

Wine Spectator Insider

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OLD-SCHOOL COLLECTIBLES AND CREATIVE NEW BOTTLINGS come together in this week's *Wine Spectator Insider*, with picks up to 96 points. These are some of the wines that have most excited our editors in their recent tastings.

California comes bearing Cabernet, Syrah, Grenache and even Mourvèdre from hot names like Caliza, Jemrose, Bevan, Carlisle and Law, while Oregon Pinots from Tendril and Ken Wright impress. Lithe Piedmont reds carry the Old World alongside the diversity of Iberia, from traditional Rioja to rare 50-year-old Port. Value hunters will find 11 wines here at 90-plus points and \$40 or less. The six Hot Wines are on page 4.

CALIFORNIA

BEVAN CELLARS

Syrah Bennett Valley Moaveni Vineyard 2013
93 points | \$75 | 200 cases made | Red

Has personality to spare, as well as a backbone of fine structure. Bold aromas of black raspberry and toasted spice open to rich, deep flavors of blackberry, mocha, grilled herb and cracked pepper beef. Drink now through 2027.—*T.F.*

CARLISLE

Mourvèdre Sonoma County 2013
92 points | \$38 | 213 cases made | Red

Old World meets New in this compelling Mourvèdre. Lively aromas of dried cherry and smoked beef open to well-structured, layered flavors of raspberry, grilled herb and bitter chocolate. The tannins ease in on the finish. Drink now through 2024.—*T.F.*

LAW

First Tracks Paso Robles 2012
92 points | \$69 | 355 cases made | Red

This pairs structure with personality. Aromas of wild berry and star anise open to complex, plush layers of mocha, black raspberry, licorice and pepper. The tannins are big, fleshy and ripe. Syrah, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache. Drink now through 2027.—*T.F.*

D.R. STEPHENS

Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2013
92 points | \$85 | 318 cases made | Red

Shows lots of seductive appeal, from the mocha and toasty oak introduction to the dense yet supple core of dark berry. The prominent fruit enhances the oak, while the firm tannins are caressing. An easy-drinking and pleasant young Cabernet. Drink now through 2025.—*J.L.*

THE FARM WINERY

The Big Game Adelaida District 2012
91 points | \$75 | 245 cases made | Red

Boldly structured, with slightly gamy accents. Aromas of ripe, smoky cherry, toasted spice and licorice lead to rich, layered flavors of black raspberry, toffee and mineral. Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2026.—*T.F.*

LASSETER FAMILY

Grenache Sonoma Valley Bricolage 2013
91 points | \$48 | 175 cases made | Red

Sleek and elegantly balanced, with floral raspberry and cracked pepper aromas and layered flavors of smoky cherry, grilled herb and beef. Takes on weight and a hint of tannins toward the finish. Drink now through 2025.—*T.F.*