

A FIRST LOOK AT OUR EDITORS' MOST EXCITING NEW WINES

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A BONANZA OF BIG REDS FROM CALIFORNIA, FRANCE, SPAIN AND ITALY captures the spotlight in this week's *Wine Spectator Insider*, running the gamut from bold, fruity Cabernet Sauvignons to serious Syrahs to elegant Barolos. This is a report of wines that have most excited our editors in recent tastings.

Napa Cabernet stars Colgin, Memento Mori, Brand, Hall and more deliver impressive versions from the Valley, while Louis Chèze, Gilles Barge and Jean-Louis Chave represent the Northern Rhône. The latest release of the monolithic Bodega Numanthia Termanthia is here. Eight hot values scored 90-plus points and cost \$40 or less. Turn to page 4 for the six hot wines.

ALBINO ROCCA

Barbaresco Montersino 2012

93 points | \$46 | 41 cases imported | Red

Aromas of rose, tar and cherry, along with hints of licorice and spice, enliven this pretty red. Vibrant acidity keeps this elegant, while the finish fades gracefully, showing sweet fruit and licorice details. Drink now through 2025.—B.S.

ALBINO ROCCA

Barbaresco Vigna Loreto Ovello 2012

93 points | \$57 | 41 cases imported | Red

Bright acidity defines this red, marshaling the currant, cherry and rose aromas and flavors. Mineral and tobacco accents chime in as this plays out on the long, mineral- and tobacco-infused aftertaste. Best from 2017 through 2030.—B.S.

ITALY Piedmont

ALBINO ROCCA

Barbaresco Ronchi 2012

94 points | \$52 | 125 cases imported | Red

Textbook aromas and flavors of rose, cherry and tar, along with shadings of tobacco and mineral, combine with a firm, vibrant structure in this elegant, intense red. The long aftertaste echoes the flavors, while the juicy texture enhances them. Best from 2018 through 2032.—B.S.