

Wine Spectator Insider

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FLAGSHIP WINES FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE TAKE THE STAGE in this week's Wine Spectator Insider, with new releases from California, Oregon, France, Italy and Spain. This is a report of the most exciting wines our editors have discovered in the tasting room in recent weeks.

Golden State Chardonnays from leading lights Chateau St. Jean and Martinelli impress with succulent sippers, while Oregon Pinots show depth and refinement. Rhône reds from standard-bearer M. Chapoutier stand alongside bold Barolos built for the cellar. Reds from Spain's Ribera del Duero deliver power and complexity. The latest bottlings from Bodega Numanthia and Vega Sicilia are here. Turn to page 4 for the five Hot Wines.

CALIFORNIA Chardonnay

TOR

Chardonnay Napa Valley Torchiana Beresini Vineyard
Hyde Clone 2015

93 points | \$60 | 275 cases made | White

Appealing for the sheer fruit purity, this offers a mix of citrus, green apple, pear, spice and light oak flavors, all well-proportioned and lingering on the finish. Wows you with finesse and grace. Drink now through 2021.—J.L.

TOR

Chardonnay Sonoma Coast Durell Vineyard
Wente Clone 2015

93 points | \$60 | 200 cases made | White

Smells like a fresh-peeled tangerine, with zesty, mouthwatering fruit and acidity. Gains depth and nuance without sacrificing intensity or focus, ending with a strong, persistent aftertaste. Drink now through 2021.—J.L.