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50 Top Napa Producers

Cabernet is king, but the valley excels with other grapes too

A guide to some of the best wineries in Napa, known for producing top-flight Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay.

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The landscape is not completely dominated by Cabernet. Merlot and Pinot Noir among reds, and Chardonnay among whites, plus some notable sparklers, have a presence, with the top white wines and Pinot Noirs hailing largely from the cool-climate Carneros district, whose borders straddle Sonoma. With the past decade having seen rapid growth in both the number of wineries and in vineyard-designated bottlings, it's a crowded playing field.

Here, we've selected 50 standouts, along with recent releases that represent their ongoing track records for excellence. Particularly among the Cabernet producers, many wineries make multiple cuvées, from valley-wide blends to single-vineyard expressions, so while this list is a starting point, greater exploration will bear additional reward.



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Blanc de Blancs Carneros Le Rêve 2012 \$115

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Brut Rosé Carneros Cuvée de la Pompadour NV \$37

