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12 Best Wines of 2016



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Perhaps this column should more accurately be titled the ten *most enjoyable* wines of 2016 because this isn't a list of the twelve most prestigious, or twelve most technically accomplished wines, and certainly not the twelve wines that came out top in an elaborate, multi-question, MW-type analysis system. No, they are just twelve wines that made me go WOW! And then WOW! again as I drank, and contemplated and savored.

They all had one thing in common, though: each achieved what for me is the nirvana of wine enjoyment: they sparked my intellectual curiosity, they made me

Barolo, Marchesi di Barolo 2008



Piedmont, Italy, \$55

A magisterial wine just coming into its full pomp. The nose filled my head with deep blackberry flavors, ripe plums and soft red cherries. Then came those suggestions of tobacco and cedar, wet leaves and truffles that will only grow with time. Provides wonderful drinking now, but be sure to decant it a couple of hours in advance, and stick a few bottles away for Thanksgiving 2026. Now there's a scary thought.