

the CORKSCREWER report

THE CORKSCREWER 13: BEST WINES OF 2016

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Why 13? Because 100 is too damn many.

Because 13 is more satisfying than 10 or 12. Because we believe, like the Chinese do, the number 13 is a fortuitous one. The number 13 forces us to be very picky and very disciplined in putting our annual list together. Our list could easily be 50, but these are the ones you absolutely must know.

These are the wines that, in their own way, made a bold statement upon their release in 2016. There's an element of surprise in each of these wines, or of greatly surpassing expectations. Whatever the price, there's deep value and bang-for-buck in these 13. There's infinite and uniquely individual personality, and there is something to learn from each one.

Wine is an endless highway we travel, and these 13 wines are significant markers we have laid down in our journey, and we hope they will be a part of yours.

1. TOR Tierra Roja Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Oakville, Napa Valley, California | \$150 | **100 pts**

Astonishing in its boldness, originality, depth and complexity, the excitement this wine generates is a confluence of amazing vintage, tremendous winemaking and world-class terroir; if great Napa Cab has become a staid museum collection of unsurprising classics, the Tierra Roja is the arrival of a Basquiat—here to shake up our senses as well as our expectations