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100 Best
Wines

Top 100
Wineries
of the Year

100
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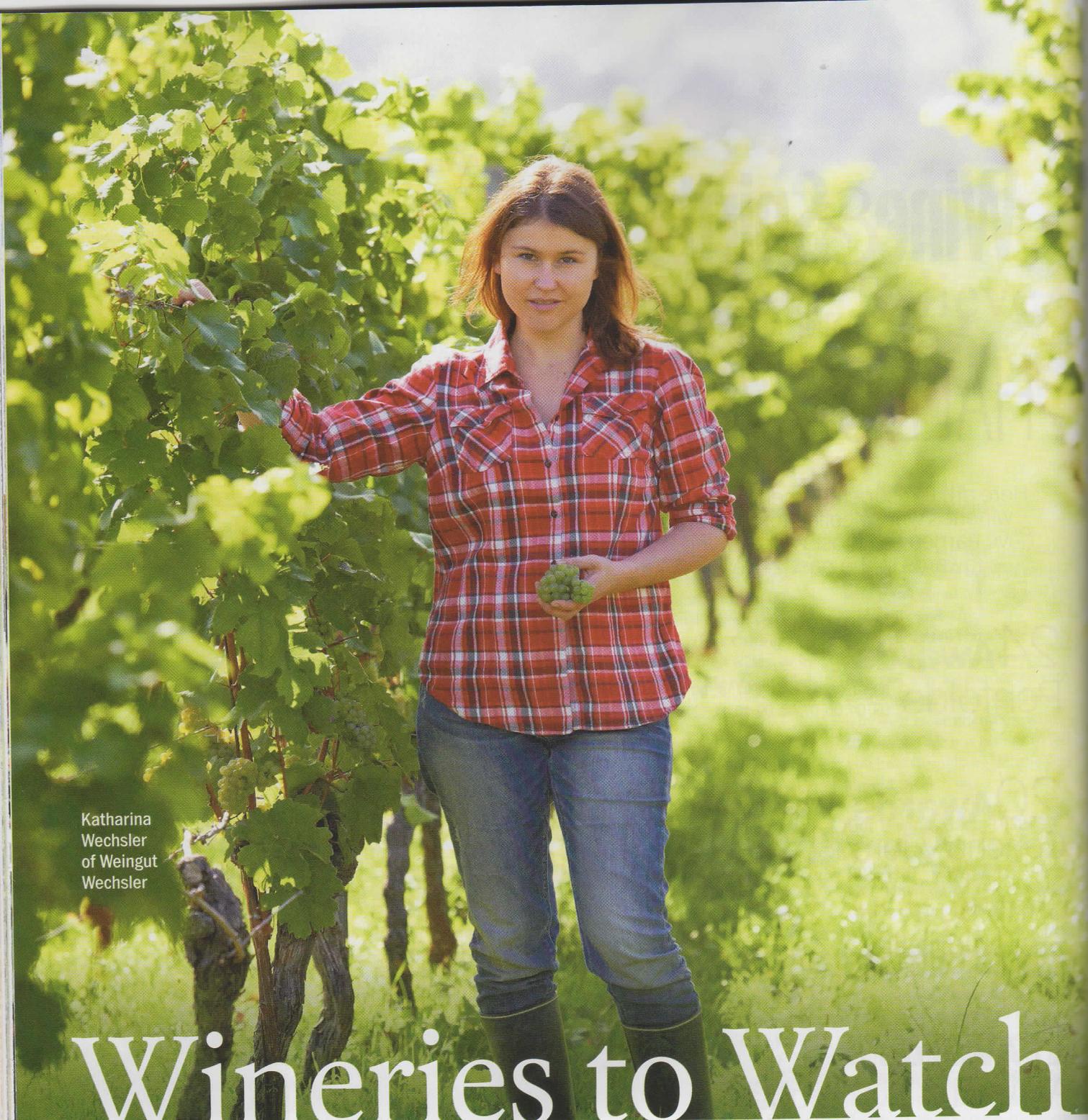
QUINTA DO NOVAL
2011
VINTAGE NACIONAL
PORTO
BOTTLED AND SHIPPED BY
QUINTA DO NOVAL - VINHOS, S.A.
PINHÃO
Produce of Portugal
BOTTLED IN 2013
ALC. 19% BY VOL. 750 ML.

BOGHERI SASSICAI
2010
SASSICAIA
TENUTA SAN GUIDO
Castiglione Carducci
ITALIA



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Four of our Top 100:
Chapter 24, Jamsheed,
Quinta do Noval, Tenuta San Guido



Katharina Wechsler of Weingut Wechsler

Wineries to Watch

These **12 producers** caught our attention in our travels and again in our blind tastings. If you're looking for discoveries, check them out. A number of last year's *Wineries to Watch* are in our *Top 100* this year.

Weingut Wechsler in Germany's Rheinhessen

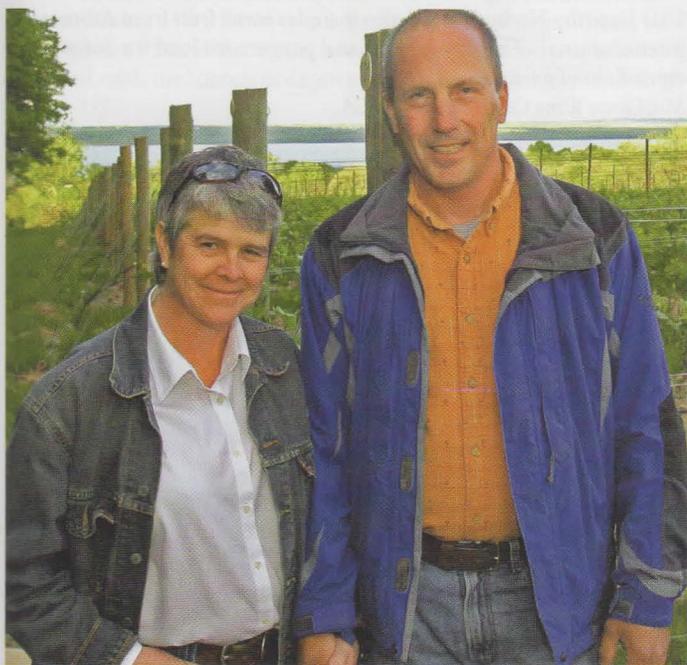
Stuart Pigott likes to call Germany's Rheinhessen the Dream Factory of white wines these days, precisely because of people like Katharina Wechsler. After 11 years away from home, working in Paris, Stuttgart, Rio and Berlin, Wechsler returned to take over the family winery in Rheinhessen. But rather than selling in bulk, as her father always had, she decided to make the best of their 42 acres in Westhofen. The family's estate includes prized parcels in Steingrube, Kirchspiel, Morstein

and Benn, a monopole of 50-year-old riesling vines. After apprenticing at Gutzler and Klaus-Peter Keller, she produced her first vintage in 2009—2,000 bottles of riesling and silvaner. Now she's known for her razor-sharp, bell-toned versions of Rheinhessen's best varieties. Take the 2012 Scheurebe: all juicy pink-grapefruit flavor with a sharp, briny acidity that makes it mouthwatering and long. —T.Q.T.
A.I. Selections, Long Island City, NY

Barranco Oscuro in Granada, Spain

It's hard to keep track of the wine scene in Spain. Grapes are being rediscovered, ancient and forgotten regions reevaluated and new wineries emerging, all lending an unprecedented dynamism to Spanish wine. One of those new names is Barranco Oscuro. Located in the Sierra de Contraviesa, the mountains near Granada, this winery operates outside of any traditions, creating crazy and original wines in a vineyard area that had been completely forgotten. Take, for example, one of the most original wines we tried in 2014, *Vino Costa*, a wine as unclassifiable as it is delicious. —P.T.

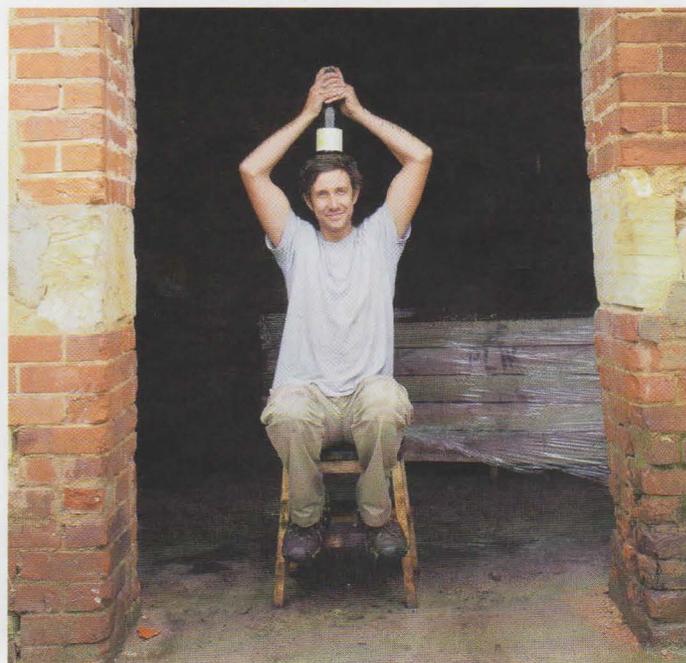
Savio Soares Selections, NY



Red Tail Ridge in New York's Finger Lakes

Nancy Irelan was running research and development for enology and viticulture at E&J Gallo in Modesto before moving with her husband, Mike Schnelle, to the west side of Lake Seneca in 2004. Schnelle cleared the land and planted the vines and you might think, sensibly, that Irelan had come here to grow riesling.... But then why is the bottom half of their 35-acre estate dedicated to blaufrankisch, teroldego and dornfelder? In the Finger Lakes, these Alpine reds may well thrive. Teroldego and dornfelder grown at Irelan's Red Tail Ridge make rustic country wines, ready for charcuterie on a hike in Watkins Glen, but her blaufrankisch is in the running to become a classic New York State red, with the sort of hearty elegance these northern climes bring to wine. —J.G.

Red Tail Ridge, Penn Yan, NY



Jauma in South Australia's McLaren Vale

A year ago Pascaline Lepeltier of NYC's *Rouge Tomate* returned from Australia buzzing about the pet'nat she'd tasted in McLaren Vale. Maybe it was the chenin connection (Lepeltier hails from the Loire), or maybe it was James Erskine's minimalist approach to winemaking at Jauma that excited her. Curious to know, we asked Lepeltier to write a column on pet'nat (April 2014), and then we were excited ourselves when Jauma's 2013 Blewitt Springs Pet'Nat showed up in our tastings, a crisp, dry chenin with delicate scents of spring flowers, chamomile and beeswax. Delicious stuff, as is the 2013 McLaren Vale Biggles Grenache. In a sense, this grenache might be more radical, so light in color it looks like a rosé, so delicate, subtle, bright and brisk it might change the way you think about Australian reds. —J.G.

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