

SPECTATOR SELECTIONS

Collectibles

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



96 Marcassin Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Marcassin Vineyard 2006 \$125 Graceful, elegant and stylish, offering a pleasant touch of maturity, with a complex array of anise, cherry, raspberry, red licorice and fresh porcini flavors leading to a medium body. Shows the benefits of cellaring. Drink now through 2018. 960 cases made.—J.L.



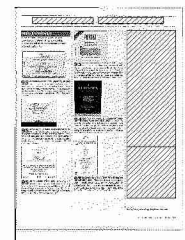
96 Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo Brunate-Le Coste 2007 \$130 A ripe, sweet cherry- and raspberry-flavored red, accented by flowers, white pepper and cinnamon. Generous and vibrant, with a pleasant hint of astringency on the finish. Very elegant, in a traditional style where finesse meets intensity. Best from 2015 through 2032. 800 cases made.—B.S.

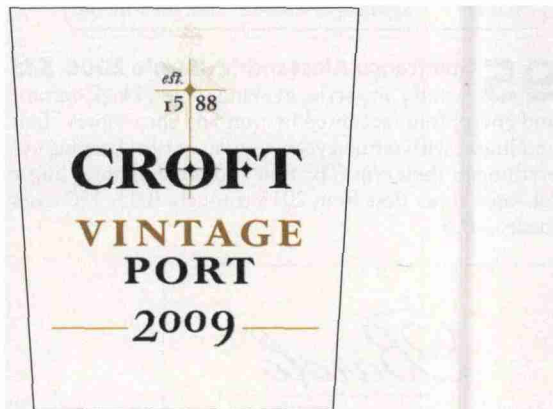


96 Vietti Barolo Villero Riserva 2004 \$300 Smells enticing, exhibiting notes of cherry and flowers that segue to the sweet spice, floral and tar aromas typical of a mature Barolo. The cherry flavor builds on the palate, backed by a stern structure. A touch austere on the finish now, with excellent potential. Best from 2015 through 2032. 315 cases made.—B.S.



95 Aldo Conterno Barolo Bussia Cicala 2007 \$140 Scented with black cherry and plum, this international-style red shows plenty of smoky, toasty oak on the palate. It's rich, with sweet fruit, ample power and complexity, but will take some time to integrate the tannins. Best from 2016 through 2035. 300 cases imported.—B.S.





95 **Croft Vintage Port 2009 \$80** Redolent of blackberry and dark fruits, this also features a fascinating mix of mocha, graphite and tobacco. Very juicy as well, which features into the finish of fine-grained tannins and spice. An exuberant and refined Vintage Port. Best from 2020 through 2050. 5,000 cases made.—K.M.