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Copain Wines uses sustainable practices to farm its hillside vineyards in Sonoma's Russian River Valley.

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The Dec. 15 Buying Guide features **29 classic wines** and more than **265 outstanding wines** from among reviews of nearly **525 new releases**. Members can access tasting notes and scores for those wines, along with **hundreds of additional wines** reviewed since our last issue, using the Wine Ratings search at WineSpectator.com.

BLAKE BROWNE/ISTAD

ITALY

Piedmont / Other Red

90 **Luca Ferraris Ruchè di Castagnole Monferrato Vigna Del Parroco Don Giacomo Cauda 2018 \$25** This red offers a subtle approach to the floral, raspberry, mint and spice aromas and flavors. An elegant profile displays them gracefully, while the firm structure defines the finish. Drink now through 20. 1,000 cases made, 300 cases imported.—B.S.



LUCA FERRARIS
Owner & Winemaker

89 **Luca Ferraris Ruchè di Castagnole Monferrato Opera Prima 2016 \$38** Showing some age, this red is ready to enjoy for its floral, red berry, tamarind chutney and spice flavors. A well-structured version, with moderate length. Drink now. 3,000 cases made, 1,000 cases imported.—B.S.

88 **Luca Ferraris Ruchè di Castagnole Monferrato Clàsic 2019 \$18** Strawberry and cherry liqueur and rose flavors are the main themes in this fresh, pleasantly astringent red. Firm and strict on the finish. Drink now. 5,000 cases made, 1,000 cases imported.—B.S.