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## *Gold Medal California Pinot Noir*

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With a nod to the spirit of the ongoing Rio Olympics, here are Gold Medal worthy California Pinot Noir wines featured in this issue along with many other medal contenders. As you can see, almost every wine is from the 2014 vintage. MY ADVICE IS TO BUY EVERY 2014 VINTAGE PINOT NOIR FROM CALIFORNIA AND OREGON YOU CAN POSSIBLY AFFORD. Vintages like 2014 come along rarely.

2014 Balletto Winery Block Russian River Valley Pinot Noir 93  
2014 Balletto 18 Barrel Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 94  
2014 Bernardus Garys' Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir 93  
2014 Bernardus Pisoni Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir 93  
2014 Couloir John Sebastiano Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir 94.  
2014 Couloir Monument Tree Vineyard Anderson Valley Pinot Noir 94.

### **2013 Domaine Anderson Pinoli Vineyard Anderson Valley Pinot Noir 93**

2014 Fulcrum Gap's Crown Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 94  
2013 Ken Brown Clos Pepe Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir 93  
2012 Ken Brown Radian Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir 94  
2014 MacPhail Lakeview Vineyard Green Valley of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir 93  
2014 MacPhail Mardikian Estate Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 93  
2014 Manzoni Home Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir 93  
2014 Paul Lato "Duende" Gold Coast Vineyard Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir 93  
2014 Paul Lato "Lancelot" Pisoni Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir 94  
2014 Small Vines MK Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 94  
2014 Small Vines TBH Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 96