol Roger (Disgorged 1998)59.95
57. 1988 Pol Roger (Disgorged 1998) Magnum125.00
This fabulous Pol Roger was kept on the lees in Pol Roger's cellars an amazing 10 years! A wine of fantastic breed and complexity, and true bargain.
58. 1973 Perrier Jouet Belle Epoque Magnum250.00
From the personal cellar of a Bordeaux château owner.

CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE

59. 1990 Bosquet des Papes "Cuvée Chantemerle" ..225.00
Parker: "98 rating ... Exceptionally rich, with stupendous concentration ... this profound Châteauneuf du Pape is outrageously delicious, even decadent..."
60. 1972 Ch. de Beaucastel Châteauneuf110.00
This sleeper from the '70's, from an excellent cellar, is still a beauty.
61. 1990 Ch. de Beaucastel125.00
Parker: "94 rating ... a profound wine"
Tanzer: "95 rating. Fabulous, profound"
62. 1981 Ch. de Beaucastel129.95
Parker: "94 rating ... enormous power and richness"
Tanzer: "94(+) rating ... superb extract and ripeness"
63. 1984 Ch. Rayas115.00
An amazing price for this rarity.
64. 1996 Ch. Rayas110.00
Parker: "... should be a beautifully rendered Rayas."

NORTHERN RHONE

65. 1982 Chave Hermitage125.00
Parker: "93 rating ... rich, silky ... barbecue, tar and saddle leather... one of the most delicious Chave Hermitages."
66. 1982 Jaboulet Hermitage "La Chapelle"95.00
Parker: "92 rating ... plenty of glycerin, extract opulently styled ... succulent ... with explosive fruitiness ..."
67. 1991 Guigal Cote Rotie "La Landonne"395.00
Parker: "99 rating ... huge, smoky, new saddle leather, licroice, Asian spice ... massive extraction"
68. 1994 Guigal Côte Rôtie La Landonne225.00
Parker: "98 rating ... muscular and powerful ... fabulous extract... plenty of *pain grillé*, olive, iron and black fruit..."
69. 1994 Guigal Côte Rôtie La Turque189.95
Parker: "96 rating ... great richness an exotic, overripe character, this is a sensational, chocolatey, rich wine."

RED BURGUNDY

70. 1995 Groffier Bonnes-Mares139.95
Tanzer: "93 rating ... Thick, brooding and very intensely flavored ... A terrific example of the '95 vintage at its best."
71. 1995 de Vogüé Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru.....89.95
Tanzer: "92 rating. A blend of two *cuvées* of Musigny ... Dense, ripe ... has terrific cut ..."
72. 1991 Dugat-Py Charmes-Chambertin295.00
Very rare.
73. 1996 Louis Jadot Chambertin Clos de Beze ...169.95
Tanzer: "94-96 ... thick and superripe ... explosive, palate-staining fruit ... an extraordinary achievement"
74. 1996 Leroy Pommard-Vignots95.00
Fabulous buy.

SAUTERNES

75. 1953 Ch. Doisy-Daëne149.95
Direct from the Château. Michael Broadbent: "★★★★
Lovely colour, rich yellow gold; perfect nose, peaches and cream and melted barley-sugar"
76. 1975 Ch. Climens125.00
From the Château's reserves. Michael Broadbent: "★★★★(★) Fabulous ... sweet, full, fat ... Delicious."
77. 1929 Ch. Filhot295.00
A third classic Sauternes fresh cellared by the Château. A glorious Sauternes, from one of the premier vintages of the last century, during a great period for Filhot.

NEW ZEALAND

78. 2000 Felton Road Pinot Noir Block 347.95
Felton Road makes the Southern Hemisphere's greatest Pinot Noirs. The 2000 Block 3 is explosively aromatic now, with fabulous potential for development.
79. 1999 Felton Road Pinot Noir Block 547.95
Deep, rich with expansive, mouthfilling, chewy flavors of black cherry, licorice and graphite. Shows great power, concentration and length. Superb.

BALSAMICO

- 80. Villa Bianca Traditional 12-year-old**54.95
Nearly black color, with bronze overtones. Deliciously sweet, supple and tangy, with hints of fig and raisin; one of the richest and fullest 12-year-olds we've ever tasted.
- 81. Acetaia del Cristo "Juniper" 12-year-old**69.00
Aged primarily in juniper—the rarest of all woods used in maturing Balsamico—it is unique for its intense evergreen aromas. A sensational accent to steaks and grilled meats.
- 82. Acetaia del Cristo Extravecchio 25-year-old**89.00
A blockbuster. Rich semisweet chocolate and toffee with a citrus tang. Phenomenal volume; *awesome* length.
- 83. Lancellotti Extravecchio 25-year-old** 110.00
Balsamico essence. We suspect that Lancellotti's *extravecchio* is much older than the 25 years modestly claimed. It is as black and thick as most 40-year-olds. A masterpiece.
- 84. Acetaia del Cristo Extravecchio Sp. Selection** ...135.00
Aged in wood for at least **40 years**, this is one of the *great* Balsamicos. Intense flavors of coffee, hazelnuts, toffee and figs. Truly profound.
- 85. Acetaia Malpighi Extravecchio Sp. Selection** ..275.00
Certified as **100 years old** by the Malpighi family. So thick and intense it defies the imagination.

CALIFORNIA

- 86. 1995 Harlan Estate**495.00
Parker: "99 rating ... almost perfect"
- 87. 1997 Phelps Insignia Magnum**245.00
Parker: "96 rating ... prodigious"
- 88. 1996 Williams-Selyem Pinot Noir "Hirsch Vyd."** ..95.00
A steal for one of the top Williams-Selyem Pinot cuvées.
- 89. 1999 Blackford Chardonnay "Armagh Vyd."**39.95
Blockbuster Chardonnay with Marcassin size and weight.
- 90. 1998 Bacio Divino**79.95
One of the most intriguing Bacios yet—lush, velvety and superbly concentrated. While hard to resist drinking it now, it's sure to develop beautifully over the next decade.

SPAIN

- 91. 1970 Vega Sicilia Unico**395.00
Parker: "96 rating ... a winemaking tour de force."
- 92. Vega Sicilia Reserva Especial**195.00
Parker: "96 rating ... celestial quantities of curranty and cherry fruit"
- 93. 1995 Alvaro Palacios "L'Ermita"**225.00
Parker: "94+ rating ... deep, powerful, and rich ..."
- 94. 1996 Pingus**495.00
Parker: "97 rating ... astonishing ... spectacular"
- 95. 1998 Pingus**250.00
Tanzer: "93-95 rating ... Extremely rich and superripe...."
- 96. 1996 Hacienda Monasterio**29.95
Tanzer: "93+ rating ... A major mouthful ..."

LOIRE VALLEY

- 97. 1921 Huet Vouvray "Le Haut Lieu" Moelleux**595.00
From possibly the greatest Loire vintage of the 20th century, a deservedly celebrated wine. 1 bottle only available.
- 98. 1983 Coulée de Serrant**89.95
The famous 1983 shows the honeyed, mineral richness that has made this the Loire's most coveted dry wine.
- 99. 1997 R. Renou Bonnezeaux Cuvée Zenith 500 ml** ..75.00
Rovani: "97+ rating ... show-stopping ... powerful and explosive ... a blockbuster-sized wine ... Bravo!"
- 100. 1997 Jo Pithon Cot. Layon Clos des Bois 500 ml** .39.95
Rovani: "... layer upon layer of super-concentrated and viscous yellow fruits that coat the taster's palate." **A memorable wine at a bargain price.**

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