



WINE SPECTATOR'S Advance

A SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE BUYING GUIDE FOR THE **NOV. 30, 2023** ISSUE,
FEATURING ALL OF THE SPECTATOR SELECTIONS

Wine Spectator's Nov. 30 issue features 10 exciting food-and-wine destinations across America worth exploring now. Plus, don't miss our tasting report on the latest releases from Argentina, along with coverage of California Merlot and Loire Valley Chenin Blanc.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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- 97** **PAOLO SCAVINO** Barolo Monvigliero 2019 • \$104
Saturated with cherry, raspberry and violet aromas and flavors, this pure and silky red is both elegant and beautifully structured. Very expressive today, already showing harmony and excellent length on the finish, with mineral and underbrush accents adding depth. Best from 2025 through 2042. 600 cases made, 180 cases imported.—*B.S.*
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- 96** **RENATO CORINO** Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata 2019 • \$90
This supple and harmonious version is saturated with pure cherry and blackberry fruit, with kirsch, mint, grass and spice accents chiming in as this firms up and turns more complex on the long, detailed finish. Best from 2026 through 2045. 250 cases made, 100 cases imported.—*B.S.*
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- 95** **CALERA** Pinot Noir Mount Harlan de Villiers Vineyard 2020 • \$95
This features an alluring core of gently steeped black cherry and black currant fruit, mixed with details of licorice root, singed apple wood, black tea and mulling spices. The long finish has a nice steady pulse, with buried minerality. Best from 2024 through 2035. 819 cases made.—*J.M.*
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- 95** **DOMAINE HUET** Vouvray Demi-Sec Clos du Bourg 2022 • \$48
This voluptuous, full-bodied, off-dry white shows a lot of power, offering round pear, mango and honeycomb flavors that take a salty turn on the palate, with notes of brine, crushed flint and bitter almond skin, backed by a subtle hint of brioche on the finish. Opening up in the glass, this gorgeous wine offers loads of immediate charm, but should have a long life ahead in the cellar as well. Drink now through 2035. 1,000 cases made.—*K.B.*

COLLECTIBLES

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- 97** **FALLETTO DI BRUNO GIACOSA** Barolo Falletto Vigna Le Rocche Riserva 2017 • \$830
This supple red is elegant and powerful, driven by an underlying mineral element. Strawberry, cherry, rose, iron and wild thyme aromas and flavors persist, building to a long aftertaste, while dense, refined tannins lend support. Offers superb balance and length. Best from 2025 through 2045. 110 cases imported.—*B.S.*
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- 97** **FONTODI** Chianti Classico Panzano Terrazze San Leolino Gran Selezione 2020 • \$129
Deep in color, this sumptuous red shows both power and finesse, packed with blackberry, black currant, violet, iron and spice flavors. Expressive and beautifully balanced, yet poised for a long evolution thanks to its solid structure. Shows superb refinement, ending with a long aftertaste. Best from 2025 through 2043. 875 cases made, 400 cases imported.—*B.S.*
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- 96** **G.D. VAJRA** Barolo Ravera 2019 • \$95
There's plenty of latent fruit in this graceful and complex red, in the form of cherry, raspberry and plum, along with notes of flowers, tar, mineral and underbrush. Rich, balanced and long, this has well-integrated tannins that mingle with the ripe fruit flavors. Best from 2027 through 2046. 830 cases made.—*B.S.*
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SMART BUYS

- 92 DAMILANO** Barbera d'Asti 2021 • \$20
Sleek and elegant, this linear and bracing version is pure and refined, boasting rose, cherry, raspberry and iron flavors, with fine harmony and a long, fruit-stained finish. Drink now through 2028. 5,800 cases made, 3,000 cases imported.—*B.S.*
- 92 BODEGAS TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES** Malbec Mendoza Reserva 2021 • \$20
This stands out for its expressive, elegant bouquet of citrus blossoms, guava and red currant—flavors that are equally engaging and fresh on the palate, picking up mineral details and lingering nicely around polished tannins. Drink now. 150,000 cases made, 41,667 cases imported.—*A.R.*
- 91 TANIA & VINCENT CARÊME** Vouvray Spring 2020 • \$20
A round, ripe version, with quince and ginger flavors layered with lime oil on the chalky-textured palate. There's some real structure and poise to this, with fine-grained mineral elements on the medium-weight finish, backed by an appealing salted caramel note. Drink now through 2028. 8,000 cases made, 4,000 cases imported.—*K.B.*
- 91 EL ENEMIGO** Chardonnay Mendoza 2021 • \$26
Presents itself as a fresh, clean and vibrant style, with spicy floral and slate details around crisp apple and Asian pear flavors, before gathering sneaky roundness and length. Reveals a juicy mandarin orange note on the smooth finish, with subtle vanilla and clove accents. Drink now through 2028. 6,400 cases made, 5,000 cases imported.—*A.R.*
- 91 RENATO RATTI** Barbera d'Asti Battaglione 2021 • \$25
This shows depth, along with a silky texture and flavors of black cherry, blackberry, violet and dark chocolate. Suave, concentrated and long, with a touch of heat that lingers. Drink now through 2028. 6,270 cases imported.—*B.S.*
- 90 ARCHERY SUMMIT** Pinot Gris Willamette Valley Vireton 2022 • \$24
Supple and vibrant, with aromatic orange blossom, peach and cantaloupe accents that glide on the finish. Drink now. 5,260 cases made.—*T.F.*
- 90 BODEGA CATENA ZAPATA** Malbec La Consulta 2021 • \$22
Juicy and inviting, with heavy citrus nuances to the vibrant black cherry and berry flavors, revealing a trace of red licorice underneath and a light toasty brambly edge to the finish around fine tannins. Drink now through 2028. 7,000 cases made, 5,000 cases imported.—*A.R.*
- 90 CONTE FERDINANDO GUICCIARDINI** Chianti Colli Fiorentini Castello di Poppiano Il Cortile 2021 • \$17
A wave of pure cherry, raspberry and floral flavors wash across the palate in this red, underlined by an edge of firm, integrated tannins. Offers fine balance and length. Sangiovese, Cilieggiolo and Colorino. Drink now through 2026. 10,000 cases made, 2,000 cases imported.—*B.S.*
- 90 CAROL SHELTON** Zinfandel Mendocino County Wild Thing Old Vine 2020 • \$20
Notes of raspberry jam combine with a zesty, briary structure in this Zin, which also serves up roasted sage and green peppercorn flavors. The tannins firm up the finish. Drink now through 2029. 8,007 cases made.—*T.F.*
- 88 A TO Z WINeworks** Pinot Gris Oregon 2022 • \$17
Pretty honeysuckle aromas lead to easygoing lemon sorbet and melon flavors in this white. Drink now. 100,000 cases made.—*T.F.*

BEST VALUES

- 90 LAMADRID** Malbec Agrelo Single Vineyard 2022 • \$15
A medium-bodied, elegantly textured red with a saline edge, this reveals fine tannins and a core of blackberry and plum flavors, joined by subtle peppery notes and details of dark chocolate on the finish. Drink now. 10,000 cases made, 6,000 cases imported.—*A.R.*
- 89 ERATH** Pinot Gris Oregon 2022 • \$14
A delicate and floral version, offering pretty apricot, peach and spice flavors. Drink now. 38,000 cases made.—*T.F.*
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BEST VALUES (continued)

88 **BODEGA MIL SUELOS** Malbec Tunuyán Tinto Nero 2022 • \$15
Well-spiced, with ripe blackberry and chocolate flavors at the core, while subtle herb nuances lend a stemmy quality to the mineral-laced tannins. Drink now. 10,000 cases made, 8,000 cases imported.—A.R.

88 **BODEGA SANTA JULIA** Chardonnay Mendoza Made With Organic Grapes 2023 • \$12
Clean and minerally, with a fresh pineapple and citrus base, revealing nervy acidity for a Chardonnay, ending on a mouthwatering note. Drink now. 20,000 cases made, 17,000 cases imported.—A.R.

ABOUT THE SPECTATOR SELECTIONS

Highly Recommended: The issue's most impressive wines. Includes top-scorers and wines that represent optimal purchases based on their combination of score, price and availability.

Collectibles: Wines that will improve most from additional bottle age and that show the greatest potential to gain in value.

Smart Buys: Wines that deliver fine character at affordable prices and that are broadly available.

Best Values: Wines with solid scores, modest prices and wide distribution.

Initials at the end of each tasting note indicate the *Wine Spectator* editor who blind-tasted and scored the wine and wrote the review.

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