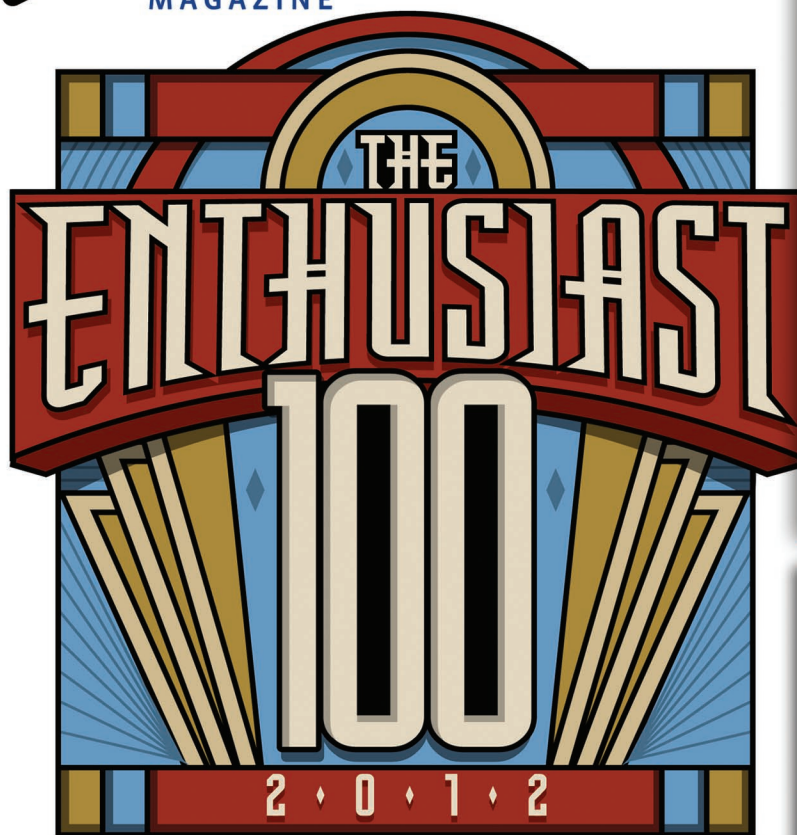




WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE

Luckily, *Wine Enthusiast* has got you covered. Knowing there's nothing quite like an end-of-year list to sum up



OUR FAVORITE WINES OF THE YEAR.

BY THE EDITORS OF WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE

In 2012, members of our tasting panel reviewed more than 15,500 wines from around the world. Tasting that many wines isn't easy, but keeping track of them all and remembering what to buy next time you're at your favorite retail shop is an even more difficult task.

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96 De Loach 2009 Pennacchio Vineyard Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley). With the 2009 vintage, De Loach is at the top of its Pinot Noir game, and this one, from a chilly vineyard south of Sebastopol, is among its best ever. The crisp acidity is bracing, like a squirt of lime, accompanying the raspberry, cherry and persimmon notes. Meanwhile, a mushroomy earthiness gives complex layers that don't stop. It should age through the next decade. **Editors' Choice.** —S.H.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$45

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DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

2009

Pennacchio Vineyard

PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Joe Pennacchio
WINE GROWER

Brian Meloy
WINEMAKER

28
Dry white
wines

7
Sparkling
wines

3
Fortified
wines

\$49.10
Average price

94.2
Average rating

