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## Wine Spectator

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### **DATE NIGHT Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**

**92 pts**

The first half of 2017 has distinguished itself with a vast assortment of exceptional wines made throughout the world, from longstanding appellations with proven track records to emerging players in the increasingly globalized wine industry. The Insider has featured 1,023 wines from 12 regions so far this year, with France contributing the most, at 351, followed by California, at 210, and Italy, at 131. Among the other notable players are the diverse wine nations of Australia, Spain, New Zealand and

Germany, and Washington and Oregon in the U.S. Noteworthy wines here include the stunning red and white 2014 Burgundies, luscious Loire whites from 2016 and knockout 2012 Brunellos di Montalcino. Five spectacular wines topped the charts with classic scores of 98 points: Henschke Hill Of Grace Eden Valley 2012; E. Guigal Côte-Rôtie La Landonne 2013 and Côte-Rôtie La Turquie 2013; Olivier Leflaive Montrachet 2014; and Quinta do Vallado Port A.B.F. Very Old 1888. Just a step behind, at 97 points, are standouts including M. Chapoutier Ermitage White L'Ermitte 2014, Lucien Le Moine Bonnes Mares 2014 and Castello dei Rampolla Toscana d'Alceo 2012. Elsewhere, two Pinot Noirs from New Zealand scored 96 points: the Escarpment Pinot Noir Martinborough Kupe Single Vineyard 2015 and Felton Road Pinot Noir Central Otago Cornish Point 2015. Kongsgaard Chardonnay Napa Valley The Judge 2014 leads the list of California wines, at 96 points.