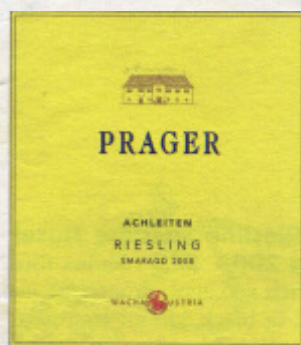
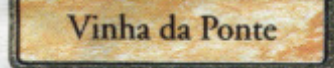


## Highly Recommended

The issue's most impressive wines. Includes top-scorers and wines that represent optimal purchases based on their combination of score, price and availability.



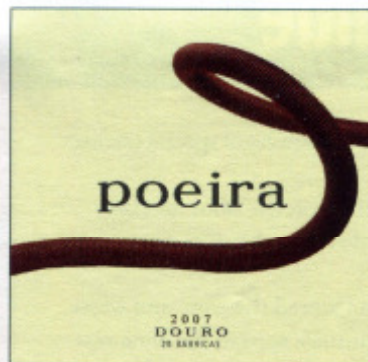
**97 Prager Riesling Smaragd Trocken Wachau Achleiten 2008 \$60** Gloriously creamy and rich, with powerful white fruit and spice flavors supported by precise acidity. There's impressive intensity to the apricot, apple and peach flavors midpalate. The finish lingers with vanilla and white chocolate. Drink now through 2020. 50 cases imported.—K.M.



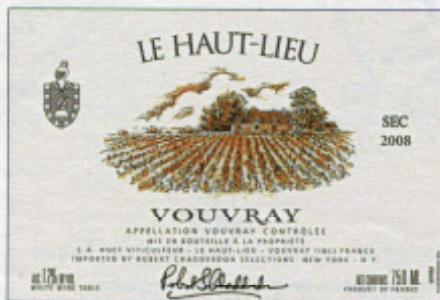
**96 Quinta do Crasto Douro Vinha da Ponte 2007 \$155** Very rich and balanced, with a deep well of dark plum, kirsch and spiced cherry flavors joined by decadent Asian spice and mocha notes. This shows plenty of grip on the finish, which lingers with cocoa powder and cream. Drink now through 2017. 70 cases imported.—K.M.



**96 F.X. Pichler Riesling Smaragd Trocken Wachau Dürnsteiner Hollerin 2008 \$58** Layered and elegant, with wave after wave of rich white fruit and spice flavors supported by firm acidity and plenty of fresh glazed citrus notes. There's mineral and cream on the long, full finish. A mouthwatering expression of Riesling. Drink now through 2019. 30 cases imported.—K.M.



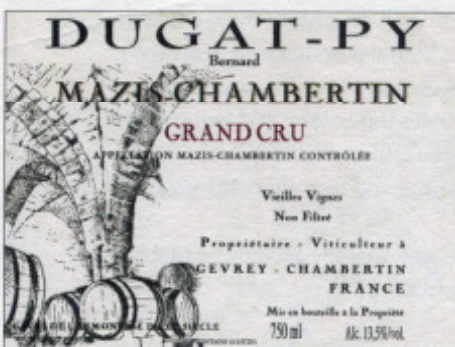
**94 Poeira Douro 2007 \$41** A powerful red, with a strong mineral band cutting through the dark plum and blackberry flavors. There's plenty of elegance as well, with fresh acidity and a rich, chewy finish of dark chocolate and mint. Drink now through 2017.—K.M.



**92 S.A. Huët Vouvray Sec Le Haut-Lieu 2008 \$30** Offers lilted ginger, creamed peach, green fig and brioche flavors offset by a live-wire spine of acidity. Flirts with being off-dry in feel, but finishes with rapier cut. Shows impressive purity and definition for the vintage. Drink now through 2015. 1,050 cases made.—J.M.

## Collectibles

Wines that will improve most from additional bottle age and that show the greatest potential to gain in value.



**96 Bernard Dugat-Py Mazis-Chambertin 2007 \$395** Supple, complex and exotic, featuring wild berry, blueberry and black currant aromas and flavors. As this plays out on the palate, the firm structure appears, along with a mineral streak and oak spice. The long aftertaste features sweet fruit and spice. Best from 2013 through 2028. 20 cases imported.—B.S.



**96 Joh. Jos. Prüm Cap Mosel Graacher Himmelreich Auslese 2008 \$67/375ml** A mix of pure apple and a touch of botrytis, marks this elegant wine. A bright structure plays off the acidity to the long, lingering finish. Balance with all the elements in the right proportions. Best from 2015 through 2035. 130 cases imported.—B.S.



**95 Armand Rousseau Chambertin Grand Cru 2007 \$360** This muscular red shows dark plum flavors, with leather, tobacco and minerality. Smooth and concentrated, with sweet fruit and mineral. A chewy finish. Best from 2010 through 2030. 45 cases imported.—B.S.



**95 Armand Rousseau Chambertin Clos de Bèze Grand Cru 2007 \$360** Firm, well-integrated structure. Firm, well-integrated structure. Firm and long, with a pure fruit and mineral. Best from 2010 through 2030. 27 cases imported.—B.S.



**94 M. Chapoutier L'Ermitage 2007 \$305** Offers depth, with mouthfilling blackberry, raspberry and cherry flavors supported by bright acidity. The finish is clean, with a touch of additional cherry pit, blood orange and minerality. Best from 2011 through 2017. 50 cases imported.—B.S.