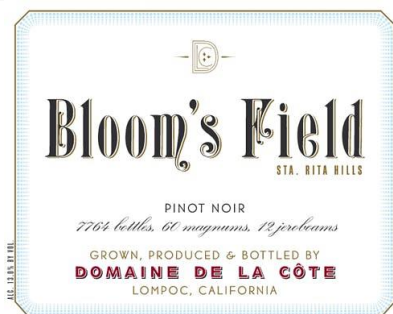


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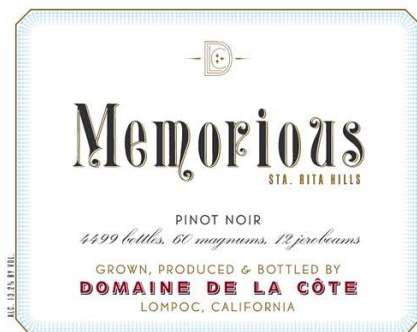


DOMAINE DE LA CÔTE

Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Bloom's Field 2020

94 points | \$90 | 661 cases made | Red

Dark and winy in feel, this boasts a packed core of black cherry, currant and plum notes, while licorice root, black tea and mulling spice accents try to work their way in. Reveals a tannic spine, which should provide necessary support while this melds fully. Best from 2023 through 2032. —*J.M.*

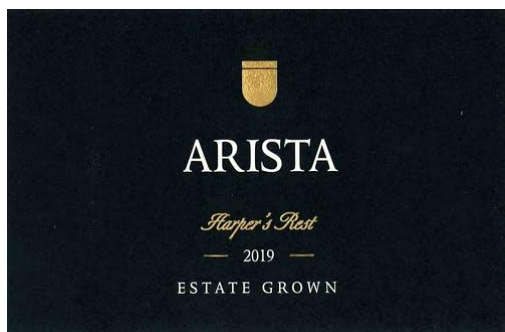


DOMAINE DE LA CÔTE

Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Memorios 2020

94 points | \$85 | 389 cases made | Red

This is packed with dark cherry and gently mulled plum fruit, along with long, subtle *sous bois*, black tea and woodspice accents. Savory streak adds a touch of tension to the finish along with a notable whole-cluster feel lingering. There's lots to unearth here, so cellar a bit. Best from 2023 through 2031. —*J.M.*

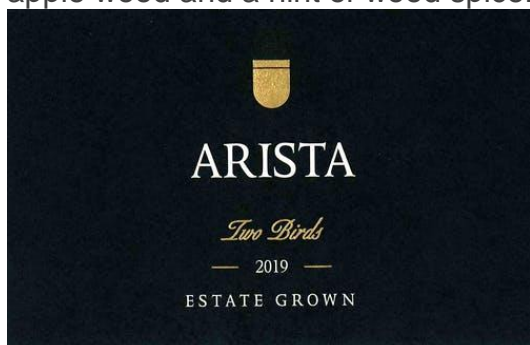


ARISTA

Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Harper's Rest 2019

93 points | \$125 | 257 cases made | Red

Juicy and leaning to the darker side of the fruit spectrum, featuring black cherry, linzer torte and plum notes that are racy and mouthwatering in feel, with dried anise, a flash of apple wood and a hint of wood spice. Drink now through 2029. —*J.M.*



ARISTA

Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Two Birds 2019

93 points | \$125 | 214 cases made | Red

This is yummy right from the get-go, with mulled raspberry, plum and mulberry notes cruising through and holding center stage, while a mix of red tea, chaparral and savory accents chime throughout. Solidly juicy finish. Drink now through 2029. —*J.M.*

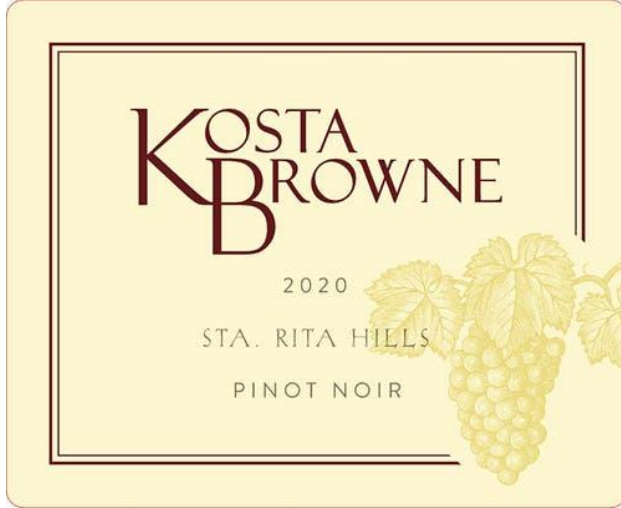


DOMAINE DE LA CÔTE

Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Sous Le Chêne 2020

93 points | \$120 | 169 cases made | Red

Very pure and focused, with a lovely beam of damson plum, cherry puree and red currant coulis infused gently with rose petal, red tea and savory accents. Long, streamlined finish. Drink now through 2030. —*J.M.*

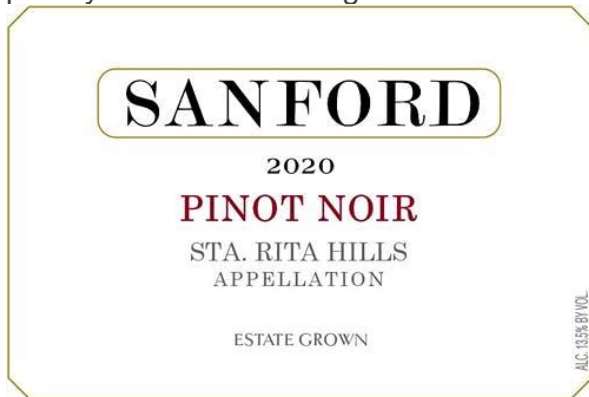


KOSTA BROWNE

Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills 2020

93 points | \$115 | 4,800 cases made | Red

Very alluring, with Damson, *griottes* and mulberry fruit seamlessly layered with black tea, *sous bois* and sandalwood hints. Long, refined finish lets all its perfume linger prettily. Drink now through 2029. —*J.M.*



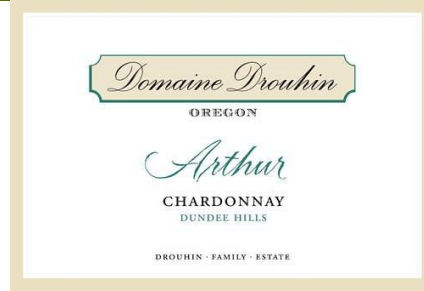
SANFORD

Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills 2020

93 points | \$45 | 7,417 cases made | Red

Ripe and juicy but restrained in style, with the core of black cherry and raspberry notes taking equal turns with dried anise, red and black tea and chaparral hints. Keeps a juicy edge through the finish, with a smoldering intensity. Drink now through 2029. —*J.M.*

VALUE PICK OF THE WEEK
OREGON



DOMAINE DROUHIN

Chardonnay Dundee Hills Arthur 2020

93 points | \$40 | 1,982 cases made | White

Tasting Note: Expressive and delicately complex, with apple blossom, orange peel and zesty spice flavors that finish with a fresh lift of acidity. Drink now. —*T.F.*

Hot Wines

These are the most exciting discoveries from our editors' most recent tastings, published exclusively in Wine Spectator Insider. They are high-scoring wines from around the world that may be difficult to find, but are worth seeking out.

CAVALLOTTO®



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Barolo Bricco Boschis Vigna San Giuseppe Riserva 2016

98 points | \$252 | 100 cases imported | Red

An impressive red, this features a beam of pure cherry and rose, with strawberry, currant, iron and tobacco notes in supporting roles. Firm and dry, with ripeness midpalate, this lingers on the fruit, mineral and underbrush aftertaste. Combines finesse and intensity. Best from 2025 through 2045. From Italy.—*B.S.*

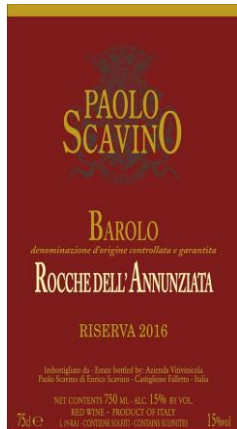


CAVALLOTTO

Barolo Vignolo Riserva 2016

97 points | \$252 | 80 cases imported | Red

The volume of fruit is turned up in this red, revealing macerated cherry, raspberry and plum notes, with menthol, iron and tar elements adding depth. Solidly built, with fine tension and a complex, detailed aftertaste. Best from 2025 through 2047. From Italy.—*B.S.*



PAOLO SCAVINO

Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata Riserva 2016

97 points | \$288 | 198 cases imported | Red

A vibrant, linear and firmly structured red, this evokes cherry, raspberry, sun-kissed hay and licorice aromas and flavors. This is intense and builds to a long aftertaste of fruit, licorice and mineral notes, showing terrific balance and precision. Best from 2024 through 2042. From Italy.—*B.S.*



BODEGAS VEGA SICILIA

Ribera del Duero Unico 2012

96 points | \$620 | 601 cases imported | Red

This is at once fresh and elegant on first impression, with lovely hints of fragrant Turkish bazaar spices, game and dried mint lacing the crème de cassis, violet, and black and red licorice notes. But gliding across the palate, buoyed by fresh acidity and sculpted tannins, this expands to show deep notes of tarry smoke, fig cake, espresso and iron alongside the appealing fruit and spice. Long and creamy, offering both power and grace. Tinto Fino and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2037. From Spain.—A.N.

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