

# WINE ENTHUSIAST

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**90** **Coppo 1996 Avvocata, Barbera D'Asti.** Bright ruby hue. Moderately light-bodied. Full acidity. Moderately extracted. Mildly tannic. Red fruits, minerals. Aromatic and lighter in style though quite well balanced. Mineral-tinged fruit flavors are pure and expressive. Sharp acidity lends brightness throughout. Fine length on the clean finish. **Best Buy.** \$11

**89** **Coppo 1995 Camp du Rouss, Barbera D'Asti.** Bright ruby with a fade to the rim. Medium-bodied. Balanced acidity. Highly extracted. Mildly oaked. Mildly tannic. Spice, green herbs, earth, minerals. Pleasantly aromatic and full. Earthy throughout with a rounded mouthfeel supported by solid acidity. Barrel influences play an important role in flavor and the rounded structure. Heavy extraction lends mild bitterness to the finish. \$17

**80** **Coppo 1995 La Rocca, Gavi.** Pale golden hue. Moderately light-bodied. Full acidity. Highly extracted. Dried herbs, minerals. A tad funky, aromatically with some rustic old world overtones. Light, racy and extremely crisp on the palate with a clean finish and a hint of bitterness. \$16

**86** **Coppo 1995 Mondaccione, Piemonte.** Bright saturated ruby color with brilliant clarity. Moderately full-bodied. Full acidity. Moderately extracted. Moderately oaked. Mildly tannic. Red fruits, minerals, brown spices. Quite aromatic with a lighter-styled palate feel. Well structured with zesty acidity and a sense of delicacy throughout. Clean and snappy finish. \$28

**80** **Coppo 1996 Le Coste Bianche, Chardonnay, Piemonte.** Deep straw hue. Medium-bodied. Balanced acidity. Moderately extracted. Mildly oaked. Vanilla, minerals, citrus. Clean, racy and modern, with the slightest whiff of oak treatment. Fairly neutral in the mouth with some mild bitterness to the finish. \$16

### JUDGES

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**Peter Bozic**  
West Lakeview Liquors  
**Mark Bulgrin**  
Trattoria Parma  
**Joseph Catterson**  
Le Français  
**Richard Cooper**  
World Wine Championships  
**Ted Diamantis**  
Diamond Importers, Inc.  
**Alan Dikty**  
Applied Beverage Technology  
**Marc Dornan**  
World Wine Championships  
**Antonio Hernandez**  
Riva  
**Charles Laverick**  
World Wine Championships  
**Jon G. Winsell**  
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