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>ski-specific
Hard Charger

Just because Spyder's Venom Outturn is more stylish than a mountaineering shell doesn't mean it can't perform like one. No blizzard could penetrate the Outturn's Gore-Tex liner, sealed seams, and waterproof zippers, and the heavy-duty nylon shell gives you extra armor for punching through tight tree runs. The thicker fabric means athletic skiers won't miss the heavy insulation on most days at the resort, while pit zips and gusseted wrist cuffs regulate heat for aggressive riding. \$450; spyder.com

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Choice**

Fully Loaded

Tethered coin pocket. Goggle wipe. Yes, even a lip-balm leash. Rossignol's waterproof Chrono GTX is festooned with every resort-friendly feature you ever wished your jacket had—and probably some you've never thought of. More important, this synthetically insulated jacket is warm enough for full-winter conditions in Vermont or British Columbia. For gadget lovers, there's the optional sleeve-mounted Pure Mountain Station computer (\$100), with barometer, digital compass, and vertical counter. Over the top? Yes, but that's the point. \$700; rossignol.com

Killer Value

Technically, Columbia's Wildcard II is a soft shell. But at Washington's Alpentel ski area, this highly water-resistant shell proved it could repel a wet dump as well as any hard shell (though it's not the right pick if slush turns to rain). The fabric has enough stretch to feel athletic, and the thin layer of house-brand synthetic insulation was all we needed on frigid Colorado lift rides. With smart details like a zip-away powder skirt, iPod pocket, and removable hood, the Wildcard gives you everything you want at nearly half the cost of fancier ski jackets. \$210; columbia.com

Want a closer look? Essentials editor Justin Nyberg discusses these pieces at outsideonline.com/winterjackets