

GREAT CABERNET SAUVIGNON AT ANY PRICE!

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93 • Tom Eddy 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$100. Cellar Selection.

Deep garnet violet color. Aromas of dried currant, clay, and peppery spices with a silky, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and a long, concentrated, chewy tannins finish. Built for the long haul or enjoy now with a great steak. (tasted on Feb-17-2014)

93 • Jericho Canyon 2010 Estate, Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga \$100. Cellar Selection.

Inky garnet purple color. Aromas of whole berries, clay, orange blossom honey, and olive skin with a supple, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and an elegant, frosted berry tart, cocoa, and sandalwood accented finish. Delicious and rewarding, for now or later. (tasted on Jan-27-2014)

93 • Esser Vineyards 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, Monterey. BEST BUY.

Deep garnet color. Aromas of caramelized bacon, berry pie, and toasty meringue with a supple, fruity-yet-dry medium-to-full body and a tangy, cassis, mocha gelato, cedar, licorice, and whole nut accented finish. Great lively acidity and structure for sipping or the table. (tasted on Feb-10-2014)



92 • Schug 2010 Heritage Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Valley \$50. Cellar Selection.

Garnet violet color. Aromas of dried cherries and berries, clay, olive and cedar with a supple, dry-yet-fruity medium body and a tangy, chocolate, pomegranate, nutshell, and mineral finish with firm, powdery tannins. Give this a little time. (tasted on Feb-10-2014)

92 • Grgich Hills 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$60. Cellar Selection.

Garnet violet color. Attractive aromas and flavors of cassis pie, cocoa nuts, pickling spices, olive, and toasty cedar with a silky, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and a long, dried blueberry and mineral accented finish with round tannins. Delicious and structured for enjoyment now or later. (tasted on Jan-20-2014)

92 • Heitz 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$49.

Garnet. Aromas of cassis and lime sorbets, creamy vanilla, green olive, clay, and pickling spices with a silky, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and a tangy, blackberry cobbler, nutskin and earth finish. Great structure for the table. (tasted on Mar-31-2014)

91 • Jarvis 2008 Estate Grown, Cave Fermented, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$130.

Dark garnet black color. Honeycomb, roasted nuts, dried cherry and tomato, and spicy cassis pie a la mode aromas and flavors with a silky, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and a chewy, chocolate and earth accented finish. A great earthy sipper and table wine; serve with prime rib. (tasted on Jan-27-2014)

91 • Ledson 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Knights Valley \$68.

Garnet black. Aromas of chocolate graham cracker, peppery spices, and olive tapenade with a supple, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and a creamy mocha and tangy cherry accented finish. Very good depth and structure. (tasted on Feb-17-2014)

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95 • Jarvis 2011 Estate Grown, Cave Fermented, Finch Hollow Vineyard, Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$110.

Rich golden color. Vibrant aromas of roasted pineapple, praline, and vanilla with a satiny fruity-yet-dry medium-to-full body and a long spiced apple and cashew nuanced finish. A deliciously balanced and flavorful oak influenced chardonnay that is very Burgundian. (tasted on Jul-31-2013)

94 • Renteria 2012 Chardonnay, Los Carneros \$40.

Golden color. Interesting aromas of baked apple, toasted lemon scone, and seared back bacon with supple, fruity medium-to-full body and a tangy, baked pineapple, praline, vanilla, and spice accented finish. Great flavor and complexity. (tasted on Oct-10-2013)

93 • Esser Vineyards 2012 Chardonnay, Monterey. BEST BUY.

Mellow aromas of toasted nuts, meringue, and dried pineapple with a tangy, fruity-yet-dry medium body and a toasty oak and mouthwatering lemon-guava-passionfruit sorbet accented finish. Excellent vibrancy and balance of fruit and oak. (tasted on Mar-10-2014)



92 • Jarvis 2012 Estate Grown, Cave Fermented, Finch Hollow Vineyard, Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$115.

Golden color. Bold oaky aromas of toasted hazelnut brittle, vanilla cream and roasted pineapple with a silky, fruity-yet-dry medium-to-full body and a long, spiced apple, nougat, and meringue finish. A delicious wood accented chardonnay that screams Napa. Pair with plank roasted fish. (tasted on Jan-27-2014)

92 • Grgich Hills 2011 Estate, Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$42.

Golden color. Oak forward aromas of roasted nuts, grilled coconut, balloon, and beeswax with a dryish medium body and tangy honeyed lemon, green apple, and melon accented finish. Great acidity and structure with a deft touch of oak for sipping or the table. (tasted on Mar-03-2014)

91 • Clos du Val 2011 Chardonnay, Carneros Napa Valley \$28.

Golden yellow color. Aromas of grilled pineapple and vanilla toffee with a silky, dry-yet-fruity medium body and a tangy, green apple, toast, and spice finish. An elegant marriage of fruit and oak for sipping or the table. (tasted on Feb-24-2014)

88 • Ledson 2012 Reserve, Chardonnay, Russian River Valley \$48.

Golden straw color. Aromas of dried peach, sandalwood, honeycomb, and spiced apple with a soft, dry-yet-fruity medium body and a vanilla milk and nougat accented finish. A nice delicate sipper. (tasted on Mar-03-2014)

88 • Schug 2012 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast \$25.

Pale golden silver color. Aromas and flavors of melon rind, pear, white toffee, green tea, and earth with a supple, dryish medium body and a dried flower, lemon, and green pineapple accented finish. A very old world styled chardonnay for the table. (tasted on Mar-03-2014)