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10 CENTRAL COAST DELIGHTS AT 90+ POINTS

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Spanning from Santa Barbara County to the San Francisco Bay Area, the Central Coast AVA is one of the most diverse in the country. The sheer range of the Central Coast is on full display with this week's selections. All ten wines were rated 90 points or higher on Wine Spectator's 100-point scale, offering the best examples from this expansive region.

PINOT NOIR SANTA MARIA VALLEY BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD 2020

92 points

A light, piercing and slightly high-toned version, with tobacco leaf and tarragon accents that are quickly caught from behind by bitter cherry, pomegranate seed and blood orange flavors. Very racy, taut acidity lines the finish. Best from 2023 through 2028. 480 cases made.—J.M.