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# Imported new releases

Our blind panels tasted **63** new releases for this issue.

**Wolfgang Weber**, our critic for the wines of Italy and Slovenia, rated **17** as exceptional (90+) and **8** as Best Buys.

For a complete list of wines tasted and reviews for all recommended wines, go to [wineandspiritsmagazine.com](http://wineandspiritsmagazine.com).

### ITALY RED

#### Barolo



**94** | Elvio Cogno \$105

**2004 Barolo Vigna Elena** Planted at just over 1,200 feet, Vigna Elena is a site within the Ravera cru in the village of Novello. The altitude is apparent in the wine's lean, sanguine tannins and brisk acidity. Those elements form an energetic core that's wrapped in the sweet-savory embrace of high-toned cherry and dried porcini. It feels classically firm and restrained at this stage in its development. Cellar this for a decade or longer to develop its full complexity. *Vias Imports, NY*

**91** | Elvio Cogno \$50

**2005 Barolo Cascina Nuova** From a selection of younger vines at the Cogno estate, this '05 is forward and fresh, combining notes of ripe cherry and cool mint with an impressive structure. It gains definition with air, the flavors held firm by iron-like tannins. Worth cellaring for five to eight years, this is also appealing in its youth, decanted for grilled lamb. *Vias Imports, NY*

**90** | Elvio Cogno \$76

**2005 Barolo Ravera** At first this feels shuttered behind its massive structure. With air, it combines ripe cherry and plum flavors with brawny, earthy tannins, while the finish feels bright, marked by dried rose and cherry. It should fully integrate after a few years in the cellar, then decant a bottle for savory *agnolotti dal pin*. *Vias Imports, NY*