



## THE ENTHUSIAST 100: OUR TOP WINES OF 2020



This is it, folks. The end of 2020 is in sight. At the finish line of such a difficult year, it's cathartic to remember some positives that occurred in the last 12 months.

This year, for example, our global team of editors and tasters cumulatively reviewed more than 25,000 wines. Last month, we used those selections to put together a list of the [Top 100 wines for \\$15 or under](#). We then followed that up with a list of the [Top 100 wines to stash away in the cellar](#).

Now comes the ultimate, The Enthusiast 100.

A ranking of the top wines we tasted over the last 12 months, this roster represents some of the most exciting finds on the market today. Well-loved categories like Argentine Malbec, New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc and California Pinot Noir are present and accounted for, but there's also plenty to discover beyond the mainstream, with [Italian Lambrusco](#), [Washington Grenache](#), [Tasmanian sparkling wines](#) and beyond.

At the number one spot this year is a Napa Cabernet icon that delivers on its immense level of quality, attainable price and wide availability—a trifecta that is often hard to come by in such a premium wine region. The list as a whole is built to please a range of palates and budgets, so you'll find everything from widely available, attractively priced bottles to small-production, natural offerings that wine lovers are geeking out over and everything in between.

With an average score of 93 points and average price of \$34, these selections are ripe for the picking.

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# Franchetti- Passopisciaro 2018 Contrada R Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane)

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Fragrant and loaded with finesse, this gorgeous red stuns with captivating scents of pressed rose, violet, red berry, white pepper as well as whiffs of smoke and balsamic notes. Boasting extreme elegance and intensity, the smooth, delicious palate delivers strawberry jelly, raspberry compote, cinnamon and flinty mineral framed in smooth, silky tannins. Made from some of the highest vineyards on Mount Etna and 100-year-old vines, it's endowed with bright acidity that keeps it superbly balanced. Drink through 2030.

—**KERIN O'KEEFE**

RATING	<b>98</b> POINTS
PRICE	\$90, <a href="#">BUY NOW</a>
DESIGNATION	Contrada R
VARIETY	<a href="#">Nerello Mascalese</a> , <a href="#">Italian Red</a>
APPELLATION	<a href="#">Terre Siciliane</a> , <a href="#">Sicily</a> & <a href="#">Sardinia</a> , <a href="#">Italy</a>
WINERY	<a href="#">Franchetti-</a> <a href="#">Passopisciaro</a>

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ALCOHOL	12.5%
BOTTLE SIZE	750 ml
CATEGORY	Red
IMPORTER	T. Edward Wines Ltd
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USER AVG RATING	Not rated yet <a href="#">[Add Your Review]</a>