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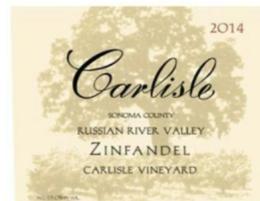
The issue's most impressive wines. Includes top-scorers and wines that represent optimal purchases based on their combination of score, price and availability.



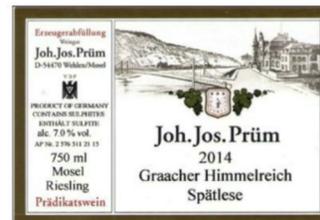
95 **Giovanni Sordo Barolo Gabutti 2012** \$65 **ITALY** Iron, graphite and sanguine aromas introduce this stern, sinewy red, backed by cherry, strawberry, floral and tobacco flavors. Beautifully balanced and long. Though firm, this remains fresh and focused on the aftertaste. Best from 2023 through 2045. 475 cases made.—B.S.



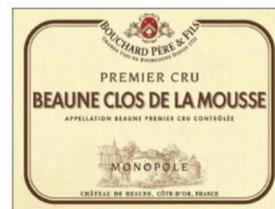
95 **Tua Rita Toscana Redigaffi 2013** \$400 **ITALY** Plum, cherry, black currant, cedar, vanilla and toast flavors highlight this plush, flashy red, which is dense, needing time to absorb the oak, yet remains smooth in texture, building to the saturated finish. A hedonistic style. Merlot. Best from 2019 through 2028. 800 cases made.—B.S.



94 **Carlisle Zinfandel Russian River Valley Carlisle Vineyard 2014** \$47 **CALIFORNIA** Here's proof that Zinfandel can be ripe and well-structured and retain lively acidity. Fresh violet, eucalyptus and huckleberry aromas open to complex and focused flavors of raspberry, savory bramble and Asian five-spice powder. Drink now through 2028. 681 cases made.—T.F.



94 **Joh. Jos. Prüm Riesling Spätlese Mosel Graacher Himmelreich 2014** \$41 **GERMANY** Rich and creamy, this is full of a lively savoriness matched to flavors of fresh-cut green apple, tangerine, mocha and spice. The lush finish offers white chocolate accents and hints of nutmeg. Drink now through 2034. 200 cases imported.—K.M.



93 **Bouchard Père & Fils Beaune Clos de la Mousse 2014** \$70 **FRANCE** Black currant and violet are the hallmarks of this tightly wound red, with minerality and eucalyptus or spice. Best from 2020 through 2033. 200 cases imported.—B.S.



93 **Paitin Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 2013** \$50 **ITALY** A muscular style, revealing leather, licorice, cherry and sweet spice aromas and flavors. This has depth and a dense structure, finishing with intensity and fine length. The lasting impression is of sweet fruit. Best from 2019 through 2035. 1,200 cases made.—B.S.

Collectibles

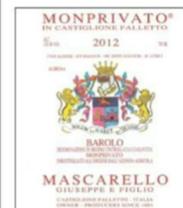
Wines that will improve most from additional bottle age and that show the greatest potential to gain in value.



96 **Giacomo Conterno Barolo Cerretta 2012** \$225 **ITALY** A wealth of cherry flavor is surrounded by cut grass, tar, tobacco and iron notes in this complex, intense red. There's plenty of tension, with a long aftertaste of licorice, tar and mineral. Balanced yet austere, this needs time to integrate fully. Best from 2023 through 2042. 60 cases imported.—B.S.



95 **Domaine Faiveley Mazis-Chambertin 2014** \$353 **FRANCE** Brilliant aromas and flavors of cherry, strawberry, currant and mineral highlight this complex red, which is intense and elegant, building to a kaleidoscopic finish. Structured and harmonious, with terrific aging potential. Best from 2020 through 2039. 50 cases imported.—B.S.



95 **Giuseppe Mascarello & Figlio Barolo Monprivato 2012** \$165 **ITALY** A mix of chocolate, cherry, earth and tar flavors are allied to a dense structure in this red. Initially tannic, this needs several hours of aeration to reveal its true personality, delivering cherry, leather, licorice and spice flavors that marry harmoniously with the silky texture, with excellent length. Best from 2022 through 2038. 1,450 cases made.—B.S.

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