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94 Sextant 2013 Passage (Paso Robles).

Rich and complex in the modern Paso style, this blend of 59% Syrah, 21% Mourvèdre, 16% Petite Sirah and 4% Grenache pairs baked plum and blackberry with white pepper, sarsaparilla, coffee candy and cola on the nose. The flavors are deftly integrated, with touches of espresso, black cassis, black cherry and milk chocolate. Zesty and fun, it's also well structured. —M.K.

abv: 15.2%

Price: \$45

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91 Sextant 2013 Portolan (Paso Robles).

Very dark and dense in the glass, this blend of 74% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre and 11% Grenache by winemaker Steve Martell shows blackberry syrup, black cassis and touches of caramel and molasses on the nose. Dark and tarry flavors of lavender-laced black plum and elderberry show on the palate, where a finely tuned tannic structure also presents leather and tobacco notes. —M.K.

abv: 15.3%

Price: \$80

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92 **Windemere 2013 Aubaine Vineyard Pinot Noir (Arroyo Grande Valley).**

This is a very full and deep wine, with aromas of black plum, mulberry, Dr Pepper, mint-chocolate chip and purple flowers. It's hearty on the palate as well, with black tea and rose petals showing alongside thick, rich mulberry, clove and baking spice galore. It's not dainty at all. —M.K.

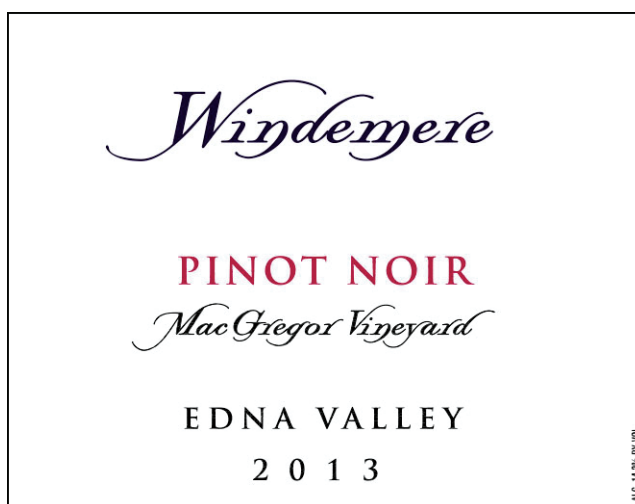
abv: 14.3%

Price: \$50

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94 **Windemere 2013 MacGregor Vineyard Pinot Noir (Edna Valley).** There's a lot going on aromatically in this bottling, with a base of red plum and hibiscus lifted through hints of clove, cinnamon, dried rose petals and dried ginger. More plum and mulberry fruit power the palate, enhanced by fennel fronds, peppercorns, cedar, juniper and pine-forest flavors. —M.K.

abv: 14.2%

Price: \$31