

# Wine Spectator

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## A World of Possibility

New World regions abound with values—not always from the grapes you expect

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The question of which grapes will produce the best value wines from which regions is not always easy to answer. That means wine lovers looking for affordable options often simply fall back on their assumptions. Some grape varieties, you think, are too high-end to yield well-priced versions, while others, though typically less expensive, don't seem to deliver high-enough quality to qualify as real values. Across the New World, however, producers have found innovative ways to do both at the same time: Keep prices down while raising quality.

### WHITES

For white wines, an important recent trend has been the drive toward complexity, with producers moving away from straightforward formulas like oaky Chardonnay or crisp Sauvignon Blanc. As delicious as these wines can be, there is a quality ceiling that's hard to crack without greater complexity of flavor or texture. Today, many producers are breaking through, making complex whites without sacrificing the refreshing quality wine drinkers love.

## 88 | JULES TAYLOR Pinot Gris Marlborough 2017

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