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A BUNDLE OF NEW CALIFORNIA CABERNETS AND PINOTS challenges some impressive examples of the same varietals from Oregon and Washington in this week's *Wine Spectator Insider*. California reds here, up to 96 points, include the latest Lewis Hossfeld Coliseum blend, Chimney Rock Ganymede Vineyard Cabernet and Claret, GTS Diamond Mountain Cabernet and Merry E. Oregon offers a set of Pinots too, from Raptor Ridge, Stoll and both other states beat in diversity: There's Syrah from Spark and Leonetti, and dessert Rieslings from the Chateau Ste. Michelle and Dunham. Among the 11 wines at \$40 and under, take note.



CALIFORNIA Red

HOURGLASS

Merlot Napa Valley Blueline Vineyard 2010
94 points | \$75 | 1,400 cases made | Red

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GTS
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oak. This is still
centered and is

ky oak wrapped
Very tight but
ng black licorice

Ranch

licorice and
raspberry touches, firming on the finish, where the flavors sail on.
Drink now through 2023.—*J.L.*