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## TOP 100 CELLAR SELECTIONS OF 2018

By and large, we American wine drinkers are all about the here and now. When scouring our local bottle shop, we generally focus on the next meal or occasion we will be pairing with our delicious finds. While that's fine for a good number of bottles on the market—those accessible, easygoing offerings that are meant for short-term consumption—there are many wines that deserve a little respite on your wine rack before being enjoyed.

But how do you know which wines are worthy of the cellar? Well, we've done the dirty work for you.

Each year, of the roughly 23,000 wines reviewed, only a portion (close to 4%) are designated Cellar Selections—wines that, while currently delicious, would benefit from being forgotten for some time in a cool, dark place in your home. This elite grouping is further whittled down to the Top 100 Cellar Selections list, a veritable cheat sheet for the most cellar-worthy wines on the market.

This list hits some of the most collectable wines in the world from classic regions in France, Italy, Spain and Germany. However, understanding that ageable bottles come from all over the globe, and run the full gamut from white to red, sparkling and sweet, there are many stellar examples from South Africa, Australia, Argentina, California and beyond.

This year's ranking is marked by a record breaking eleven 100-point wines, thanks in large part to banner vintages in Bordeaux and Brunello. While some of these high fliers can carry a hefty price tag, 79 of them are \$100 or under, making this collection not only incredibly quality driven (the average score is 95 points), but also immensely value-minded.

So seek these beauties out, stash them in your cellar and reap the benefits of a delicious pour in the years to come.

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RANK                      REVIEWS (80-61 of 100)

**80**                      **G. H. Mumm 2012 RSRV Maison Mumm Blanc de Blancs Brut Grand Cru (Champagne)**

This wine, from a range of Champagnes that highlights grand cru villages, ...

94 Points | .Champagne | . \$75

Cellar Selection

**79**                      **Delmas 2016 SJR Vineyard Syrah (Walla Walla Valley (WA))**

Somewhat lighter in color, the aromas show notes of barrel spice, smoke, ...

94 Points | .Columbia Valley | . \$70

Cellar Selection

- 78** **Fabrice Larochette 2015 Le Clos de Monsieur Noly (Pouilly-Fuissé)**  
This bold, rich wine comes from one of the best-reputed vineyards in ...  
93 Points | Burgundy | \$29  
Cellar Selection
- 77** **Cristom 2016 Eileen Vineyard Pinot Noir (Eola-Amity Hills)**  
The darkest, most muscular of the winery's 2016 Pinots, this is loaded ...  
94 Points | Willamette Valley | \$65  
Cellar Selection
- 76** **Clos Henri 2016 Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough)**  
This is an opulent style, sourced entirely from the estate's Greywacke river ...  
93 Points | New Zealand | \$27  
Cellar Selection
- 75** **Parducci 2015 True Grit Reserve Petite Sirah (Mendocino)**  
This monumental wine is one for the ages—or at least for 15 ...  
93 Points | Mendocino County | \$25  
Cellar Selection
- 74** **Quilceda Creek 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon (Columbia Valley (WA))**  
This hails from Champoux, Lake Wallula, Palengat and Wallula Gap Vineyards. The ...  
96 Points | Columbia Valley | \$200  
Cellar Selection
- 73** **Brick House 2015 Evelyn's Pinot Noir (Ribbon Ridge)**  
This barrel selection is a 50-50 blend of Pommard and Dijon clone ...  
94 Points | Willamette Valley | \$58  
Cellar Selection
- 72** **Valserrano 2014 Finca Monteviejo (Rioja)**  
Intense aromas of graphite, vanilla and creamy berry fruits are a fine ...  
94 Points | Northern Spain | \$58  
Cellar Selection
- 71** **Henriot 2005 Cuvée Hemera Brut (Champagne)**  
Only produced in the top years, this wine, named apparently after the ...  
96 Points | Champagne | \$200  
Cellar Selection

- 70** **Schloss Johannisberger 2015 Grünlack Spätlese Grosse Lage Riesling (Rheingau)**  
Thrilling acidity and honeyed stone-fruit nectar are pegged with bolts of sun-baked ...  
94 Points | .Germany | .\$55  
Cellar Selection
- 69** **Quinta de la Rosa 2015 La Rosa Reserva Red (Douro)**  
A selection made both of grapes in the vineyard and wines in ...  
94 Points | .Portugal | .\$54  
Cellar Selection
- 68** **Salwey 2014 Henkenberg GG Pinot Blanc (Baden)**  
Bold notes of smoke and struck flint recede gradually, revealing prettier tones ...  
94 Points | .Germany | .\$54  
Cellar Selection
- 67** **Grosset 2017 Polish Hill Riesling (Clare Valley)**  
From one of Australia's most lauded Riesling producers, this wine is from ...  
94 Points | .South Australia | .\$52  
Cellar Selection
- 66** **Fontodi 2014 Vigna del Sorbo Gran Selezione (Chianti Classico)**  
Exotic spice, pipe tobacco, dark-skinned berry, forest floor and a whiff of ...  
95 Points | .Tuscany | .\$96  
Cellar Selection
- 65** **Contucci 2014 Mulinvecchio (Vino Nobile di Montepulciano)**  
Fragrant blue flower, rose, berry, new leather, sandalwood and underbrush aromas lead ...  
94 Points | .Tuscany | .\$49  
Cellar Selection
- 64** **Jean-Luc Baldès 2013 Clos Triguedina Les Petites Cailles Malbec (Cahors)**  
From the iron-rich limestone in the highest vineyard terrace above the Lot ...  
94 Points | .Southwest France | .\$49  
Cellar Selection
- 63** **Clos Solène 2015 L'Insolent Red (Paso Robles)**  
Very dark and thick in the glass, this blend of 72% Cabernet ...  
95 Points | .Central Coast | .\$95  
Cellar Selection

## 62 Albert Bichot 2015 Les Sorbets Premier Cru (Morey-Saint-Denis)

This generous wine is still young in firm tannins, although it's also ...

95 Points | Burgundy | \$90

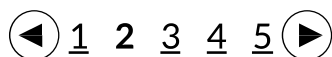
Cellar Selection

## 61 Tiefenbrunner 2016 Feldmarschall Von Fenner Müller-Thurgau (Alto Adige)

Enticing and intense Alpine herb, white flower, grapefruit and yellow stone-fruit aromas ...

94 Points | Northeastern Italy | \$44

Cellar Selection



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