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Review: Broadside 2014 Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon

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Here's a pair of new releases from Broadside, based in Paso Robles.

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With a nose that offers notes of bramble and tar, you might expect Broadside's cab to knock you out with tannin on the palate. Not so. The wine is a surprisingly soft expression of cabernet, offering notes of gentle red fruit, baking spice, slate, and touches of vanilla. The finish is a bit herbal, but quite nicely balanced. \$18



2014 Broadside Chardonnay Central Coast Wild Ferment



This classic California chardonnay has heavy notes of brown butter, but dials back the overbearing wood character. Some mild notes of figs and pears take up the slack with a dash of vanilla extract on the back end. It's a little flabby and gummy around the edges, but it's good enough as an aperitif. \$18



