



7 Best Wines In Issue 241

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Our reviewers tasted over 1,300 wines in our latest issue in regions including Portugal, Spain, Italy, and as far flung as Australia, New Zealand and Japan, where Liwen Hao discovered the first sake to be bestowed with a perfect 100 points. “Sake is like a lover,” he says. “When you meet a perfect one, she will always appear in your mind or in your dreams.”

Below, the seven best wines in Issue 241, all rated 99 points and higher.

NV Takagi Shuzo • Juyondai Soko Daiginjo

“Fresh, crispy and vibrant on the palate, it shows a similar smooth and silky texture like Ryusen, but it's lighter, more delicious and seductive.”

2016 Torbreck • RunRig

“This should be drinkable with pleasure throughout its entire two-decade life (it may live longer from cold cellars or in larger formats), but if I were lucky enough to have a bottle or two, I'd try the first one about 10 years out.”

2003 Latour

“It has a medium to deep garnet-purple color, then wow—it explodes from the glass with bombastic black and blue fruits, followed up by meat, wood smoke, sandalwood and Indian spice accents with underlying floral wafts.”

1982 Latour

“Full-bodied, rich and spicy with bags of fruit and tons of savory fireworks, it finishes with epic persistence.”

2016 Alpha Omega • Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr Crane Vineyard

“Both compellingly cerebral and tantalizingly sexy—bravo!”

2016 Continuum • Proprietary Red

“Medium to full-bodied, the palate explodes with vivacious black fruit sparked by red fruit, herbal and mineral accents.”

1996 Latour

“Showing much more youthfully than the 2000 tasted on the same day and still possessing bags of youthful fruit in the mid-palate, this beauty is going to go on and on!”