



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.

Etude Cabernet Sauvignon
Napa Valley, '03 . . . \$175

Supple and balanced, with a trim band of spicy currant, cedar, anise and sage.

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.