



WINE SPECTATOR'S Advance

A SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE BUYING GUIDE FOR THE **OCT. 15, 2018** ISSUE,
FEATURING ALL OF THE SPECTATOR SELECTIONS

Wine Spectator's Oct. 15 California Pinot Noir issue explores this popular category, with our editors spotlighting rising stars around the state. Tasting reports also include Spain and New Zealand. Plus, a must-read roundup of value wines from the West Coast regions of California, Oregon and Washington.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- 97** **DOMAINE GIRAUD** Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Galimardes 2016 • \$115
This drips with steeped raspberry, plum and boysenberry fruit, making for a decidedly fruit-driven personality. Shows ample spine, with a deeply buried bolt of graphite and hints of Turkish coffee and ganache skittering through. Offers a long echo of smoldering tobacco. A stunner. Best from 2020 through 2045. 400 cases made.—*J.M.*
- 97** **DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE** Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes 2016 • \$120
This is packed with plum, raspberry and blackberry confiture flavors that are youthfully wound up, while warm stone, anise, bay leaf, *garrigue* and tar notes fill in throughout. Dense but juicy, with a long, smoldering feel on the finish. Best from 2020 through 2040. 500 cases imported.—*J.M.*
- 96** **CASTELLO DI BOLGHERI** Bolgheri Superiore 2015 • \$75
Very tightly wound, with a dense bed of tannins providing support for the black currant, black cherry, wild herb, mineral and earth flavors. Ripe yet lively, showing fine intensity on the fruit-, mineral- and tar-filled aftertaste. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Best from 2022 through 2040. 2,500 cases made.—*B.S.*
- 96** **FELTON ROAD** Pinot Noir Central Otago Bannockburn 2017 • \$50
Elegant, fresh and vibrant, this red starts off wonderfully perfumed, with lavender, white pepper and green tea notes that accentuate the purity of the cherry and raspberry flavors. Polished tannins still provide some grip on the finish, where white truffle and forest floor details linger. Drink now through 2032. 7,120 cases made.—*M.W.*
- 95** **GRATTAMACCO** Bolgheri Superiore 2015 • \$110
Complex cherry, currant, mineral, spice and tobacco aromas signal this serious version. Despite the ripe fruit flavors and sweet tones, this has grip and the potential for development. Hangs together nicely now, in a youthful phase. Shows terrific length. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Sangiovese. Best from 2022 through 2038. 4,000 cases made.—*B.S.*
- 94** **QUINTA DO CRASTO** Douro Reserva Old Vines 2015 • \$47
This powerful red is rich in steeped cherry, red plum and currant flavors that are matched to herb, graphite and olive elements, aided by aromas of tea and anise that dovetail into the tangy finish. Drink now through 2026. 7,500 cases made.—*G.S.*
- 94** **ESCARPMENT** Pinot Noir Martinborough Kiwa Single Vineyard 2016 • \$60
White pepper, sage and forest floor notes up front lead to vibrant cherry and wild strawberry flavors on a crisp frame, with touches of sarsaparilla and tomato leaf lingering on the finish. The tannins are firm but polished. Drink now through 2028. 450 cases made.—*M.W.*

COLLECTIBLES

- 97** **ANTINORI** Toscana Tignanello 2015 • \$135
Dense and intensely flavored, with violet, black currant, blackberry, graphite, wild herb and spice aromas and flavors, this is concentrated and solidly built, yet also harmonious, vibrant and pure. Approachable now, but should be better in a few years. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Best from 2021 through 2035. 5,000 cases imported.—*B.S.*

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COLLECTIBLES (continued)

- 96** **FONTODI** Colli della Toscana Centrale Flaccianello 2015 • \$124