

Wine Spectator Insider

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THE SEDUCTIVE, RICH CABERNETS OF CALIFORNIA'S 2013 vintage continue to roll out, with the best reaching 97 points in this week's *Wine Spectator Insider*, a report of wines that have most excited our editors in their recent tastings.

Tor, Corra, Lewis, Dunn and more present delicious, powerful Napa Cabs and blends, while Pinot, Chardonnay, Syrah and bubbly from Oregon intrigue. In the Old World, check out *grand cru* Burgundies, Northern Rhône achievers and noteworthy aged Ports. The six Hot Wines are on page 4.

PURPLE HANDS

Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton District Shea Vineyard 2014 91 points | \$50 | 200 cases made | Red

Supple, open-textured and expressive, with transparency to the cherry, orange peel, tea and spice flavors, lingering with refreshing delicacy. Drink now through 2021.—H.S.

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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