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YEAR'S BEST BAROLO & BARBARESCO

Our blind panels tasted **189** new-release Barolo and Barbaresco wines over the past 12 months. **Stephanie Johnson**, our critic for Italy, rated **66** as exceptional (90+) and **22** as Best Buys. *Find a complete list of wines tasted and all reviews at wineandspiritsmagazine.com.*

92 | Mauro Veglio \$73

2014 Barolo Castelletto Castelletto was the most successful of Veglio's 2014 releases in our tasting panels this year. Notes of sweet spice and vanilla accent its ripeness, the plum and warmed raspberry flavors feeling generous for the vintage. It's already showing some evolution, notes of loamy earth balancing cool notes of menthol and pine. *Saranty Imports, Stamford, CT/T. Edward Wines, NY*

91 | Mauro Veglio \$94

2014 Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata Veglio's 2014 Rocche dell'Annunziata offers flavors of dark plum, mint and peppery spice framed in leathery tannins. Notes of dark chocolate and dried fruit add to the wine's density, yet this has an underlying vibrancy that suggests it will harmonize with a few years in the cellar. *Saranty Imports, Stamford, CT/T. Edward Wines, NY*

90 | Mauro Veglio \$70

2014 Barolo Arborina The 2014 Arborina comes across as dark and brooding, lack-

ing some of the verve and finesse displayed in his 2013 bottling. Notes of espresso and sweet spice open into flavors of dried plum and black cherry, with prominent acidity and tannins that need time to integrate. *Saranty Imports, Stamford, CT/T. Edward Wines, NY*

IMPORTED NEW RELEASES

Our blind panels tasted **363** new-release imported wines for this issue.

Our critics rated **34** as exceptional (90+) and **48** as Best Buys.

Joshua Greene reviews England; **Stephanie Johnson** reviews Italy.

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88 | Mauro Veglio \$19

2016 Dolcetto d'Alba (Best Buy) Crunchy berry flavors and puckery acidity give this wine a lively aspect that's accentuated by violet scents. Gum-gripping tannins draw the flavors together in a compact, well-integrated structure. *Saranty Imports, Stamford, CT/T. Edward Wines, NY*