

BROADSIDE

An Inexpensive California Cab That Drinks Like a Pricy European

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Cabernet Sauvignon, 2014, Paso Robles, California, \$15.99

Although it might be hard to tell from our contradictory weather these days, we're in the dead of winter, a season that cries out for deep, rich red wines full of dark berry and plum flavors.

Cabernet Sauvignon is one of my favorite red wine varietals, and the one I most often turn to when the temperatures drop below freezing. And I'm not alone in my admiration; Cabernet Sauvignon ranks near the top, along with Merlot and Pinot Noir, as one of the most popular varietals in the world.

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The wine, which the San Francisco Chronicle has called one of the best values in the state, is more reminiscent of an Italian wine than one from the sunbaked Paso Robles region of central California, an area where grapes can develop high sugar content that often leads to sweeter, higher alcohol wines. Broadside is 13.5 percent alcohol, a point lower than many other West Coast Cabs.

Broadside is produced by the husband-and-wife team of Brian and Stephanie Terrizzi, who started the winery with the idea of producing high-quality wines at reasonable prices. The line of wines are a side project from the winery they established more than a decade ago, Giornata, which makes fine, award-winning wines using Italian grape varieties that they grow in Paso Robles.



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