

É Arrivata la Primavera!

Zinfandel, Turley 'Juvenile', Napa, California 2015 60

Turley's 2015 Zinfandel Juvenile, is an assemblage of bits and pieces from different parcels, but overall from the younger vine portion of the multiple terroirs they exploit. Plump and racy, but well-focused, with smoky cracked pepper and black cherry aromas leading to lush, layered flavors of raspberry, licorice and orange zest. A pleasure to drink.

Wine Spectator 92 points

Barbera D'Asti, Renato Ratti 'Battaglione', Piemonte 2013 45

This red needs air to reveal the pure violet, black cherry and raspberry flavors. Racy and long, with ample structure and a fine finish. Drink now through 2019.

Wine Spectator 90 points

Nero D'Avola, Feudi del Pisciotto, 'Versace', Terre Siciliane 2012 48

Complex and intense nose with notes of red fruit, currants, blueberries and cherries, together with dark spicy and toasty sensations coming from the aging in oak.

Rich, structured and velvety sip with a polished aftertaste of fruit and sweet spice.

Ideal with roasted and braised meats, game, and aged cheeses.

Wine Spectator 90 points

Cabernet Sauvignon, Franciscan Estate, Napa Valley 2013 60

Shows pretty Napa fruit of currants and plums with hints of citrus.

Medium to full body, fine tannins and a fresh finish. Drink and enjoy the vintage.

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot.

James Suckling 90 points

Barolo, Mauro Molino, 'Gallinotto', Piemonte 2012 75

Another opulent 2012 from Mauro Molino with crushed strawberry, raspberry and lemon rind.

Hints of stone. Full body, chewy tannins and a caressing textured finish.

Wine Advocate 93 Points

Brunello di Montalcino, Mocali, Toscana 2011 85

This lively red exhibits cherry, strawberry, eucalyptus, tobacco and mineral flavors.

The firm tannins work in tandem with the bright acidity, leaving a long, refreshing finish that echoes the fruit, earth and savory elements.

Wine Spectator 93 points

Chardonnay, Talley Vineyards, Rincon, Arroyo Grande Valley 2015 90

A classy, balanced beauty that has classic buttered orchard fruits, hints of oak and brioche, with some toasty notes, this Chardonnay comes from a sensational vineyard in the Arroyo Grande Valley.

Aged 17 months in 30% new French oak, it is medium-bodied, rounded and textured on the palate, with plenty of fruit and texture while staying fresh and lively.

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 92 Points