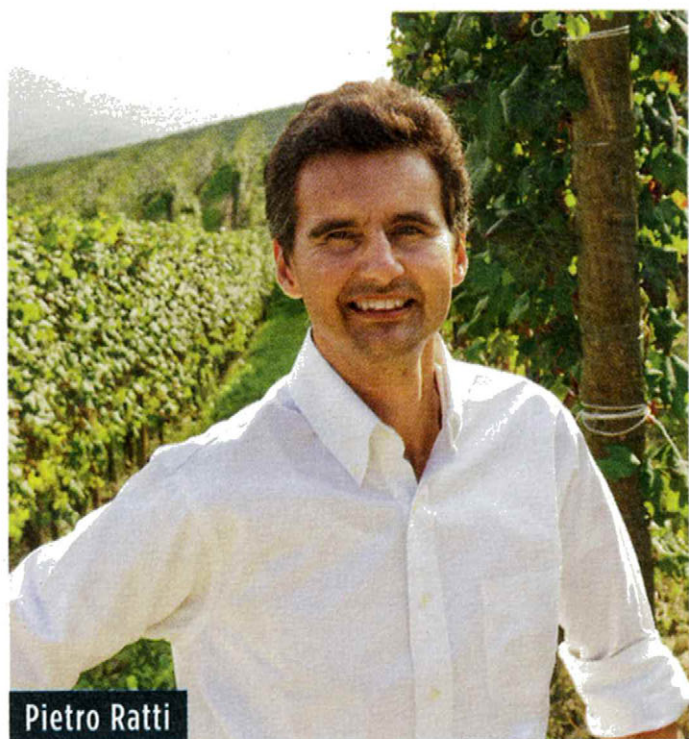


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## THE TOP 100

THE MOST EXCITING WINES OF 2009

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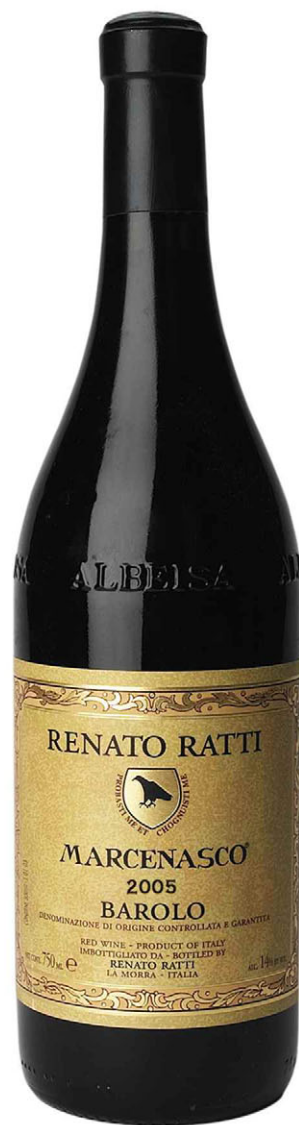
### RENATO RATTI

Barolo Marcenasco 2005

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This red comes from the Ratti family's hillside vineyards below the village of La Morra known as Marcenasco. The 25-year-old vines are planted on steep slopes facing west, providing the Nebbiolo maximum exposure for optimum ripening. The Rattis recently completed construction of an ultramodern winery, which has enabled them to fine-tune the winemaking. After fermentation, the wine is aged in a mix of Slovenian oak casks and smaller, neutral oak barrels. 5,000 cases made.



# WINE SPECTATOR'S TOP 100 AT A GLANCE

RANK	SCORE	PRICE	WINE
1	95	\$27	<b>Columbia Crest</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Reserve 2005
2	96	\$27	<b>Numanthia-Termes</b> Toro Terms 2005
3	95	\$70	<b>Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Crau 2007
4	95	\$52	<b>Kosta Browne</b> Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2007
5	96	\$54	<b>Barone Ricasoli</b> Chianti Classico Castello di Brolio 2006
6	94	\$42	<b>Chappellet</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Signature 2006
7	96	\$44	<b>Renato Ratti</b> Barolo Marcanasco 2005
8	99	\$110	<b>Fontodi</b> Colli della Toscana Centrale Flaccianello 2006
9	96	\$29	<b>Merry Edwards</b> Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley 2007
10	93	\$20	<b>Brancaia</b> Toscana Tre 2007
11	96	\$50	<b>Poggio Il Castellare</b> Brunello di Montalcino 2004
12	96	\$45	<b>Saxum</b> Broken Stones Paso Robles 2006
13	95	\$52	<b>Fattoria di Felsina</b> Toscana Fontalloro 2006
14	94	\$60	<b>Two Hands</b> Shiraz Barossa Valley Bella's Garden 2007
15	95	\$65	<b>Marchesi de' Frescobaldi</b> Brunello di Montalcino Castelgiocondo 2004
16	97	\$65	<b>Uccelliera</b> Brunello di Montalcino 2004
17	98	\$43	<b>Carlisle</b> Syrah Russian River Valley Papa's Block 2007
18	95	\$60	<b>Argyle</b> Extended Tirage Willamette Valley 1999
19	94	\$30	<b>Landmark</b> Syrah Sonoma Valley Steel Plow 2006
20	96	\$75	<b>Hall</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Kathryn Hall 2006
21	93	\$29	<b>Neyers</b> Chardonnay Carneros 2007
22	94	\$38	<b>Tensley</b> Syrah Santa Barbara County Colson Canyon Vineyard 2007
23	95	\$48	<b>Lewis</b> Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2007
24	95	\$65	<b>Penfolds</b> Shiraz South Australia St. Henri 2005
25	94	\$40	<b>Rodney Strong</b> Chardonnay Russian River Valley Reserve 2006
26	95	\$65	<b>Cayuse</b> Syrah Walla Walla Valley Cailloux Vineyard 2006
27	97	\$65	<b>La Massa</b> Toscana Giorgio Primo 2007
28	92	\$18	<b>Brancott</b> Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Reserve 2008
29	92	\$25	<b>Chalone</b> Chardonnay Chalone 2007
30	93	\$35	<b>Sette Ponti</b> Toscana Crognolo 2007
31	98	\$75	<b>Domaine St.-Préfert</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape Collection Charles Giraud 2007
32	92	\$25	<b>Bodega Colomé</b> Malbec Calchaquí Valley 2007
33	92	\$25	<b>Novelty Hill</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2006
34	93	\$26	<b>Joseph Swan</b> Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Cuvée de Trois 2007
35	93	\$32	<b>Viticchio</b> Chianti Classico Riserva 2006
36	93	\$29	<b>Efeste</b> Syrah Red Mountain Ceidleigh 2006
37	94	\$40	<b>Petrolo</b> Toscana Torrione 2007
38	92	\$28	<b>Chateau Ste. Michelle</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Horse Heaven Hills Canoe Ridge Estate 2006
39	92	\$19	<b>Yalumba</b> Viognier Eden Valley 2008
40	92	\$39	<b>Château Haut-Bages-Libéral</b> Pauillac 2006
41	92	\$35	<b>Kumeu River</b> Chardonnay Kumeu Estate 2007
42	97	\$115	<b>Clos des Papes</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2007
43	92	\$20	<b>Schild</b> Shiraz Barossa 2007
44	94	\$41	<b>The Royal Tokaji Wine Co.</b> Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos Red Label 2005 (500ml)
45	93	\$12	<b>Allram</b> Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Strassertaler 2007
46	92	\$28	<b>I Greppi</b> Bolgheri Greppicante 2007
47	92	\$35	<b>Orin Swift</b> The Prisoner Napa Valley 2007
48	92	\$28	<b>Quinta do Vale Meão</b> Douro Meandro 2006
49	95	\$70	<b>Tenimenti Luigi d'Alessandro</b> Syrah Cortona Il Bosco 2006
50	93	\$45	<b>Tablas Creek</b> Esprit de Beaucastel Paso Robles 2006

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51	91	\$14	<b>Shoofly</b> Shiraz Adelaide 2007
52	93	\$44	<b>Hamilton Russell</b> Pinot Noir Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 2007
53	92	\$40	<b>Celler Mas Doix</b> Priorat Salanques 2006
54	91	\$16	<b>Peter Lehmann</b> Shiraz Barossa 2006
55	91	\$18	<b>Trimbach</b> Riesling Alsace 2007
56	91	\$19	<b>Provenance</b> Sauvignon Blanc Rutherford 2008
57	91	\$20	<b>Viña Santa Rita</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Valley Medalla Real Special Reserve 2006
58	94	\$45	<b>Red Car</b> Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2007
59	92	\$33	<b>Thorn-Clarke</b> Shiraz Barossa James Goddard 2006
60	93	\$50	<b>Spring Valley</b> Uriah Walla Walla Valley 2006
61	90	\$12	<b>Monte Antico</b> Sangiovese-Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon Toscana 2006
62	90	\$12	<b>Loosen Bros.</b> Riesling QbA Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Dr. L 2008
63	92	\$41	<b>Concha y Toro</b> Carmenère Peumo Terrunyo 2006
64	94	\$75	<b>Château Léoville Barton</b> St.-Julien 2006
65	93	\$54	<b>Paloma</b> Merlot Napa Valley 2006
66	90	\$8	<b>Barnard Griffin</b> Riesling Columbia Valley 2008
67	95	\$85	<b>Peter Michael</b> Chardonnay Sonoma County Ma Belle-Fille 2007
68	91	\$16	<b>Heartland</b> Viognier-Pinot Gris South Australia 2007
69	91	\$22	<b>Bodega Catena Zapata</b> Malbec Mendoza 2007
70	90	\$15	<b>St.-Michael-Eppan</b> Pinot Grigio Alto Adige 2008
71	90	\$15	<b>Bodegas Bilbainas</b> Tempranillo Rioja Viña Zaco 2006
72	91	\$20	<b>The Magnificent Wine Company</b> Syrah Columbia Valley 2006
73	90	\$13	<b>Jacob's Creek</b> Riesling South Australia Reserve 2008
74	91	\$22	<b>Waterbrook</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Reserve 2006
75	90	\$14	<b>M. Chapoutier</b> Côtes du Roussillon-Villages Les Vignes de Bila-Haut 2008
76	90	\$14	<b>Clos La Coutale</b> Cahors 2007
77	90	\$17	<b>King Estate</b> Pinot Gris Oregon Signature Collection 2008
78	90	\$20	<b>Gloria Ferrer</b> Brut Sonoma County Sonoma NV
79	91	\$24	<b>Livio Felluga</b> Pinot Grigio Collio 2008
80	91	\$25	<b>Argiano</b> Toscana Non Confunditur 2007
81	95	\$90	<b>Paolo Scavino</b> Barolo Carobric 2005
82	90	\$11	<b>d'Arenberg</b> Shiraz McLaren Vale The Stump Jump 2008
83	90	\$16	<b>Bodegas Juan Gil</b> Jumilla 2006
84	90	\$18	<b>Château Malmaison</b> Moulis 2006
85	91	\$21	<b>Domaine de Montvac</b> Vacqueyras 2007
86	92	\$35	<b>Mas du Soleilla</b> Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape Les Bartelles 2007
87	93	\$48	<b>Wittmann</b> Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Rheinhessen Westhofener S 2007
88	91	\$28	<b>Churchill</b> Touriga Nacional Douro 2007
89	91	\$22	<b>Perrin &amp; Fils</b> Vinsobres Les Cornuds 2007
90	93	\$49	<b>R. López de Heredia Viña Tondonia</b> Rioja White Viña Tondonia Reserva 1990
91	91	\$25	<b>Four Vines</b> Zinfandel Paso Robles Biker 2007
92	91	\$30	<b>Tohu</b> Pinot Noir Marlborough 2007
93	92	\$38	<b>Bründlmayer</b> Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Langenloiser Berg-Vogelsang 2007
94	90	\$30	<b>J.F. Gonon</b> Pouilly-Fuissé Vieilles Vignes 2007
95	91	\$43	<b>Louis Roederer</b> Brut Champagne Premier NV
96	95	\$145	<b>Château Ducru-Beaucaillou</b> St.-Julien 2006
97	92	\$48	<b>Evening Land</b> Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills Seven Springs Vineyard 2007
98	94	\$150	<b>Bonneau du Martray</b> Corton-Charlemagne 2006
99	91	\$27	<b>Bodegas Emilio Moro</b> Ribera del Duero 2006
100	93	\$66	<b>Les Vins de Vienne</b> Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes Sotanium 2007