

Wine Spectator Insider

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RARELY DO TOP-NOTCH WINES OFFER SUCH STUNNING VALUE as they do in this week's *Wine Spectator Insider*, with momentous new releases from California, Oregon, France, Italy and Spain. This is a report of the most exciting wines our editors have discovered in the tasting room in recent weeks.

Prestigious bottlings from respected categories, including Chablis from Burgundy's Billaud-Simon and Pinot Noir from Oregon's Adelsheim and Beaux Frères, stand alongside diverse, up-and-coming styles from California and Spain. A remarkable Barolo from Piedmont's 2012 vintage leads the pack here, but a raft of exquisite values merits equal attention: A classic-rated Sonoma red costs \$50, while 10 additional wines score 90-plus points and cost \$40 or less. Turn to page 4 for the six Hot Wines.

CALIFORNIA

ALBAN

Grenache Edna Valley Alban Estate 2012
94 points | \$115 | 240 cases made | Red

A full-tilt Grenache, bold, complex and crammed with personality. Vivid meaty, cracked pepper and licorice aromas lead to rich, somewhat muscular flavors of smoky blackberry and roasted herbs. Hands off for now. Best from 2018 through 2027.—*T.F.*

FAVIA

Sauvignon Blanc Coombsville Línea 2015
94 points | \$85 | 98 cases made | White

Displays finesse and power, opening with a creamy texture. Offers honeyed accents to the succulent pear and apricot flavors, finding precision on the finish. Features a crisp, clean body and accents of lemon verbena. Whiffs of toasted rice, green tea and grapefruit linger on the finish. Drink now.—*M.W.*

SAN LORENZO

Zinfandel Alexander Valley Rock Garden 2014
94 points | \$48 | 425 cases made | Red

Impressive, with depth and a distinctive personality. Plump blackberry and licorice aromas lead to refined yet concentrated flavors of smoky cracked pepper, dark Asian spices and sage. Approachable now but will bloom in the cellar. Drink now through 2030.—*T.F.*

TURLEY

Zinfandel Napa Valley Hayne Vineyard 2014
94 points | \$75 | 690 cases made | Red

Showing refined, understated power at the core, this is elegant yet complex. Aromas of berry cobbler and licorice combine with sleek, plump black cherry and pepper flavors. Drink now through 2027.—*T.F.*

EPOCH

Ingenuity Paso Robles 2013
93 points | \$70 | 1,380 cases made | Red

Potent, structured and jammed with character, offering aromas of blackberry, dark chocolate and licorice and rich, muscular flavors of blueberry and smoky cracked pepper. Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache and Petite Sirah. Drink now through 2027.—*T.F.*

TURLEY

Zinfandel Paso Robles Pesenti Vineyard 2014
93 points | \$38 | 2,600 cases made | Red

An exemplary Paso Zinfandel, with a fine core of mineral acidity and tannins wrapped in a sleek, rich structure, offering notes of raspberry, rose petal, clove and cracked pepper. Drink now through 2028.—*T.F.*