

# Wine Spectator Insider

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A VARIETY OF STYLES EXCEL IN THIS WEEK'S *Wine Spectator Insider*, where high-caliber wines range from Napa Cabernet to Loire Chenin Blanc to New Zealand Pinot Noir and more, up to 96 points.

In California, Bevan, David Arthur and Round Pond all turn out impressive wines, while *grand cru* red Burgundy and gems of the Rhône do France proud. New Zealand and Oregon give excellent New World expressions of Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc. Among the blue chips, find nine wines at 90-plus points and \$40 or less. The six Hot Wines are on page 4.

## PURPLE HANDS

### Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Latchkey Vineyard 2014 92 points | \$50 | 600 cases made | Red

Has presence and depth in a deftly balanced package, playing the cherry, clotted cream and floral flavors against fine tannins and an open texture, finishing with finesse. Drink now through 2022.—H.S.

#### WINE SPECTATOR'S TASTERS

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We always taste wine blind, in our offices in Napa and New York. This is your guarantee that our reviews are fair and objec-tive, and that a wine's reputation or price does not influence its score. Each editor specializes in the wines of specific regions; initials appended to the review identify the taster of each wine. We score wines using the 100-point scale (see green box).

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#### Wine Spectator's 100-Point Scale

95-100	Classic
90-94	Outstanding
85-89	Very good
80-84	Good
75-79	Mediocre
50-74	Not recommended