

## BLUE REVIEWS

**91** **Bucci 2007 Reserva,**  
Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi,  
Italy (\$45) Smooth and lush with tangy  
fruit and subtle notes of honeysuckle and  
spice; long, bright and balanced; complex.  
EMPSON USA

**93** **Jermann 2008 Chardonnay,**  
Were Dreams, Raccolto  
Duemilaotto, sFriuli, Italy (\$66)  
Lush and creamy with ripe fruit and lovely  
texture; long and elegant, stylish and quite  
delicious.  
EMPSON USA

**95** **Dr. Loosen**  
2009  
**Riesling Auslese,**  
Wehlener  
Sonnenuhr, Mosel,  
Germany (\$64)  
Bright and exquisite with elegant peach  
and racy minerality; fragrant, feminine and  
brilliant with a core of racy but refined  
acidity; sweet but delicate and tangy; nervy  
and extremely long; amazing.  
LOOSEN BROS. USA



**90** **Casa Lapostolle 2008 Clos**  
Apalta, Colchagua Valley, Chile  
(\$90) Dark, dense and lush with  
ripe, rich plum and spice with  
Chilean green herbs in evidence;  
intense and powerful, long and  
balanced.  
MOËT-HENNESSY USA



**92** **Baron de Ley 2001**  
**Gran Reserva, Rioja,**  
Spain (\$44) Mature, dried  
fruit and spice with complexity  
and ripe, aromatic fruit; long and  
juicy, rich and layered.  
FREDERICK WILDMAN & SONS

**92** **Vietti 2006 Barolo, Italy**  
(\$48) Smooth and dense with ripe,  
tangy fruit; generous, earthy, complex and  
balanced; crisp, charming and juicy with  
great length and lovely style.  
DALLA TERRA

**91** **Maison Joseph Drouhin 2009**  
**Morey-Saint-Denis, France**  
(\$50) Smooth and juicy with density, spice  
and bright cherry with ripe notes and good  
finesse; long and balanced.  
DREYFUS, ASHBY & CO.



**90** **Beronia 2004**  
**Selección de 198**  
**Barricas Reserva, Rioja,**  
Spain (\$80) Silky and ripe  
with lovely pure plum and  
raspberry fruit; elegant, fresh  
and balanced; long and racy.  
SAN FRANCISCO WINE EXCHANGE

**92** **Viñedos Organicos Emiliana**  
**2005 C&C, Colchagua Valley,**  
Chile (\$92) Deep and rich with  
concentrated plum, spice and berry fruit;  
rich, tangy and complex with balance and  
finesse. 30% Syrah, 30% Carmenère, 24%  
CS, 16% Merlot.  
BANFI VINTNERS

**93** **Bertani 2001**  
**Amarone di**  
**Valpolicella Classico, Italy**  
(\$136) Dense, concentrated  
and rich with mature plum  
and berry fruit with notes  
of oak, licorice and spice;  
supple, lush and nicely  
structured with a long, ripe,  
layered finish; seamless and  
opulent.  
PALM BAY INTERNATIONAL



**92** **Le Macchiole 2007 Paleo**  
**Rosso, Toscana, Italy (\$126)** A  
100% Cabernet Franc; lush and spicy with  
elegance and intensity; ripe, deep and lovely,  
as always.  
DOMAINE SELECT

## SPIRITS



**91** **Bowmore 12**  
**Year Old Single**  
**Malt Scotch Whisky,**  
Scotland (\$45) Smoke  
nose; luscious spice and  
honey with notes of  
citrus, caramel and peat;  
mellow, creamy and  
smoky but always focused  
and elegant; lush, bready  
and showing vanilla and  
subtle flavors.  
SKYY SPIRITS



**93** **Beluga Noble**  
**Russian**  
**Vodka, Russia**  
(\$30) Vanilla and  
spice nose; smooth,  
lush vanilla tones with  
creamy texture and a  
lovely, elegant and silky  
mouthfeel; rich but graceful.  
BELUGA NORTH AMERICA

**93** **Christian Drouin Calvados**  
**Pays d'Auge 1981, France**  
(\$249) Fragrant, toasted apple nose;  
smooth and elegant with spice, creamy  
vanilla oak and lively flavors; long, complex  
and refined.  
ANCHOR DISTILLERS

**95** **Camus**  
**1971**  
**Vintage Cognac,**  
France (\$580)  
Jasmine and licorice  
from Colombard,  
vanilla and spice  
with toasted oak;  
smooth and luscious  
with complexity  
and great depth;  
aromatic and  
entirely lovely.  
CIL US INC.



**94** **Samaroli Highland Park Single**  
**Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland**  
(\$282) A gorgeous select bottling of  
Highland Park by independnt Italian  
merchant Silvano Samaroli; rich, creamy,  
dense and complex, with sweet vanilla and  
wood tones.  
DOMAINE SELECT



**94** **Balcones Texas**  
**Single Malt Whisky**  
**Special Release, USA**  
(\$65) Corn-spice nose;  
smooth and creamy with  
toasty oak and vanilla; fleshy,  
rich and spicy with lovely  
depth and style.  
BALCONES DISTILLING