

ITALY – PIEDMONT

Luciano Sandrone

97 points

Wine Advocate

2013 Luciano Sandrone Aleste Barolo

Formerly known as Barolo Cannubi Boschis (the last vintage by that name was 2012), the 2013 Barolo Aleste has been renamed to honor the youngest generation of the Sandrone family, Alessia and Stefano. The wine name Aleste takes the first three letters from each grandchild's name. The move represents the culmination of more than 50 harvests completed by this legendary winemaker and his desire to pass on the torch. His grandchildren are at different points in their respective viticulture and enology university studies. Now under a different name, the wine obviously shows the same delicate floral nuances that you get with this wine (fruit from Cannubi is always harvested first). This is a complete and exciting wine with delicate notes of wild berry and smoke backed by licorice and blue flower.

\$184.95
per
bottle.
Allocation

96 points

Wine Advocate

2013 Luciano Sandrone Le Vigne Barolo

The 2013 Barolo le Vigne is another stellar achievement from Luciano Sandrone and his family. Since 2010, the blend for this wine has been tweaked just a bit to include more fruit from the Baudana cru in Serralunga d'Alba. This wine shows a ripe and succulent mouthfeel with ample richness and power that drives the wine smoothly over the palate. These darker qualities can be attributed to the Baudana fruit that is known for power and heft. Fruit from the Villero cru in Castiglione Falletto offers delicate perfumes and ethereal elegance. This vineyard site is home to loose, sandy soils. The combination of these two extremes is simply delightful.

\$159.95
per
bottle.
Allocation

93 points

Wine Advocate

2015 Luciano Sandrone Valmaggiore Nebbiolo

The Valmaggiore vineyard in Roero hill on the left bank of the Tanaro river has been pumping out some impressive fruit lately. The 2015 Nebbiolo d'Alba Valmaggiore is a prime example of this site-specific excellence. Nebbiolo from Valmaggiore tends to reveal floral intensity and that's what you pick up here. The bouquet is laced with many small details that keep your attention and form a greater web of nuance and complexity. Violets, wild berries, campfire ash and licorice root are part of this winning formula. The mouthfeel is consistently linear and tight. The Sandrone family first came to Valmaggiore in 1990. It took them several years to buy up the 28 individual parcels that form the three-hectare holding farmed today

\$59.95
Per bottle

93 points

2015 Luciano Sandrone Barbera D'Alba

January

Wine Advocate

This is a darkly extracted expression from a warm vintage. Barbera loves the extra heat and the fruit within this wine expresses itself with cheerful abundance and intensity. One of the best characteristics of Barbera is that its acidity remains intact even in the warm years. That inherent freshness defines this wine, adding vigor and stamina to those long and luscious fruit flavors. This an extrovert wine with plump richness and succulence.

Gianfranco Bovio

Gianfranco Bovio began to look after his father Alessandro's holdings in the 70's, renovating the old cellars and committing himself to the making of wines grown on the estate vineyards that stretch out over 6.5 hectares. The Bovio philosophy is strongly skewed towards tradition and terroir, scrupulous practises in the vineyards, lengthy maceration on the skins and ageing in large oak casks. production includes two Crus - Arborina and Gattera - and an old school style Barolo made from grapes grown in La Morra, Bovio brings out the more feminine characteristics of Nebbiolo, typically displaying notes of earth, flowers, and elegance.

2012 Gianfranco Bovio Barolo

\$52.95
per bottle

This is the most forward Bovio Barolo in its youth and typically, it is the first to be released. Fermented in steel and matured in botti, Rocchettevino has a high-toned kirsch appeal typical of La Morra and it is suitably nuanced with menthol, leather and rose petals.

A note of the 2013 Vintage in Barolo

"The 2013 Barolos continue to impress for their grace and finesse. The late-ripening season produced translucent, perfumed Barolos that capture the essence of site, in my mind the single greatest attribute that separates the great vintages from merely excellent or good years". Vinous

2013 Gianfranco Bovio Barolo

\$52.95
per bottle

Lovely typical brick colour with a fresh nose showing nuts, leather and exceptionally pure defined red fruit. Soft on the palate, with traditional, elegant sweet tannins.

Pecchenino

The Pecchenino wine estate dates to the end of the 1700's and has always been a family-run operation, with the holding handed from one generation to the next. The Pecchenino brothers are best known for their Doglianis, in recent years, the Barolos have been every bit as impressive.

94 points

2013 Pecchenino San Giuseppe Barolo

\$64.95
per bottle

Vinous

The 2013 Barolo San Giuseppe is a dark, brooding wine. Black cherry, hard candy, leather, herbs, smoke and licorice add to an impression of masculine power. Medium in body, with good depth and terrific balance, the San Giuseppe is another compelling wine from Pecchenino. The 2013 is a bit wild and exotic, but it has so much to say.

La Gironda – Nizza

2015 La Gironda Barbera La Lippa

Intense red fruit dominated nose, clean with precise and defined structure, tasty and balanced, easy to drink with most classic Italian dishes.

\$21.95
per bottle

ITALY – BOTTER

Carlo Botter founded this iconic Winery in 1928, soon after he was joined by his sons, Arnaldo and Enzo who grew the Veneto based concern with typical Northern Italian industry. Today, the winery is run with precision and acumen by the grandchildren of Carlo. The inherent generational sensibility is to offer wines with real quality and price at a range of price points.

2016 La Fiera Pinot Grigio delle Venezie

A delightfully crisp and fresh wine - both floral and fruity, with peach and apple flavours over a subtle mineral finish.

\$12.95
per bottle

2015 La Fiera Montepulciano d' Abruzzo

A full bodied red wine with violet highlights and a fruity bouquet. The palate boasts dark berry fruit and spice best paired with tomato based pastas, pizza and roasted poultry.

\$12.95
per bottle

2016 Botter Primitivo Passimento Puglia

The name of this wine is derived from 'appassimento', the traditional Valpolicella method of partially drying grapes before fermentation. In one month the grapes lose around 30% of their water content, concentrating the juice and intensifying the wine's flavour. A dense and deeply coloured wine, full of concentrated black and red cherry flavour, and hints of leather and spice.

\$17.95
per bottle

NV Botter Prosecco

A fine example of Italy's most popular sparkling wine. A steady bead of tiny bubbles delivers a creamy light-bodied mouthful.

\$15.95
per bottle

ITALY – MARCHE

Saladini Pilastrini

The Count Saladini Pilastrini's family have been making wine for more than 1000 years in and around Ascoli Piceno. Today, the estate produces intense chalky rich whites and voluptuous powerful reds. The wines have been organic for over 25 years.

90 points

2016 Falerio Dei Colli Ascolani

This organic white blend (Passerina, Pecorino, and Trebbiano) from Marches has a gorgeous bouquet of white flower and lilacs with a deeper yellow color to match its bolder medium-plus body. The peach and almond notes work very well together and there is blistering acidity

\$14.95
per bottle

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ITALY – TUSCANY

93 points (mixed vintage six pack 03/04/00) Wine Advocate	2003 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino Vigna La Casa The single-vineyard 2003 Brunello di Montalcino La Casa is simply gorgeous. Ripe dark fruit, spices, leather and sweet toasted oak all flow from this ample, generous wine. The plumpness of the fruit is beautifully balanced by the wine's structural components, which show an added level of richness over the regular bottling. Caparzo's La Casa is a very satisfying glass of Brunello in 2003. Readers won't want to miss this wine, which is one of the standouts of the vintage.	\$114.95 per bottle
94 points (mixed vintage six pack 03/04/00) Wine Advocate	2004 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino Vigna La Casa The single-vineyard 2004 Brunello di Montalcino La Casa is a sweet, layered offering that blossoms on the palate with notable elegance and class. The wine continues to build, showing terrific volume and density as its dark fruit accompanies the tannins all the way to the finish. This is an intense, brooding Brunello in need of bottle age, but its qualities are impossible not to admire even at this early stage.	\$114.95 per bottle
90 points (mixed vintage 6 pack 03/04/00) Wine Spectator	2000 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino Vigna La Casa Fresh and very perfumed, with roses, fresh raspberries and cedar. Full-bodied, with a solid midpalate of fruit and a silky, caressing finish.	\$114.95 per bottle
93 points Wine Advocate	2009 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2009 Boasting that extra year of cellar aging, the 2009 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva is a little steadier on its feet compared to the estate's new releases. Dried cherry, blackcurrant, spice and leather broaden the wine's aromatic spectrum. As do the delicate tones of ginger and licorice that linger delicately at the back. This is an expressive and articulate wine.	\$112.95 per bottle
93 points Wine Spectator	2010 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino – Magnum Soft, floral aromas of rose and peony segue to cherry, strawberry, spice and tobacco flavors. Rich and lacy in texture, with a solid grip of tannins on the back end. Best from 2018 through 2030.	\$195.95 per bottle
91 points James Suckling	2012 Borgo Scopeto Chianti Classico Riserva Vigna Misciano A dense and tangy red with berry and plum character. Medium body and a fresh and clean finish. Bright acidity. Drink now.	\$35.95 per bottle

FRANCE

G.H Martel Champagne

Most Champagne producers buy all, or most of their grapes, from independent growers. The Rapeneau family, owners of G.H, Martel, Charles de Cazanove, Chateau de Bligny and other brands, has taken a different tack. With 420 acres of family-owned vineyards and a further 2000 acres under their control, the Rapeneau family is France's largest independent vineyard-owner and producer of Champagne.

91 points Wine Spectator	Charles de Cazanove Brut Rose N.V "Delicate flavors of currant, graphite, green plum, meringue and grapefruit zest"	\$49.95 per bottle
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92 points John Szabo MS	2013 Château de Bligny Blanc de Blancs N.V "Here's a classy, vinous, evidently concentrated grower champagne from the Rapeneau family, the second largest owners of vineyards in the region."	\$55.95 per bottle
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Provence

94 points Editor's Choice Wine Enthusiast	2016 Chateau Vignelaure, Chateau Vignelaure Rose 'The vineyard of the sacred spring' is one the Côteaux d'Aix appellation's top estates. "One of the classics among Provence rosés. Produced from organically grown grapes and coming from an impressive red-wine producing estate east of Aix-en Provence, the wine is structured and age worthy with its blend that includes Cabernet Sauvignon. Rich and full of red fruits"	\$27.95 per bottle
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Cotes du Roussillon

	2014 Domaine des Schistes, Cotes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel Generations of the Sire family have sold their grapes to the local Cotes du Roussillon cooperative. In 1989, that all changed, Jacques and Nadine began bottling their wine as Domaine des Schistes. Their Caune en Joffre vineyard's 70-year-old Carignan vines are no longer diluted in Cooperative blends.	\$33.95 per bottle
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Burgundy

	Domaine Seguinot Bordet Vieilles Vignes Chablis Located on the right bank of the Serein, also the site of the famed "hill of grands crus," this small property (16 hectares) is owned by one of Chablis' oldest families (1590). Jean-François Bordet is the latest in a family line that has grown grapes since the 16th century. Delicate lemon and apple fruit with a spine of acidity and chalky, dry finish.	\$28.95 per bottle
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	2015 Domaine Denis Race Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Domaine Race is a fourth-generation family estate with 18 hectares of vines covering 4 appellations, ranging from petit Chablis to Grand Cru Blanchot. Today, the estate is managed by Denis, his wife and daughter. "Vaillons tends to produce a richer, riper 1er Cru Chablis, and Race's 2015 delivers a textbook example, with its mix of mandarin, pear and yellow plum scents and flavours wrapped around a flinty wet stone minerality."	\$39.95 per bottle
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	2015 Domaine Laurent Cognard Montagny 1er Cru Bassets In 1997, at age 22, Laurent Cognard began to estate bottle, under the Cognard name. Laurent owns the entire 5.8 acres 1er Cru portion of Montagny Les Bassets. Most of the wine is barrel-fermented. Grown on similar east-facing slopes of limestone rich soils as Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault, Cognard's Montagny Les Bassets drinks like a village Puligny-Montrachet or Meursault- but at a much more interesting price. <i>"Intense, layered stony flavours underlay the lime, apricot and apple fruit notes. Nice creamy depth in the middle; closes with real minerality on the finish."</i>	\$46.95 per bottle
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Chinon Domaine Bernard Baudry

Bernard Baudry started his domaine with 2 hectares of vines in 1975. By 2000, he had grown the estate to 25 hectares and his son Matthieu joined the team. Today, Domaine Bernard Baudry is one of the reference estates for top-quality traditional Chinon with different cuvées reflecting the various soil types of Chinon from gravel, sand, and limestone to silica and clay. Organically grown Cabernet Franc is their métier, but Baudry is also one of the few Chinon producers, to make a Chinon Blanc.

2016 Domaine Baudry Chinon Blanc

Baudry planted cuttings from famous Vouvray Domaine Huet, to establish his Chinon Blanc vineyard in 2005. "100 % Chenin Blanc delivering a full fresh mouthful of lime, pineapple, pear and kiwi scents and flavours wrapped around a core of citrus acidity and a backdrop of subtly invigorating salt and chalk, on the finish."

\$29.95
per bottle

2015 Domaine Baudry Chinon Les Grézeaux

"Old vines, at least 70 years old, on gravel beds, are the basis for this soft, wood-aged Chinon. The texture is smooth, with rounded tannins and density. Flavours include licorice, bittersweet chocolate rhubarb, red currant, green pepper and black cherries-true Cabernet Franc."

\$30.95
per bottle

Cognac Pierre De Segonzac

Pierre de Segonzac VSOP

Today, Pierre's grandson, Pablo, runs the company. A small family company cannot compete for volume or price with the industry's corporate giants, so Pierre de Segonzac takes the high ground. Most VSOP cognacs are blends of eaux de vie, as young as 4 years of age. Pierre de Segonzac's VSOP is based on a blend of its own Grand Cru estate eaux de vie, 10 years or older.

Up until 2018, the minimum age for an XO cognac was six years. Now 10 years becomes the minimum standard. So, we have an XO caliber cognac under a VSOP label. "Honey, mandarins, apricot, hot apple crumble, and toffee topped tea biscuits with an echo of vanilla bean and dried fruit on the finish. A serious sipper."

\$115.00
per bottle

U.S.A. – CALIFORNIA

Al Scheid first purchased 10 acres of property in Monterey County in early 1972. Monterey wine grape growing was in its infancy and Al was drawn to the region for its untapped potential, considered a Monterey pioneer, along with Chalone and Wente Brothers, the Winery has since grown to over 4000 acres producing stellar Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

2014 William Wright Pinot Noir

Classic, cool climate aromas, text book Pinot brimming with bright cherry, strawberry fruit with a nice backbeat of woodlot accents, estate grown at the Northern end of the Salinas Valley.

\$19.95
per bottle

2015 Odd Lot Red Blend

Primarily Petit Verdot, Tannat, and Petite Syrah. Odd Lot is a unique red blend. Grapes are sourced from five different estate vineyards. Full of boysenberry, black currant, pomegranate, red pear and ripe plum scents and flavours, complemented by hints of rosemary, mocha and tobacco. Soft, silky, long and smooth.

\$23.95
per bottle

Hill Family Estate, Napa

For more than 40 years, the Hill Family has farmed and sold its grapes to some of Napa Valley's finest producers. Now, Hill Family Estate is using their own grapes to make their own wines. The results are impressive, as illustrated by their Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, a layered blend from their Atlas peak, Oak Knoll, Yountville and Carneros vineyards.

90 points

2014 Hill Family Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

\$53.95

Hillside and valley floor vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon with dabs of Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec is blended for a fine demonstration of Napa Valley power and balance. "Juicy black fruits, cassis, licorice, and a medium to full-bodied, supple and velvety style make for a heady to(sic) wine to drink over the next decade."

per bottle

Robert M. Parker Jr.
The Wine Advocate.

NEW ZEALAND

2016 Allan Scott Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand

\$16.95

Allan Scott is one of the true pioneers and a name synonymous with New Zealand's acclaimed Marlborough region, having planted the region's first vineyard in 1973, Allan Scott is one of the first wave of the independents who shaped the industry.

per bottle

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