

Parallel 2004 (\$49) has aromas of coffee, dark chocolate, black cherry, and black currants that jump from the glass. Well-mirrored flavors are rich, generous, and mouth-filling with extended length. View the Parallel website at www.parallelwines.com 74 Quarterly Review of Wines, Summer 2007

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California
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California Cabernet Sauvignon has never been better. As evidence, we offer the following 25 wines. There is not one among them we wouldn't feel comfortable serving side by side with the best Bordeaux. They are truly "The Best."

FIVE-STAR CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Outstanding: Wines of such remarkable character and quality as to be in a class by themselves

BEST OF SHOW

- **2004 CAYMUS SPECIAL SELECTION CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$136.**

Deep, rich, ripe, pure, velvety, blackberry, vanilla and nutty oak flavors — perfection itself.

- **2002 BERINGER PRIVATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$115.** Deep, rich, earthy, well-knit, cassis, coffee and toasted nut flavors.
- **2002 CLOS PEGASE HOMMAGE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$75.** Big, deep, rich, powerful, ultra-concentrated, blackberry, mineral and licorice flavors.
- **2003 DUCKHORN CABERNET SAUVIGNON "MONITOR LEDGE VINEYARD" (NAPA VALLEY), \$95.** Big, rich, ripe, round, ultra-luxurious, cassis and toasty flavors.
- **2003 EPONYMOUS CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$58.** Ripe, plump, juicy, elegant, blackberry, licorice and mocha flavors.
- **2004 KENDALL-JACKSON HIGHLAND ESTATES NAPA MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON (MT. VEEDEE NAPA VALLEY), \$60.** Big, deep, dense, power-packed, black fruit, mineral, coffee and dark chocolate flavors.
- **2003 LOUIS MARTINI CABERNET SAUVIGNON "LOT 1" (NAPA VALLEY), \$100.** Ripe, pure, round, luxurious, blackberry, cassis, chocolate and nutty oak flavors.

- **2004 PARALLEL [PHILIPPE MELKA] CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$49.** 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot and 9% Petit Verdot. Big, rich, ripe, pure, blackberry, mocha and chocolate flavors — hedonistic to the max!



FOUR-STAR CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Excellent: Wines of exemplary character and quality — benchmarks of their type

- **2003 CAKEBREAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$58.** Soft, plump, succulent, elegantly knit, black fruit, nutty oak and spice flavors.
- **2004 CASA NUESTRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$55.** Big, deep, dense, meaty, well-knit, black fruit, dark chocolate and mocha flavors.
- **2003 COSENTINO CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$45.** Big, deep, rich, roasted, black fruit, licorice and mocha flavors.
- **2004 DARIOUSH CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$75.** Lush, ripe, juicy, round, blackberry, chocolate and nutty oak flavors.
- **2003 DUCKHORN CABERNET SAUVIGNON "PATZIMARO VINEYARD" (NAPA VALLEY), \$95.** 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc and 10% Merlot. Plush, round, juicy, black fruit, mocha and nutty oak flavors.
- **2003 FISHER COACH INSIGNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$70.** Deep, rich, pure, well-focused, blackberry, mocha, chocolate and toasted nut flavors.
- **2002 GRGICH HILLS CABERNET SAUVIGNON "YOUNTVILLE SELECTION" (NAPA VALLEY), \$135.** Big, rich, earthy, mouth-filling, blackberry, mineral and licorice flavors.
- **2003 PAUL HOBBS CROSSBARN CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$43.** Ripe, plump, juicy, elegant, blackberry, mocha and toasty oak flavors.
- **2002 KULETO ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$85.** Ripe, plush, pure, silky, blackberry, mocha and chocolate flavors.
- **2002 RAYMOND GENERATIONS CABERNET SAUVIGNON (NAPA VALLEY), \$75.** Lush, ripe, velvety, blackberry, mocha and toasty oak vanillin flavors.
- **2003 RUBICON ESTATE CASK CABERNET SAUVIGNON (RUTHERFORD/NAPA VALLEY), \$70.** Lush, mouth-coating, blackberry, mocha, spice and mineral flavors.
- **2003 SHAFER CABERNET SAUVIGNON "HILLSIDE SELECT" (NAPA VALLEY), N/A UNTIL SEPT. 1ST.** Ripe, succulent, well-balanced, blackberry, mocha and licorice flavors.
- **2003 SIMI RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON (ALEXANDER VALLEY), \$60.** Rich, plush, well-focused, blackberry, coffee and licorice flavors.
- **2003 STAG'S LEAP CELLARS CASK 23 CABERNET SAUVIGNON (STAGS LEAP DISTRICT/NAPA VALLEY), \$175.** Lush, round, elegant, blackberry, mocha and toasty oak vanillin flavors. ♪

