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**“ UN OTTIMO INVESTIMENTO PER LA VOSTRA CANTINA “**

The Wine Enthusiast, una delle più autorevoli riviste americane nel settore enologico, ha realizzato una classifica ed ha giudicato **il Barolo Costa Grimaldi 2006 al 5° posto tra i 100 vini più importanti al mondo.**

**WINE ENTHUSIAST TOP 100 CELLAR SELECTIONS**

**1** **99** Trefethen 2005 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Oak Knoll); \$100. This is nearly perfect, a massive, monumental wine whose sheer power is matched only by its grace and refinement. The flavors of blackberries, cassis, dark chocolate, buttered toast and cedar flood the mouth, tightly controlled by firm tannins and good acidity. Decant for several hours if you open it now, but better to give it 6-10 years in the bottle.

**2** **97** Marchesi Antinori 2006 Guado al Tasso (Bolgheri Superiore); \$95. Guado al Tasso is finally back. After a string of past vintages that exhibited some rubber-like aromas, the 2006 expression is a study in purity, focus and excellence. This wine is impressive on all levels in terms of intensity, personality and persistency. It's rich and luscious with smooth tannins and lasting flavors of blackberry and spice. Imported by Ste. Michelle W.

**3** **97** Buty 2007 Champoux Vineyard Red (Horse Heaven Hills); \$55. Marvelously fragrant, with seductive scents of cherries, rocks and chocolate, which, along with the astonishing color saturation, suggest a wine of immense power. The 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc blend shows perfect ripeness with flavors of rock and acid preserved. This wine has it all—depth, blue and purple fruits, polished tannins—and probably a 25-year lifespan.

**4** **100** Cardinal 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley); \$200. Tasted in a flight of great and famous Napa wines, this Cardinale stood at the head of the pack. Starts with a very fine nose of cedar, cassis, ripe blackberries and violets, then turns dramatic and refined in the mouth. Shows vast depth and length, with the finish a full minute of sweet fruits and spices. Marvelous tannins, so plush and elegant, so powerful yet refined. The grapes hail from Mt. Veeder, Howell Mountain, Stag Leap and Oakville, and the blend contains 14% Merlot. As good as it is now, it will improve for at least eight years.

**5** **96** Poderi Luigi Einaudi 2006 Costa Grimaldi (Barolo); \$70. Costa Grimaldi is a spectacular wine that surprises with every sip thanks to its intensity and the extraordinary quality of its mouthfeel. Initially, the wine is soft and yielding with tones of red cherry, chocolate, cola, licorice and mineral. It grows even more opulent and velvety in the mouth thanks to its fine texture and tannins. Keep this wine in your cellar ten years plus. Imported by Empson (USA) Ltd.

**6** **97** Henriot 1996 Cuvee des Enchanteleurs Brut (Champagne); \$185. With all the extreme intensity of this vintage, this wine brings even more. The start of cookie yeast and toast character, a vibrant mineral texture, hints of spice, green herbs and a final white peach flavor. It is still young, just keep aging. Imported by Henriot Inc.

**7** **97** Williams Seyem 2007 Hirsch Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast); \$72. A brilliant wine. Racy in acidity, silky in texture, yet powerful, it exudes the essence of Pinot Noir's greatness. Shows great fruity ripeness in the cherry, Dr. Pepper cola, licorice and bacon flavors, and also a wild, forest quality of grilled mushrooms, thyme and fennel. Absolutely dry, with a firm spine of tannins, the structure is near perfect. A divine expression of Hirsch, and a good candidate for six years in the cellar.

**8** **96** Aalto 2006 Ribera del Duero; \$55. Mariano Garcia's deft winemaking touch and propensity for making monster RDDs is etched into this massive, extracted heavyweight, and wow is it good! After a touch of early heat, there's dusty black fruit aromas, spice galore, floral notes and then a huge palate of raw blackness and finally an explosion of creamy mocha, vanilla and wood-spice. Needs a couple of more years but not 10 or 20. Imported by European Cellars.

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I redattori della rivista hanno preso in considerazione tutti i vini recensiti nel corso dell'anno e hanno realizzato una classifica dei 100 vini giudicati i migliori al mondo. Cantine più degne che realizzano vini di alta qualità. Si tratta di vini raffinati, che necessitano di essere conservati in modo corretto, nelle giuste condizioni di temperatura e umidità per poter offrire il meglio di sé. Per questi vini vale il detto è: “non stai invecchiando, stai migliorando!”.