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Each year, Wine Spectator editors survey the wines we've reviewed over the past 12 months and select the most exciting for our Top 100.

In 2008, we reviewed more than 19,500 wines from around the world in blind tastings. More than 5,300 of them earned outstanding ratings (90 points or higher on our 100-point scale). We then narrowed the list down based on four criteria: quality (represented by score); value (reflected by release price); availability (measured by case production or cases imported); and an X-factor we call excitement. But no equation determines the final selections: These choices reflect our editors' judgment and passion about the wines we tasted.

Fourteen countries are represented, making the 2008 list the most diverse group in the history of the Top 100, which debuted in 1988. Quality remains high, with an average score of 93 points, consistent with the past two years. With the dollar weak early in the year, however, prices increased, pushing this year's average to \$52 per bottle. We hope that you enjoy this list of exciting values, emerging stars and classic wines and that our Top 100 of 2008 leads you to more deeply explore the world of wine.



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Château Guiraud  
Sauternes 2005  
97 points / \$57  
9,165 cases made  
France



Bordeaux's sweet wines shared the limelight in the region's legendary 2005 vintage. Many châteaux, like Guiraud, long under the direction of Xavier Planty, produced their best wine ever. During the harvest, grape pickers passed painstakingly through the estate's 210 acres of 35-year-old Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc vineyards, selecting only grapes affected by botrytis. By harvest's end, each acre yielded only enough grapes for 54 cases of wine, with about 20 percent of that set aside for the estate's second label.

Video links: <http://top100.winespectator.com/videos-4-08.html>

From the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2006, Château Guiraud was purchased by 4 partners, **Xavier Planty**, manager and winemaker of Château Guiraud for 25 years, the Domaine de Chevalier in Pessac Leognan represented by **Olivier Bernard**, **Stephan Von Neipperg** owner of the Château Canon La Gaffelière in Saint Emilion and the Peugeot Family represented by **Robert Peugeot**, the famous French car maker.

This operational management between Xavier Planty, one of the most influential winemaker on botrytis studies advancement in Sauternes since twenty years, Olivier Bernard very famous for producing one of the best Graves classified growth and for his legendary enjoyment communication, and Stephan Von Neipperg one of the nice "successful story" of Saint Emilion, agronomist and winemaker, precursor for organic process (biology, biodynamic culture...), permit themselves to create a real synergy to promote and develop Château Guiraud notoriety all around the world.

