

# Wine Spectator

WINE SPECTATOR – AGOSTO 2018



**92 Mauro Veglio Nebbiolo Langhe Angelo 2016**

**\$25** Starts out supple before turning chewy on the finish. In between lies cherry, spice and licorice flavors, with a juicy texture and lingering accents of earth and wild herbs. Drink now through 2025. 700 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Mauro Veglio Barbera d'Alba 2016 \$22**

Succulent, exuding cherry, raspberry, floral and mineral flavors. Silky and elegant, with a long, detailed aftertaste. Drink now through 2022. 1,500 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Mauro Veglio Dolcetto d'Alba 2016 \$15** The pure cherry flavors get a lift from the vibrant acidity. Balanced, lingering with a hint of black pepper on the firm finish. Drink now through 2020. 1,250 cases made.—B.S.

# SAVVY SHOPPER

## SUMMER SIPPERS

Ranging from floral Austrian Riesling to vivid Washington Chardonnay, this selection of white wines offers a tantalizing mix of flavors and textures from around the globe, enough to get you through the dog days of August.

### KARL FRITSCH Riesling Qualitätswein

**Wagram 2016 (93, \$18)** Fragrant, intense; floral, apple, lemon, mineral

### JOSEF FISCHER Riesling Federspiel Trocken

**Wachau Ried Kirmberg 2016 (92, \$20)** Citrus, floral, peach, red currant; racy, tangy

### TANIA & VINCENT CARÈME Vouvray Spring

**2016 (91, \$20)** Focused; ginger, honeysuckle, lime, quince, mineral

### JOSEF SCHMID Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Alte Reben DAC

**Reserve 2016 (91, \$20)** Elderflower, apricot, saffron, spice, mineral; bright, concentrated

### CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE Chardonnay

**Columbia Valley Indian Wells 2016 (90, \$17)** Expressive, lively; tropical fruit, toasted spice

### CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE-DR. LOOSEN

**Riesling Columbia Valley Eroica 2016 (90, \$20)** Lime, grapefruit, mineral; vibrant

### KING ESTATE Pinot Gris Willamette Valley

**Pfeiffer 2016 (90, \$24)** Sleek, delicate; floral, lemongrass, lime

### MOHUA Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2017

**(90, \$16)** Lemongrass, citrus, pear, peppery white flower, citrus peel; clean, sleek

### SPARKMAN Sauvignon Blanc Columbia

**Valley Pearl 2017 (90, \$22)** Crisp, expressive; kiwifruit, lime

### TERRA D'ORO Chenin Blanc-

**Viognier Clarksburg 2017 (90, \$16)** Lip-smacking, lively, refreshing; melon, peach

### AGRIMOTA Vinho Verde

**Portal da Calçada Reserva 2017 (89, \$13)** Peach, apple, wet stone, spice, herb; crisp

## VINO TINTO

Here's a group of reds covering several regions in Spain. Some are more recognizable, like the Tempranillos from Rioja or the Grenache-Carignan blend from Priorat, while others, like the Bobal, may be new discoveries.

### BODEGA NUMANTIA

**Toro Termes 2014 (92, \$24)**

Modern, polished; black cherry, currant, cocoa, toasty oak

### PORTAL DEL PRIORAT

**Priorat Gotes 2016 (90, \$23)**

Plum, mountain herb, toast, mineral; exuberant, balanced

### BODEGAS VIVANCO Rioja

**Crianza 2014 (90, \$18)** Plump, juicy, harmonious; cherry, plum

### ALBET I NOYA Tempranillo Penedès Curiós

**2016 (89, \$13)** Cherry, herbal, spice, vanilla; ripe, supple, balanced

### CUNE Rioja Viña Real Crianza 2015 (89, \$15)

Lively, structured; cherry, orange peel, spice

### SIERRA NORTE Bobal Utiel-Requena

**Temperamento 2015 (89, \$15)** Black cherry, licorice, espresso; savory, sanguine

### BODEGAS TARÓN Rioja Crianza 2015 (89, \$15)

Supple, bright; cherry, cranberry, citrus

## PIEDMONT PLUS

These affordable reds from Piedmont are joined by two other Italian bargains: a ripe Primitivo from Puglia and a dry Lambrusco, the sparkling red specialty from Emilia-Romagna.

### MAURO VEGLIO Nebbiolo Langhe Angelo

**2016 (92, \$25)** Juicy, chewy; cherry, spice, licorice, earth, wild herbs

### MAURO VEGLIO Barbera d'Alba 2016 (91, \$22)

Elegant; cherry, raspberry, floral, mineral

### GIANFRANCO BOVIO Nebbiolo Langhe

**Firagnetti 2016 (90, \$27)** Cherry, currant, earth, tobacco; focused, structured

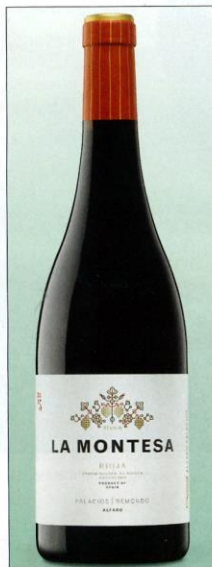
### FELLINE Primitivo di Manduria Sinfarosa

**2015 (90, \$22)** Boysenberry, fig cake, rose hip, espresso cream, spice; ripe, elegant

### UMBERTO CAVICCHIOLI & FIGLI Secco

**Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro Col**

**Sassoso 2017 (89, \$18)** Elegant, frizzante; raspberry, licorice, bergamot



**BODEGAS PALACIOS REMONDO Rioja La Montesa Crianza 2015 (92, \$20) SMART BUY**  
Silky, pure, lively; cherry, raspberry, orange peel

## IN THE RED

This diverse mix of New World reds hits a number of high points when it comes to matching grape variety to terroir, all of them offering bang for the buck. The Mullineux Kloof Street is almost entirely Syrah.

### ALPHA CRUCIS Cabernet

**Sauvignon McLaren Vale Titan 2016 (91, \$28)** Mocha, vanilla, bay leaf, blackberry; vibrant

### DEBORTOLI Shiraz Heathcote Woodfired 2017 (91, \$20)

Aromatic, dense; loamy earth, sandalwood, Earl Grey tea

### MULLINEUX Kloof Street

**Swartland 2016 (90, \$20)** Bitter cherry, blood orange, raspberry coulis; juicy

### PENDULUM Cabernet Sauvignon

**Columbia Valley 2016 (90, \$19)** Expressive, polished; black cherry, savory spice

### ST. JOHN'S ROAD Cabernet

**Sauvignon Barossa Line & Length 2016 (90, \$22)** Blackberry, vanilla, espresso; dense

—Bruce Sanderson

## SPECTATOR SELECTIONS

### HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

**93 Résonance Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2016 \$35**

OREGON Precise and impressively structured, with refined raspberry, crushed rock and savory tea accents that take on richness and depth.



### COLLECTIBLE

**96 Scarecrow Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford 2015 \$350**

CALIFORNIA Broad and expansive, with dark berry, currant, anise, cedar and sage notes, supported by firm, chewy tannins.



### SMART BUY

**90 Casa Ferreirinha Douro White Papa Figos 2016 \$18**

PORTUGAL This aromatic white is medium- to full-bodied, with notes of beeswax and almond flanking the lemon curd, pureed mango and peach flavors.



### BEST VALUE

**88 Cantina di Santa Maria La Palma Vermentino di Sardegna Aragosta 2017 \$13**

ITALY Snappy acidity and a streak of salinity structure this aromatic white, with a pretty mix of peach skin, Meyer lemon peel and pink grapefruit sorbet flavors.



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