

# Wine Spectator Insider

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**CLASSIC-SCORING BOTTINGS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD** dominate this week's *Wine Spectator Insider*, with top achievers from California, Oregon, France, Italy and Portugal, up to 99 points. This is a report of the most exciting wines our editors have discovered in the tasting room in recent weeks.

Towering reds from Golden State luminaries Saxum, Hall, Pruet and Pete Seghesio's new San Lorenzo label contrast with elegant Oregon Pinot Noirs from Ken Wright and Antica Terra. Chablis from Billaud-Simon offers refined refreshment, while bold Italian reds from Piedmont and Tuscany, including the latest release of Antinori's famed Solaia bottling, deliver depth and power suited to the cellar. Two spectacular Ports, one containing wine dating to 1867, come in just shy of perfect scores. A stunning 18 wines here scored 95-plus points. Turn to page 4 for the six Hot Wines.

## CALIFORNIA

### HALL

**Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Jack's Masterpiece 2013**  
**95 points | \$125 | 3,919 cases made | Red**

A brilliant effort, rich and layered, capturing tiers of espresso-laced dark berry flavors, mocha-scented oak and notes of blackberry, licorice, hazelnut and brownie. Maintains focus, with a long, persistent finish that echoes the core flavor themes. Drink now through 2032.—J.L.

### PRUETT

**Syrah Sierra Foothills Taylor's Reserve 2014**  
**95 points | \$46 | 110 cases made | Red**

Rich, complex and expressive, with bold and floral blueberry and melted licorice aromas and mouthcoating flavors of blackberry, smoky beef and river stone that linger toward big, ripe tannins. Drink now through 2028.—T.F.

### ROAR

**Syrah Santa Lucia Highlands Rosella's Vineyard 2014**  
**95 points | \$42 | 110 cases made | Red**

Offering striking depth and polish, this Syrah is irresistible now but will improve in the cellar. Floral blackberry and smoky pepper aromas open to rich, plush flavors of tapenade, cured meat and blueberry that linger. Drink now through 2028.—T.F.

### SAN LORENZO

**The Pearl Old Vine Alexander Valley 2014**  
**95 points | \$70 | 108 cases made | Red**

Combines structure and polish with a distinctive personality. Licorice, clove and smoked pepper aromas open to ripe but refined flavors that layer blackberry, spicy cinnamon and bay leaf. Tannins focus the finish. Zinfandel, Carignane, Alicante Bouschet, Grand Noir, Negrette and Petite Sirah. Drink now through 2021.—T.F.

### ADOBE ROAD

**Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Beckstoffer Vineyard**  
**Georges III A1-Block 2013**  
**94 points | \$175 | 228 cases made | Red**

Amazingly sleek and refined, with a pure, rich, juicy core of blackberry, raspberry, anise, cedar and black licorice flavors. Walks a tightrope between intensity and grace, finesse and authority. Long and persistent on the aftertaste. Drink now through 2032.—J.L.

### LAGIER MEREDITH

**Syrah Mount Veeder 2014**  
**94 points | \$48 | 450 cases made | Red**

Achieves an agile balance between plump fruit and great structure. Blueberry, dark chocolate and orange zest aromas lead to rich, complex flavors of boysenberry and peppered beef. Minerally tannins ease in on the finish. Drink now through 2028.—T.F.