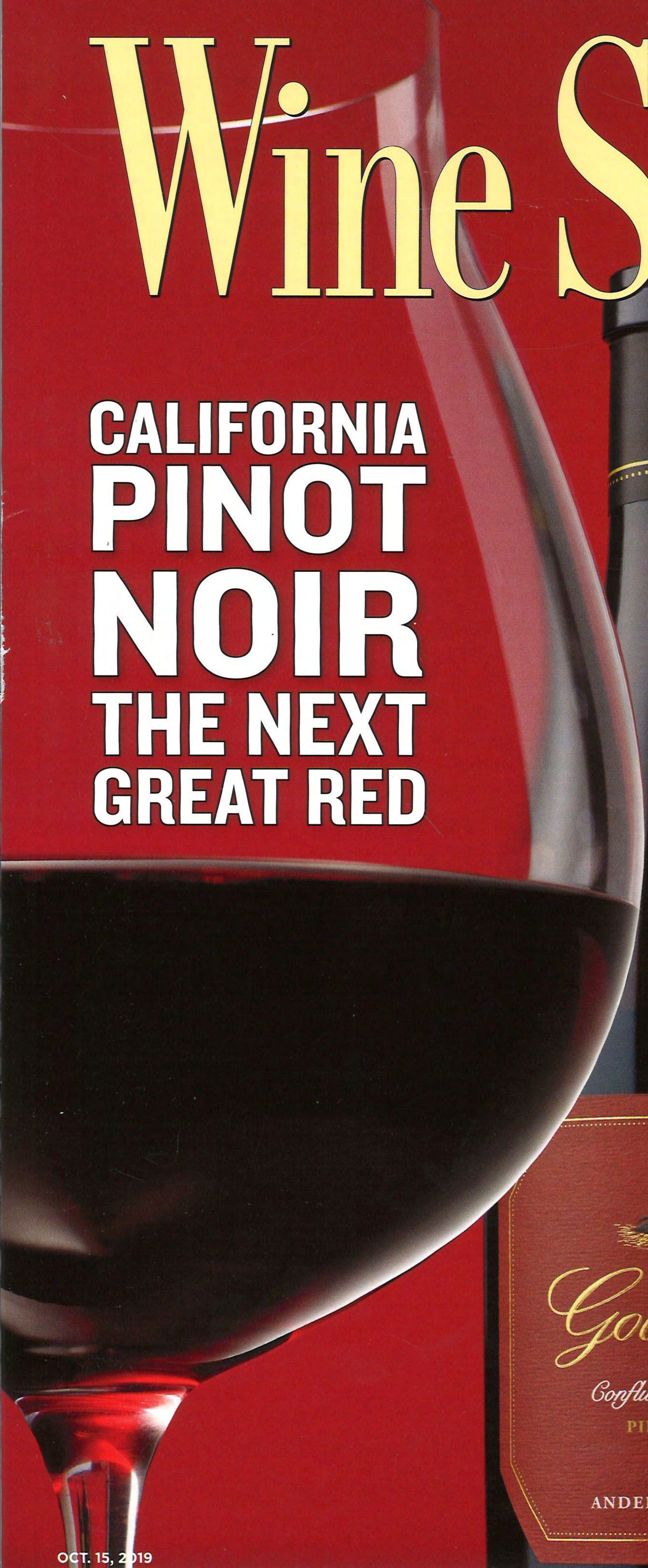


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**90 Beacon Hill Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2017 \$28** Sleek and fruit-forward, with easygoing cherry and spicy cinnamon flavors that glide on a lingering finish. Drink now through 2023. 800 cases made.—T.F.

**90 Bryn Mawr Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2016 \$30** Elegant and refined, with layered raspberry and orange zest flavors that glide on a lingering finish. Drink now through 2024. 800 cases made.—T.F.

**90 Del Rio Pinot Noir Rogue Valley 2016 \$28** Generous and polished, with cherry, spiced cinnamon and orange peel flavors that finish with fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2024. 515 cases made.—T.F.

**90 Maysara Pinot Noir McMinnville Baudeh Momtazi Vineyard 2016 \$60** Silky and generous, showing an elegant complexity, paired with cherry and raspberry flavors, accented by spiced cinnamon and clove notes. Drink now through 2024. 250 cases made.—T.F.

**90 Sokol Blosser Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Old Vineyard Block 2016 \$50** A spirited red, with vibrant cherry and black tea flavors that pick up speed and structure toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2025. 389 cases made.—T.F.

**90 Sokol Blosser Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Thistle Vineyard 2016 \$38** Precise and savory, with lively blueberry and cherry flavors, accented by green tea and clove notes, building tannins on the long finish. Drink now through 2024. 406 cases made.—T.F.

**89 Argyle Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Grower Series 2017 \$27** Precise and sleek, with delicate cherry and cranberry flavors, highlighted by savory spice hints. Drink now through 2025. 49,000 cases made.—T.F.

**89 Bryn Mawr Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills Estate 2016 \$40** Trim and well-built, with boysenberry, orange peel and spice flavors that take on structure and tannins on the finish. Best after 2019. 500 cases made.—T.F.

**89 Coelho Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Paciência Coelho Estate Vineyard 2016 \$45** Generous and vibrant, with snappy cherry, orange zest and black tea flavors. Drink now through 2025. 300 cases made.—T.F.

**89 Ruby Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2016 \$25** Soft and supple, with generous cherry and toasted spice flavors that gather richness on the finish. Drink now through 2023. 500 cases made.—T.F.

**89 Zimri Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2015 \$25** Snappy and fresh, with lively and generous cherry and cranberry flavors, laced with spice and violet notes. Drink now through 2023. 119 cases made.—T.F.

**88 Sweet Cheeks Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Triple Block 2016 \$35** Generous and easygoing, with cherry and vanilla notes. Drink now. 585 cases made.—T.F.

## WASHINGTON Cabernet Sauvignon & Blends

**94 Abeja Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2016 \$60** Offers finesse and structure, with elegantly expressive blackberry, basil and black olive flavors that build richness toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2028. 2,497 cases made.—T.F.

**93 Betz Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain Heart of the Hill 2016 \$110** Elegant and multilayered, with refined blackberry, stony mineral and bay leaf accents that takes on structure and expand on the finish. The tannins are broad but polished. Drink now through 2026. 400 cases made.—T.F.

**93 Guardian Gun Metal Columbia Valley 2016 \$42** Expressive and sleekly multilayered, with vibrant blackberry, espresso and tea flavors that take on richness toward polished tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2025. 700 cases made.—T.F.

**92 Betz Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Père de Famille 2016 \$78** Multilayered and expressive, with complex blackberry, stony mineral and bay leaf accents that build tension toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2027. 1,300 cases made.—T.F.

**92 Januik Cabernet Sauvignon Wahluke Slope Weinbau Vineyard 2016 \$40** A refined and handsome red, with expressive red currant and tobacco notes that build complexity toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2025. 529 cases made.—T.F.

**92 Andrew Januik Cabernet Sauvignon Horse Heaven Hills Lady Hawk 2016 \$50** Poised and elegantly multilayered, with expressive blackberry, tobacco and spice flavors that gather richness toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2024. 296 cases made.—T.F.

**92 K The Creator Powerline Vineyard Walla Walla Valley 2016 \$55** Refined yet spirited, with lively blackberry, smoky meat and tapenade flavors that build richness toward big but polished tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Drink now through 2027. 1,257 cases made.—T.F.

**92 Matthews Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley Reserve 2016 \$70** Polished and elegantly layered, with expressive blackberry, tarragon and toasted spice flavors that build richness toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2026. 422 cases made.—T.F.

**92 Saviah Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley 2016 \$30** Deeply structured yet light-footed, with plump blackberry, espresso and black olive flavors that take on richness toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2024. 1,280 cases made.—T.F.

**91 Betz Possibility Columbia Valley 2016 \$35** Vibrant and zesty, with expressive red currant, smoky pepper and sweet anise flavors that build richness toward refined tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot and Cinsault. Drink now through 2024. 900 cases made.—T.F.

**91 Browne Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2016 \$40** Polished and well-focused, with expressive blackberry, licorice and spice flavors that build richness toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2026. 8,000 cases made.—T.F.

**91 Januik Cabernet Sauvignon Horse Heaven Hills Champoux Vineyard 2016 \$55** Precise and structured, with poised black cherry, green tea and smoky spice flavors that pick up momentum toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2024. 364 cases made.—T.F.

**91 Januik Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain Ciel du Cheval Vineyard 2016 \$45** Densely structured, yet has refinement and presence, with black currant, river rock and thyme flavors that gain traction toward fine-grained tannins. Best from 2020 through 2026. 597 cases made.—T.F.

**91 Saviah Une Vallée Walla Walla Valley 2016 \$38** Elegantly layered and polished, with lively blackberry, tarragon and mineral accents that build structure toward refined tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2024. 402 cases made.—T.F.

**91 Swiftwater Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain 2016 \$50** Broad-shouldered but well-built, offering refined currant, stony mineral and black tea flavors that pick up speed toward firm tannins. Hands off for now. Best from 2021 through 2026. 592 cases made.—T.F.

**90 Guardian Chalk Line Columbia Valley 2017 \$25** Appealing for the lively cherry and bay leaf accents and delicate, lingering complexity. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2022. 2,000 cases made.—T.F.

**90 Pambrun Chrysologue Walla Walla Valley 2016 \$65** Taut in structure, but refined and focused, with black currant, black licorice and pepper flavors that persist toward fine-grained tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Drink now through 2025. 456 cases made.—T.F.

**88 Sineann Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2015 \$30** Expressive black cherry and toasty spice aromas open to sleek plum and spice flavors that build toward oak-focused tannins. Drink now through 2024. 500 cases made.—T.F.

**87 Castle Rock Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2017 \$11** See Best Values, page 94.

**87 The Originals Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 2017 \$12** Lightly zesty and easygoing, with black cherry and espresso flavors. Drink now through 2023. 3,900 cases made.—T.F.

## WASHINGTON Other Red

**94 Betz Syrah Red Mountain La Côte Rousse 2017 \$62** Silky and elegantly complex, with expressive violet and black raspberry aromas that open to refined and polished black cherry, smoked pepper and licorice flavors, dancing toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2027. 400 cases made.—T.F.

**93 Betz Clos de Betz Columbia Valley 2016 \$60** Refined and precisely structured, with sleekly complex currant, green tea and lead pencil accents that build richness toward polished tannins. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2026. 950 cases made.—T.F.

**92 B Leighton Gratitude Olsen Brothers Vineyard Yakima Valley 2016 \$45** Polished and well-structured, with nuanced blackberry, black olive and smoked meat flavors that build richness toward refined tannins. Mourvèdre, Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2025. 1,048 cases made.—T.F.

**91 Cadence Ciel du Cheval Vineyard Red Mountain 2015 \$45** Tightly focused and refined, with currant, stony mineral and lead pencil accents that take on fine-grained tannins on the finish. Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Best from 2020 through 2026. 400 cases made.—T.F.

**90 Januik Cabernet Franc Wahluke Slope Weinbau Vineyard 2016 \$35** Sleek and refined, with focused black cherry and tobacco flavors that persist toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2024. 432 cases made.—T.F.

**88 Guardian Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley Newsprint 2017 \$21** Refined and elegantly structured, with blueberry and dried herb accents that finish with polished tannins. Drink now through 2025. 650 cases made.—T.F.

**88 Novelty Hill Merlot Columbia Valley Stillwater Creek Vineyard 2016 \$28** Fruit-forward and approachable, with lively currant and spice flavors that linger on the finish. Drink now through 2023. 551 cases made.—T.F.

**88 Waters Interlude Washington 2016 \$28** A frisky blend that lacks dimension but fills out with lively cherry, licorice and savory spice flavors. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2022. 668 cases made.—T.F.

**87 Waterbrook Syrah Columbia Valley 2017 \$15** Tightly wound, with low-key blackberry and black olive flavors that finish with a grip of tannins. Best after 2019. 972 cases made.—T.F.