



**Top 100 Wines of 2020**  
by Jeb Dunnuck

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**Jeb Dunnuck:** „...The below list is a selection of the top wines tasted over the past 12 months and reviewed at [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com). The selection is based on a combination of quality, value, availability, and a little bit of Wow Factor. It was made by scrolling through thousands of reviews and painstakingly cutting the list to these 100 wines. The list is not a grouping of the top-rated new releases and contains wines – and producers – who merit special attention. While we try to select wines currently available in the market, that’s not always possible. Every producer on this list is worth your time and money. If a wine on this list is not available, by all means, try a different wine from the same producer. At a minimum, keep that producer on your radar for the future. Prices are either from release prices from the estates or pulled from average retail prices in the United States. As with all Top 100 lists, this is an entirely subjective endeavor and almost every wine on this list could be replaced with a different wine. Nevertheless, these are the most exciting wines at [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) for 2020!“

**# 3 2017 Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon Monte Bello – 100 score**

Pure perfection, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Monte Bello is a sensational effort from this estate that should be snatched up by drinkers and collectors. Based on 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot, and the rest Cabernet Franc that was brought up mostly in new American oak, this saturated purple-hued beauty is legendary Monte Bello in the making and has a stunning yet primordial bouquet of crème de cassis, lead pencil shavings, graphite, chocolate, and chalky minerality. Full-bodied, incredibly powerful, and one of the most concentrated versions of this cuvée ever made (I've had most of them), it needs a solid decade of bottle age and will have 50-60 years of overall longevity. Despite the long drinking window, it offers plenty of pleasure even today. I followed this bottle for two days and it showed best right out of the gate, closing down and becoming more brooding and backward with air. It's an incredible wine that I promise you won't regret having in your cellar.

**# 5 2018 L'Avventure Estate Cuvée – 100 score**

The 2018 Estate Cuvée checks 45% Syrah, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot brought up in 90% new French oak. Tasting like the straight Cab, yet with more sex appeal, it offers a huge nose of crème de cassis, white flowers, crushed stone, graphite, and crushed flowers. This carries to a full-bodied, gorgeously textured red with incredible balance, no hard edges, a thrilling mid-palate, and a great, great finish. It's going to benefit from 5-6 years of bottle age and keep for upwards of two decades or more. Hats off to winemaker Stephan Asseo on another incredible wine, as well as, I suspect the wine of the vintage.

**# 11 2018 Realm The Bard - 98 score**

The 2018 The Bard is beautiful and certainly in the same realm as the 2015 and 2016, both magical wines. This cuvée reveals a deep purple color followed by a beautiful perfume of crème de cassis, blackberries, roasted coffee, spring flowers, and violets. With incredible richness, no hard edges, and a blockbuster finish, this incredible wine offers serious opulence with no sensation of heaviness or weight. It's beautifully done and already complex and nuanced. It will evolve for at least 15+ years. The blend is 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot, and 2% each of Petit Verdot and Petite Sirah.

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Jahr	Wein	Weingut	Einh	EUR/FI. brutto	EUR/FI. brutto
2017	Cabernet Sauvignon Monte Bello 98-100 Parker / 100 Jeb Dunnuck	Ridge Vineyards, Kalifornien	0,75	252,47 €	219,00 €
2018	L'Aventure Cuvee Estate 100 Jeb Dunnuck	L'Aventure Winery, Paso Robles	0,75	115,90 €	98,95 €
2018	The Bard – 98 Jeb Dunnuck	Realm Cellars, Napa Valley	1,5	339,00 €	289,00 €
2018	The Bard – 98 Jeb Dunnuck	Realm Cellars, Napa Valley	0,75	152,00 €	129,95 €

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