

TOP 100 CELLAR SELECTIONS OF 2019

Stashing away bottles for later is not common practice for every wine lover. We generally live in the here and now, opting for immediate gratification over delayed. However, in some cases, popping open a special bottle of well-aged wine can be much more transcendent than enjoying it young.

Beyond the fact that aged bottles can show immense depth, complexity and balance, we can't forget about wine's ability to transport you to a certain time and place. Celebrating a fifth wedding anniversary might be made more nostalgic by enjoying a bottle that was served on the momentous occasion. Reliving a past trip to a winery could be enhanced by popping open procured bottles five, 10 or 15 years later. The aromas, flavors and impressions of wine can help you revel your past experiences.

To guide you with finding the special bottles that will stand the test of time, every year we release our Top 100 Cellar Selections list—a ranking of the best wines to age that are available now. This year's list boasts **eight 100-point wines from the iconic regions of Bordeaux, Champagne and the Douro Valley in Portugal**. However, the full collection is stocked with options from around the globe, including Argentina, California, Italy and beyond.

While some selections carry a hefty price tag, more than 80 of them are \$100 or under, making this list not only incredibly quality driven—the average score is 95 points—but also immensely value conscious.

So, with that in mind, we give you a list of the best wines to buy now and age that we hope will offer a gateway to creating new memories in the years to come.

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Franchetti-Passopisciario 2016 Contrada G Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane)

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Enticingly fragrant, this stunning red opens with delicate but alluring scents of wild berry, Mediterranean brush, rose, crushed rock and a whiff of exotic spice. It's full bodied but loaded with finesse, delivering creamy red cherry, raspberry compote, star anise and white pepper. Taut, refined tannins and lively acidity provide support and balance, while a savory mineral note lingers on the close. Drink 2021–2036.

—KERIN O'KEEFE

PRICE	\$79, Buy Now
DESIGNATION	Contrada G
VARIETY	Nerello Mascalese, Italian Red
APPELLATION	Terre Siciliane, Sicily & Sardinia, Italy
WINERY	Franchetti-Passopisciario

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ALCOHOL	14.5%
BOTTLE SIZE	750 ml
CATEGORY	Red
IMPORTER	T. Edward Wines Ltd
DATE PUBLISHED	12/31/2018
USER AVG RATING	Not rated yet [Add Your Review]

