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Feature

Oregon's 50 Best Wines

An oenophile's guide to 50 of our best regional wines, including 20 deals under \$20

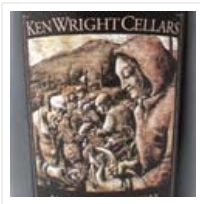
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Rating 92



No. 3
Hawks View Cellars
2007 Pinot Noir
'Hawks View Vineyard'
Chehalem Mountains
\$35, 6–8 years

With velvet textures, a floral nose, and delicate fresh-raspberry flavors, this wine offers a delightful blend of astringency and tartness.



No. 4
Ken Wright Cellars
2007 Pinot Noir
'Abbott Claim Vineyard'
Yamhill-Carlton
\$55, 5–7 years

Bursting with the flavor of black cherries and boysenberries, this rich but fruity wine reflects the high levels of marine sediment in Wright's estate vineyard located on Savannah Ridge.



No. 5
Ken Wright Cellars
2007 Pinot Noir
'Carter Vineyard'
Eola-Amity Hills
\$55, 5–7 years

A nearly perfect balance of fruitiness, acidity, and oak-barrel flavors, with red-cherry and raspberry scents, reflective of the volcanic soils in the Carter Vineyard.



No. 6
Domaine Serene
2006 Pinot Noir
'Grace Vineyard'
Dundee Hills
\$125, 8+ years
Fine-grained textures and a lurking complexity that will show itself more fully in a few years' time.

Visions of Vino

The system: 100-point scale rating; name of winery; vintage grape variety; label proprietary name or vineyard name if on label; American viticultural area (AVA) source for grapes; retail price; estimated number of years that the wine will improve in bottle (if stored in a cellar at 55 degrees Fahrenheit)

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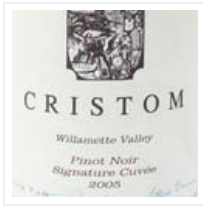
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No. 7
Cristom Vineyards
2005 Pinot Noir
'Signature Cuvée'
Willamette Valley
\$100, 10+ years

Deeply structured and concentrated, this wine was built by winemaker Steve Doerner for maximum cellar-worthiness after having been bottle-aged at the winery for much longer than usual prior to release.



No. 8
Bergström
2007 Chardonnay
'Sigrid'
Willamette Valley
\$75, 3-6 years

2007 was a perfect vintage in the Willamette Valley for white wines; the cool weather in late summer and early fall allowed for white-wine grape varieties to be harvested just in time, before the autumn rains arrived. Many keen observers believe that 2007 will be regarded as the greatest year in history for Oregon white wines—they are restrained and ripe at the same time, creating the sensation of a perfect high-wire balancing act. This wine is an example: persistent on the palate long after being swallowed, a rich core of apple and pear flavors, and a supple yet powerful texture with just the right touch of oak.

Rating 92-



No. 9
Iota Cellars
2007 Pinot Noir
'Pelos Sandberg Vineyard'
Eola-Amity Hills
\$42, 5-7 years

Lots of toasty new oak barrels are used to make this mouth-filling wine, which exhibits plenty of delicate berry flavors.

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