



## MANAGER'S SELECTIONS

**Diamond Creek Cabernet Sauvignon**  
Napa Valley, Red Rock Terrace, '04 . . . \$300

*Bordeaux-like in its style, structure and range of flavors, with a mix of dried currant, fresh earth, mineral, tobacco and cedary oak. Gains complexity and nuance on the finish, which is long, sleek and complex.*

**Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon**  
Napa Valley, Special Selection, '05 . . . \$290

*Firm, intense and well-structured, with a mix of spicy oak, red and black currant, mineral, sage and dusty berry. Turns elegant and refined, yet shows a sturdy backbone on the finish.*

**Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon**  
Napa Valley Reserve, '04 . . . \$275

*Weaves together a complex array of ripe, rich currant, anise, smoky oak and black cherry. Dense, concentrated and persistent, with great depth and focus. Ends with an amazingly long, richly flavored finish.*

**Stag's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon**  
Napa Valley, S.L.V., '03 . . . \$240

*Dry and earthy, with a rustic edge to the herb-laced currant flavors that are rich and concentrated yet quite firm and tannic. Finishes on an upbeat note.*

**Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon**  
Napa Valley, Private Reserve, '99 . . . \$275

*Complex aromas of currant, herb, tobacco, olive and cedar lead to similar flavors in a rich, concentrated yet elegant presentation. Turns smooth and creamy, with vanilla, mocha and blackberry flavors peeking through on the finish.*

**Joseph Phelps**  
Insignia Napa Valley, '05 . . . \$400

*Smooth, supple and complex, offering wonderful aromas and serving up a range of herb and mineral laced currant, black cherry, blackberry, sage and pebble notes. Ends with a clipped edge. Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Merlot.*

**Matanzas Creek Merlot**  
Sonoma Valley, '97 . . . \$175

*Delicious California Merlot, ripe and juicy, with pretty, rich, elegant black cherry, currant, cassis and wild berry flavors that hold their focus on a long, lively finish.*

**Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon**  
Napa Valley, '03 . . . \$210

*A plush display of oak and ripe fruit, with the signature vanilla bean oak joining currant and plum fruit flavors that are ripe and intense, yet supple. Well-balanced, with good depth, focus and concentration.*

**Chateau Montelena Cabernet Sauvignon**  
Napa Valley  
"The Montelena Estate", '03 . . . \$200

*Firm and dry, this is marked by chewy tannins. The core currant, pencil lead and dusty berry flavors are well-focused and long on the finish.*

**Elderton Shiraz**  
Barossa Command  
"Single Vineyard", '04 . . . \$175

*Big, ripe and generous. This is a plush mouthful of cherry, spice and mineral flavors that rush on the finish, managing to stay in perfect balance. Has depth and grace.*

**Opus One**  
Napa Valley, '03 . . . \$390

*Bordeaux-like in its structure and balance, showing cedary oak, dusty berry, dried currant and mineral, with hints of herb and sage. The flavors firm up on the finish, and this is rich and intense without being heavy. Needs decanting. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec.*