



Points **92-94** **HOURGLASS**
 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon
 A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from
 Napa, North Coast, California, USA

The outstanding, deep ruby/purple-hued, full-bodied 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits a floral-scented, Pauillac-like nose of cedarwood, creme de cassis, and baking spices. With 14.7% natural alcohol, this is a potential blockbuster Cabernet Sauvignon from Hourglass's 22-year-old vines. It will drink well for 15+ years. Tony Biagi, who did some terrific work at the Plumpjack winery, has joined Jeff Smith at Hourglass winery where their goal is to keep the estate wines at a high level and upgrade the Blue Line part of the portfolio that emerges from further north in Calistoga. The Blue Line group of wines performed well, obviously with the 2011s less interesting than the 2012s, although, atypically, I did like the 2011 Merlot Blue Line better than the 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Blue Line and 2011 Cabernet Franc Blue Line.

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 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Blue Line
 A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Drink: 2013 - 2028

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 2012 Cabernet Franc Blue Line
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Points **89-91** **HOURGLASS**
 2012 Merlot Blue Line
 A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

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