



# WINE SPECTATOR'S Advance

A SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE BUYING GUIDE FOR THE **AUG. 31, 2017** ISSUE,  
FEATURING ALL OF THE SPECTATOR SELECTIONS

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*Wine Spectator's* Aug. 31 annual Restaurant Awards issue features the new Grand Award winners and a complete Dining Guide to more than 3,500 restaurants around the world. A must-read for any wine lover who eats out. Plus, the issue's tasting reports cover Portugal's table wines and Washington state.

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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**ESCARPMENT** Pinot Noir Martinborough Kupe Single Vineyard 2015 • \$69

This powerful wine is tightly wound yet very expressive, with plenty of torque to the plum and blood orange flavors at the core, slowly revealing details of cedar, tobacco, cumin seed, rosemary and black tea. Everything sings in harmony on the long finish. Drink now through 2027. 500 cases made.—*M.W.*

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**K** Syrah Walla Walla Valley Powerline Estate 2014 • \$45

A knockout Syrah, precise and impeccably built but explosive with personality. Smoky roasted meat and floral blackberry aromas combine with bold, supple flavors of dark plum, pepper and licorice. The tannins are big but polished. Drink now through 2024. 1,319 cases made.—*T.F.*

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**MAZZEI** Maremma Toscana Tenuta Belguardo 2013 • \$55

A red of great purity and polish, offering black cherry, blackberry, spice and herb flavors, this evokes tobacco, graphite and leather nuances as it builds nicely on the palate. Finishes with grip, harmony and complexity, as well as terrific length. Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2028. 1,083 cases made.—*B.S.*

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