



WINE SPECTATOR'S Advance

A SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE BUYING GUIDE FOR THE **AUG. 31, 2018** ISSUE,
FEATURING ALL OF THE SPECTATOR SELECTIONS

Wine Spectator's annual Restaurant Awards issue features our guide to more than 3,700 award-winning wine lists from around the world. Tasting reports cover Washington state and the white wines of Portugal.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- 95** **BEAUX FRÈRES** Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge The Beaux Frères Vineyard 2016 • \$95
Remarkably and seamlessly complex, with a polished and refined core wrapped in silky raspberry and blueberry flavors, accented by savory spice and orange zest hints. The long finish builds toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2025. 2,686 cases made.—*T.F.*
- 94** **SAN ROMÁN BODEGAS Y VIÑEDOS** Toro 2014 • \$67
A velvety texture carries ripe fruit flavors of plum and blackberry in this plush red. Cocoa, loamy earth and mineral notes add depth and interest. Ripe tannins are well-integrated, and balsamic acidity keeps this lively. Drink now through 2029. 8,000 cases made.—*T.M.*
- 93** **BIG TABLE FARM** Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2016 • \$45
Effortlessly elegant and complex, with vibrant rose petal, savory smoke and raspberry accents that glide along a silky texture toward the long finish. Drink now through 2024. 1,835 cases made.—*T.F.*
- 93** **CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE DES PAPES** Châteauneuf-du-Pape White 2016 • \$55
Delightful, with plump star fruit, white peach and yellow apple notes, gilded liberally with honeysuckle, verbena and salted butter accents. The lovely finish has light-handed toast, letting everything stream through prettily. Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Roussanne and Bourboulenc. Drink now through 2021. 1,000 cases made.—*J.M.*
- 93** **FAILLA** Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2016 • \$28
An elegantly dynamic wine that starts with a whisper and then blooms and fans out, offering vibrant red berry, stony mineral and savory spice flavors that finish with refined tannins. Drink now through 2024. 545 cases made.—*T.F.*
- 93** **RÉSONANCE** Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2016 • \$35
Precise and impressively structured, with refined raspberry, crushed rock and savory tea accents that take on richness and depth toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2024. 4,000 cases made.—*T.F.*
- 92** **BETZ** Possibility Columbia Valley 2015 • \$35
Polished and seamlessly built, with expressive blueberry and huckleberry flavors accented by smoky spice and bitter chocolate notes that take on richness toward refined tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Petit Verdot and Merlot. Drink now through 2024. 1,600 cases made.—*T.F.*

COLLECTIBLES

- 98** **CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL** Châteauneuf-du-Pape Hommage à Jacques Perrin 2015 • \$594
A well-endowed wine, dripping with cassis, plum sauce and raspberry puree flavors supported by notes of warmed apple wood, black tea and melted licorice. Dense yet remarkably polished, and almost supple in feel, with a bolt of warm earth scoring the very end of the finish. Best from 2025 through 2050. 170 cases made.—*J.M.*
- 96** **BLAIN-GAGNARD** Bâtard-Montrachet 2015 • \$285
Gorgeous aromas of peach, apple, lemon cake and seashore herald this lush, expansive white. Harmonious, energetic and saturated, with orchard fruit, spice and mineral flavors that just won't quit. A hedonist's delight. Drink now through 2027. 200 cases made.—*B.S.*