

# Wine Spectator Insider

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**JUICY NEW WORLD CABERNET**, refined French Pinot and ultravalu wine of all stripes fire up this week's *Wine Spectator Insider*.

Among the collectibles here are the classic Concha y Toro Don Melchor Cabernet, the top-shelf Errazuriz bottling Viñedo Chadwick, and Bonnes Mares, Echézeaux, Clos St.-Denis and other *grand* and *premier cru* Burgundy from Lucien Le Moine, Albert Bichot, Louis Jadot and more. On the flip side, eight of the 90-plus-point picks come in at \$30 or less, as low as \$15. Check out the Hot Wines on page 4.

## AUSTRALIA

### DALRYMPLE

Pinot Noir Tasmania Pipers River  
Single Site Block CV90 2011

**92 points | \$60 | 20 cases imported | Red**

Lithe, vibrant and distinctive, with ripe blueberry and floral flavors, riding easily over polished tannins as the finish sails on. Drink now through 2019.—*H.S.*

### PENLEY

Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra Reserve 2010  
**92 points | \$50 | 25 cases imported | Red**

Round and distinctive, with a dark cast, weaving licorice and prune flavors through bright plum and earthy spice notes, lingering against crackling tannins. Shows presence, persistence and depth. Best from 2015 through 2020.—*H.S.*

### PENLEY

Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra Tolmer  
Limited Release 2010

**92 points | \$75 | 25 cases imported | Red**

Focused, expressive and attractive, offering a beam of dark berry, light spice and green tea flavors. This finishes harmoniously, riding on a bed of fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2018.—*H.S.*

### SONS OF EDEN

Shiraz Eden Valley Remus Old Vine 2010

**92 points | \$70 | 80 cases imported | Red**

Polished, expressive and focused, with juicy flavors of blackberry and white pepper, picking up an oatmeal note as the finish lingers gently. Needs time to settle down. Best from 2015 through 2020.—*H.S.*

### DALRYMPLE

Pinot Noir Tasmania Pipers River Cottage Block 2011  
**91 points | \$55 | 23 cases imported | Red**

Light and silky, with an underlying tang of greengage plum to the berry and spice flavors, lingering on the expressive finish. Drink now through 2019.—*H.S.*

## CHILE

### VIÑEDO CHADWICK

Maipo Valley 2011

**92 points | \$400 | 800 cases made | Red**

A sleek, open-textured red, with concentrated flavors of dark cherry, red plum and boysenberry that are supported by firm acidity. Shows dark chocolate and plenty of spice notes on the fresh finish, with hints of mint. Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2020.—*K.M.*

### VIÑA KOYLE

Auma Colchagua Valley 2010

**92 points | \$100 | 692 cases made | Red**

Dense, rich, and well-spiced, this is full of blackberry, mint and dark currant flavors, lifted by plenty of fresh acidity. Very spicy midpalate, with a zesty finish of chocolate. Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Malbec, Syrah and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2020.—*K.M.*

## VIÑA MONTES

Taita Marchigüe Vineyard Colchagua Valley 2007  
**92 points | \$300 | 8 cases imported | Red**

An aroma of olive and green herbs is followed by dense, chewy flavors of dried plum, cherry and smoke. Savory midpalate, with a powerful finish of slate and white pepper. Complex. Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2018.—*K.M.*

## VIÑA MORANDÉ

House of Morandé Maipo Valley 2009  
**92 points | \$50 | 100 cases imported | Red**

Elegant, with plenty of power to the dark plum, spiced cherry and boysenberry flavors, accented by notes of raspberry ganache and slate. The long, lush finish is filled with dark chocolate hints and plenty of minty details. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Carignan, Carmenère and Syrah. Drink now through 2019.—*K.M.*

## CONCHA Y TORO

Cabernet Sauvignon Pirque Terrunyo Block  
Las Terrazas 2011  
**91 points | \$50 | 500 cases imported | Red**

Luscious and juicy, this features a backbone of fresh acidity to the dark chocolate, currant and dried blackberry flavors. Black olive and bittersweet chocolate accents fill in midpalate, showing creamy notes on the finish. Drink now through 2018.—*K.M.*

## CONCHA Y TORO

Carmenère Peumo Terrunyo Block 27 2011  
**91 points | \$50 | 700 cases imported | Red**

A ripe, rich, full-bodied red, with a core of muscular dark fruit and spice flavors. Shows intense notes of black olive midpalate. The finish lingers with hints of smoke and a lush creaminess to the dark chocolate accents. Drink now through 2017.—*K.M.*

## KINGSTON FAMILY

Chardonnay Casablanca Valley Sabino 2012  
**91 points | \$24 | 90 cases imported | White**

Offers a seductively spicy aroma, with plush yet fresh flavors of apple cobbler, peach tart and concentrated pastry. Long and rich, showing plenty of spice midpalate. Features a creamy, complex finish. Drink now through 2017.—*K.M.*

## LOS MAQUIS

Cabernet Sauvignon Colchagua Valley 2011  
**91 points | \$19 | 4,400 cases made | Red**

The dark chocolate and mint flavors mix easily in this velvety red. Very creamy, with plenty of lift to the Asian spice notes. The long, lush finish is supported by medium-grained tannins, featuring a minerally essence. Drink now through 2018.—*K.M.*

## VIÑEDOS TERRANOBLE

Carmenère Colchagua Valley CA1 Andes 2011  
**91 points | \$30 | 50 cases imported | Red**

A svelte red, with lots of Asian spice notes to the juicy raspberry, red plum and dark currant flavors, supported by zesty acidity. This is well-structured, presenting a creamy finish that shows hints of tangerine. Drink now through 2018.—*K.M.*

## VIÑEDOS TERRANOBLE

Carmenère Colchagua Valley CA2 Costa 2011  
**91 points | \$30 | 50 cases imported | Red**

Pure and well-sculpted, with concentrated dark cherry and wild plum flavors, accented by notes of smoke and cream. Long midpalate, offering Asian spice accents and a lush, juicy finish. Drink now through 2018.—*K.M.*

## VIÑEDOS TERRANOBLE

Carmenère Maule Valley Gran Reserva 2011  
**91 points | \$20 | 950 cases imported | Red**

Deep, rich and intense, with good cut to the concentrated cherry tart and dried raspberry flavors. Offers lively minerality midpalate, showing notes of graphite and white pepper. The zesty finish is well-spiced. Drink now through 2020.—*K.M.*

## VIÑEDOS TERRANOBLE

Lahuen Chile 2009  
**91 points | \$35 | 700 cases made | Red**

A balanced and refined red, filled with concentrated dark chocolate, plum tart and Asian spice flavors. The luscious finish of cream and mocha is pure and refined. Drink now.—*K.M.*

## VIÑA CASA TAMAYA DEL LIMARÍ

Chardonnay Limarí Valley Gran Reserva  
Quebrada Seca 2012  
**90 points | \$20 | 90 cases imported | White**

Features a mouthfilling spiciness, with long, rich flavors of lemon curd and crème brûlée. Notes of apple compote and pear tart add to the complexity. Offers a lush, spicy finish. Drink now through 2016.—*K.M.*

## VIÑA LEYDA

Chardonnay Leyda Valley Falaris Hill Vineyard 2012  
**90 points | \$17 | 200 cases imported | White**

Offers an elegant, airy texture, with lush, juicy flavors of apricot tart, baked peach, guava and roasted pineapple, all supported by bright acidity. Long and rich on the cream-filled finish. Drink now through 2017.—*K.M.*

# FRANCE

## Burgundy

## ALBERT BICHOT

Pommard Les Rugiens Domaine du Pavillon 2011  
**92 points | \$99 | 15 cases imported | Red**

Pretty cherry, raspberry, floral and spice aromas and flavors highlight this suave red. Supple and refined, with terrific harmony and well-integrated acidity and tannins. Persists with an aftertaste of fruit and spice. Best from 2016 through 2025.—*B.S.*

## LOUIS JADOT

Clos St.-Denis 2011

**92 points | \$350 | 30 cases imported | Red**

A tightly wound style, lean yet dense, with dusty tannins and cherry, currant and licorice flavors. Vibrant and long, veering toward the astringent side in terms of balance. Needs time to absorb the oak. Best from 2017 through 2028.—*B.S.*

## LOUIS JADOT

Volnay Clos de la Barre 2011

**92 points | \$90 | 32 cases imported | Red**

A dense, concentrated version that borders on muscular. The cherry and berry flavors are pure and accented by a touch of earth. Vibrant and long. Best from 2016 through 2026.—*B.S.*

## LUCIEN LE MOINE

Echézeaux 2011

**92 points | \$280 | 30 cases imported | Red**

Smoky in aroma, with the flavors of cherry, currant and flowers enhanced by a layer of spice. Forthcoming and open-knit, matching fine intensity to an elegant frame. Best from 2016 through 2027.—*B.S.*

## LUCIEN LE MOINE

Pommard Les Epenots 2011

**92 points | \$140 | 20 cases imported | Red**

Smoky and spicy, with buried cherry and berry flavors. The tannins are assertive now, but all the pieces are in place, leading to a long finish. Needs time. Best from 2016 through 2024.—*B.S.*

## DOMAINE CLOS DE LA CHAPELLE

Pommard Les Chanlins 2011

**91 points | \$110 | 35 cases imported | Red**

This is elegant, laced with cherry, strawberry, earth and spice aromas and flavors. Well-structured and harmonious, with a lingering finish. Best from 2016 through 2024.—*B.S.*

## LOUIS JADOT

Pommard Rugiens 2011

**91 points | \$110 | 52 cases imported | Red**

A moderate dose of oak lends spice and structure to this rich, supple red. The cherry and berry notes hold the middle ground, with tannins emerging on the finish. An elegant red, juicy and long. Best from 2016 through 2027.—*B.S.*

## ALBERT BICHOT

Pommard Clos des Ursulines Domaine du Pavillon 2011

**90 points | \$57 | 125 cases imported | Red**

Black cherry, violet, black currant and spice aromas and flavors signal this smoky red. Rich in the context of the vintage, with a supple texture and a lively profile. Fine length. Best from 2015 through 2023.—*B.S.*

## CHAMPY

Pernand-Vergelesses Ile de Vergelesses 2011

**90 points | \$65 | 10 cases imported | Red**

A whiff of spicy oak gives way to cherry, raspberry and mineral flavors in this tightly grained red. There's plenty of grip on the finish, showing freshness and fine length. Best from 2016 through 2023.—*B.S.*

## PHILIPPE COLIN

Santenay Les Gravières 2011

**90 points | \$55 | 10 cases imported | Red**

This is almost lush for 2011, sporting rich cherry, strawberry, spice and earthy aromas and flavors. Elegant for the appellation, presenting a fresh, lingering aftertaste. Drink now through 2021.—*B.S.*

## PIERRE MATROT

Meursault Red 2011

**90 points | \$50 | 70 cases imported | Red**

This is rich, sporting cherry, raspberry and spice flavors, all matched to a juicy texture. Intense and long, turning more elegant on the finish. Mouthwatering. Best from 2015 through 2022.—*B.S.*

# SOUTH AFRICA

## DE TRAFFORD

Chenin Blanc Stellenbosch 2012

**92 points | \$32 | 100 cases imported | White**

Ripe, with layered pear, green melon, green fig and green almond notes, framed with heather and salted butter hints. The long, lush finish shows some toast accents and will need a touch more cellaring to settle in fully. Best from 2015 through 2017.—*J.M.*

## DE TRAFFORD

Touriga Nacional Malgas Sijnn 2011

**91 points | \$40 | 28 cases imported | Red**

Ripe, pure and focused, with a lovely beam of cassis and plum sauce guiding the anise, iron and violet notes. The finely beaded acidity is very well-integrated, showing a lovely stony tug through the finish. Drink now through 2016.—*J.M.*

## DE TRAFFORD

Sijnn White Malgas 2011

**90 points | \$36 | 50 cases imported | White**

Lovely almond and hazelnut notes lead the way, with lemon curd, verbena, heather and lightly toasted piecrust and ginger notes gliding through the finish. A touch languid in feel, but shows good range. Chenin Blanc and Viognier. Drink now.—*J.M.*

## XAVIER FLOURET

Chenin Blanc Stellenbosch Fynbos 2013

**90 points | \$15 | 300 cases imported | White**

Lovely lemon curd and verbena aromas lead the way, with extra brioche, chamomile, yellow apple and heather notes filling in behind them. Offers a pretty kiss of toast on the finish. Produced and bottled by Mooiplaas Estate for Xavier Flouret. Drink now through 2016.—*J.M.*

# HOT WINES

These are the most exciting discoveries from our editors' most recent tastings, published exclusively in *Wine Spectator Insider*. They are high-scoring wines from around the world that may be difficult to find, but are worth seeking out.

## CONCHA Y TORO

**Cabernet Sauvignon Puente Alto Don Melchor 2010**  
**95 points | \$125 | 2,280 cases imported | Red**

Refined and elegant, with silky tannins behind the mineral, macerated cherry and damson plum flavors. Quite creamy, revealing hints of paprika and hoisin sauce. The long, lush finish is filled with notes of cocoa powder and dust. Drink now through 2020. *From Chile.—K.M.*

## CONCHA Y TORO

**Carmenère Peumo Carmín de Peumo 2010**  
**93 points | \$200 | 50 cases imported | Red**

This has a minty aroma, with rich, powerful flavors of dark plum, dried raspberry and blackberry, complemented by notes of cream and chocolate mousse. Iron, smoke and paprika details fill the juicy finish. Drink now through 2019. *From Chile.—K.M.*

## LUCIEN LE MOINE

**Bonnes Mares 2011**  
**93 points | \$345 | 30 cases imported | Red**

Rich and bursting with sweet fruit, this exudes black cherry, black currant, violet and spice flavors. Firmly structured and long, with the fruit notes returning on the lingering aftertaste, accented by a touch of spice. Best from 2016 through 2028. *From France.—B.S.*

## LUCIEN LE MOINE

**Clos de la Roche 2011**  
**93 points | \$240 | 35 cases imported | Red**

A dense version, boasting black cherry, raspberry, earth and spice flavors. Lively acidity and well-integrated tannins keep this together as the finish reveals licorice and sandalwood accents. Best from 2016 through 2028. *From France.—B.S.*

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#### Wine Spectator's 100-Point Scale

95-100	Classic
90-94	Outstanding
85-89	Very good
80-84	Good
75-79	Mediocre
50-74	Not recommended