

THE 90+ SOCIETY



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While we strive to present you with the most fantastic wines from all over the world, we understand that there are factors beyond our control that will motivate customers to select a specific wine over another comparable choice. Scores are used throughout the industry as a standard bearer and filtration system to the thousands of different wines out there. Publications like Wine Spectator and the Wine Advocate are wonderful tools to use when you have no other information about a particular wine.

So, we decided to follow their lead and present you with a monthly series entitled “The 90+ Society”. It is within these articles that we will highlight those wines carried by Spec’s that have received 90 points or more from either the Wine Spectator or the Wine Advocate.

It is our hope that this series will help you make your selections within our stores in an effortless and exciting fashion. As most experts will tell you, use these rating systems as a nudge in the right the direction and not an absolute. After all, our palates are very different from one another as well as our likes/dislikes in flavors.

Columbia Crest Merlot Reserve 2006 (Smith Street Only)

\$17.77 cash

90pts – Wine Spectator

Firm, focused and juicy with dark berry and floral aromas and flavors, lingering on the ripe, toasty, refined finish. Drink now through 2014. 3,000 cases made. –HS



Beso de Vino Seleccion 2009

\$8.99 cash

90pts – Wine Advocate

The 2009 Beso de Vino Seleccion is a blend of 85% Syrah and 15% Garnacha aged for 3 months in French oak. Black cherry and blueberry aromas lead to a dense, plush, savory wine which finishes with no hard edges. It is shockingly good for the money.

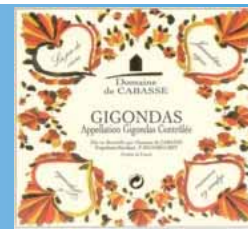


Domaine de Cabasse Gigondas 2007

\$22.99 cash

91pts – Wine Spectator

Broad and fleshy, with a maturing edge to the perfumy black tea and dark licorice notes that are giving way to the core of mulled plum, currant and warm fig sauce notes. The finish is long and velvety. Drink now through 2011. 715 cases made. –JM



Bodegas Colome Malbec 2007

\$22.74 cash

92pts – Wine Spectator (#32 of Top 100 2009)

This Argentine red is quite ripe, with nearly exotic plum sauce, braised fig and crushed blueberry notes rolled together, while spice, mocha and incense hints help stretch out the juicy, dense finish. A flashy style, but well-balanced. Drink now through 2012. 5,500 cases imported. –JM

