

Wine Spectator Insider

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THE TASTE OF SWEET SUCCESS RUNS THROUGH THIS WEEK'S WINE SPECTATOR INSIDER, yet with tremendous releases from California, France, Italy and Germany, up to 99 points. This is a report of the most exciting wines our editors have discovered in the tasting room in recent weeks.

California Rhône leaders Booker and Keplinger deliver powerful fruit and vibrant energy. From the Old World, serious Barolo and masterful Burgundy reds show elegance and complexity. But dessert wines take the cake here: Luscious Sauternes from Château d'Yquem and Château Gillette stand alongside succulent Rieslings from German stars Robert Weil and Schloss Lieser. A stunning 20 wines here rated a classic 95 points or higher. Turn to page 4 for the six Hot Wines.

CALIFORNIA

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Grenache Napa Valley Palisades Vineyard 2014
92 points | \$48 | 200 cases made | Red

Plump and structured, with expressive blueberry and raspberry aromas and layered flavors of smoky beef, grilled herb and cracked pepper. Drink now through 2026.—*J.L.*