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Prices for the popular varietal have gone through the roof. But there are bargains to be found.

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Good cabernets are getting ever more expensive: \$100, \$200, \$300 are regular prices out of Napa Valley and in Bordeaux, especially for new labels primping for cult-worthy status. Deep, rich, and power-packed, cabernet has plenty of appeal. It's the ultimate meat wine, the mainstay of auctions, and at the top of the heap when it comes to red wines that age and age and age. (I've tasted 100-year-old bottles that were still going strong.)



## 2014 LAUREL GLEN COUNTERPOINT

Sonoma is not as famous for cabernet as Napa, but this estate high on Sonoma Mountain has been dedicated to making it since 1981. Counterpoint, the second wine, has aromas of dried herbs and flavors of dark berries. (\$39)

