

Wine Spectator Insider

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LOVERS OF RED BURGUNDY REJOICE: This week's Wine Spectator Insider bursts with stellar quality from one of the world's most sought-after categories, up to 97 points. This is a report of the most exciting wines our editors have discovered in the tasting room in recent weeks.

California Cabernets from icons Tor and Lewis bring power and complexity, while Tuscan reds from Chianti and elsewhere present Old-World elegance and pedigree. Rich, racy Rieslings from Germany offer mouthwatering tastes and textures. But stunning red Burgundies from leaders such as Lucien Le Moine and Méo-Camuzet show excellent potential and promise to age beautifully.

CALIFORNIA Cabernet Sauvignon

TOR

Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain
Cimarossa Vineyard 2014

95 points | \$150 | 275 cases made | Red

Combines power, authority and grace, with full-throttle Cabernet flavors built around wild berry, blackberry, currant, cedar, tobacco and licorice notes. This is defined by elegance, finesse and integrated tannins. Best from 2018 through 2030.—*J.L.*

LEWIS

Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2014

94 points | \$90 | 2,000 cases made | Red

A creamy textured charmer, infused with mocha and dark berry flavors and offering density and complexity, this builds on tiers of jazzy oak, polished currant and blackberry. Ends with rounded tannins that let the flavors glide on the finish. Best from 2019 through 2030.—*J.L.*

LEWIS

Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Hillstone Vineyard 2014

94 points | \$150 | 175 cases made | Red

Big and expressive, with a dense, extracted yet supple core of complex flavors built on tiers of mocha, blackberry, currant, plum and jazzy oak. This plays its cards close to the vest, but unfolds to offer layer after layer. Best from 2020 through 2032.—*J.L.*

MENDING WALL

Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2014

93 points | \$85 | 774 cases made | Red

Smooth, rich and polished, with a delightful core of spicy currant, blackberry, cedar and mocha, offering an underlying mix of gravelly earth and crushed rock. Drink now through 2028.—*J.L.*

LEWIS

Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Mason's 2014

92 points | \$60 | 800 cases made | Red

Young and chunky, this is one for the cellar, with the extracted currant, blackberry, cedary oak, crushed rock and gravel flavors making this compelling. Best from 2020 through 2030.—*J.L.*