

# Wine Spectator Insider

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THIS week's edition of the *Wine Spectator Insider* newsletter features nearly 40 outstanding and classic wines from California, France and Washington. The top-scoring wines in this issue come from Washington, where Harvey Steiman reviews a baker's dozen of exciting new wines, eight of which are priced at \$40 or less, a few of them at half that price. Two Washington producers receive classic ratings this week. One is an up-and-coming winery that is receiving its second consecutive 95-point rating for a Syrah-Cabernet blend; the other is one of the biggest names in Washington wine, known for making consistently outstanding values, receiving its first ever classic rating, for a \$27 Cabernet, no less.

Also in this issue, James Laube reviews six new California Syrahs, Bruce Sanderson tastes nine 2006 Chablis and James Molesworth reviews 10 Loire Valley whites, including the late Didier Dagueneau's 2006 Sauvignon Blancs.

## PACIFIC RIM

Riesling Columbia Valley Biodynamic Wallula Vineyard 2007

**90 points | \$32 | 769 cases made | White**

Vibrant, tangy and distinctive for the floral and grapefruit overtones that work their way through the pear and apple character at the core. Feels dry in the mouth and remains tangy with succeeding sips. Drink now through 2012.—*H.S.*

## PACIFIC RIM

Riesling Yakima Valley Solstice Vineyard 2007

**90 points | \$32 | 164 cases made | White**

Smooth and polished, offering a lively mouthful of pear, grapefruit and mineral aromas and flavors that play against lively acidity, remaining glassy smooth in texture as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2012.—*H.S.*

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Syrah

92 p

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