

# Wine & Spirits

## IMPORTED NEW RELEASES

Our blind panels tasted **459** new-release imported wines for this issue. Our critics rated **47** as exceptional (90+) and **42** as Best Buys. **Joshua Greene** reviews the wines from Italy and Portugal; **Tara Q. Thomas** reviews those from Canada and Germany. Find a complete list of wines tasted and all reviews at [wineandspiritsmagazine.com](http://wineandspiritsmagazine.com).

Supriore (Best Buy) From an organically soft and velvety barbera, this smells like strawberry scents introduce this full-bore, though with a truffle note and gamey savor. Its grapey dolcetto. Tannins keep it dry and

## DOLCETTO D'ALBA

**91** | Beni di Batasiolo \$19  
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consider this one, firm and pretty, for its purple grape character layered with bright Bing cherry scents and lasting on woodland strawberry notes. It hints at tar, sweet cherry tomatoes and jasmine tea. A multifaceted wine that's light and airy, this will accompany a wide range of antipasti. *Vias Imports, NY* red sandstone, this is completely different than Wehrheim's Muschelkalk bottling, a lithe, nimble dancer compared to the Mus-

**89** | **2009 Langhe Rosso Arpàs (Best Buy)** blend of barbera and nebbiolo brings to mind grilled mushrooms in its earthy aroma roasted eggplant in its purple-edged tannins. Those tight tannins need protein to release their grip. Try this with a meaty egg parmigiano. *Saranty Imports, Harrison* through-line in waves of floral, earthy spicy scents. *Valckenberg Int'l, Tulsa, OK*

