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AMERICAN PINOT NOIR, ITALIAN REDS AND MORE UP TO 97 POINTS: California and Oregon face off with more than 30 outstanding and classic Pinots, including gems from Sonoma's Donum and Willamette Valley's Domaine Serene and Alexana. On the other side of the pond, elegant reds from Barbaresco also compete for your attention with stars like Moccagatta (pictured) and Gaja. Three 93-pointers here cost just \$30. Turn to page 4 for the six Hot Wines.

CALIFORNIA Pinot Noir

DONUM

Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Single Vineyard 2016

93 points | \$80 | 827 cases made | Red

This offers a deep well of ripe dark cherry, plum tart and dark currant flavors. Tapenade accents show midpalate, with a long finish filled with decadent Asian spice and dark chocolate notes. Drink now through 2024.—*K.M.*

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.

DONUM

Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Single Vineyard
Reserve 2016

95 points | \$100 | 292 cases made | Red

Very rich and well-crafted, with a savory undercurrent to the ripe dark plum, cherry and dried blackberry flavors, packed with Asian spice notes. Loamy details show on the finish, with chocolate mousse and cream accents. Best from 2020 through 2025. From California.—*K.M.*