

93 Bella Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Le Génie 2021 \$160 Broad in feel and with nice polish, this lets plum sauce and cassis notes cruise through. Apple wood and iron accents emerge steadily through the finish, where a savory hint enlivens the fruit. Sneaky length. Best from 2025 through 2037. 552 cases made.—J.M.

93 Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain Pauli Vineyard Single Vineyard 2021 \$150 Black currant, blackberry and plum reduction notes are vivid and focused in feel, with a framing graphite edge and underlying licorice snap accent. Shows good energy through the mesquite-tinged finish. Drink now through 2037. 570 cases made.—J.M.

93 Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain Steinhauer Ranch Vineyard Single Vineyard 2021 \$150 This is fruit-laden, as plum sauce, blackberry compote and boysenberry reduction notes tumble through, doing so with definition and hedonism. Black tea, anise and mocha details fill in through the finish. More forward in feel than your typical Howell Mountain Cab. Drink now through 2036. 443 cases made.—J.M.

93 Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Distinction Series 2021 \$65 Broad and very dense in style, with dark currant, fig and plum reduction notes leading the way, backed by extra waves of warm earth, roasted alder and espresso crema. This may be a bit too ambitious in style for some, as it flirts with being too stolid, but there's some energy through the finish to warrant cellaring in hopes it unfurls. Best from 2026 through 2036. 1,850 cases made.—J.M.

93 Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Borrow Pit Vineyard Single Vineyard 2021 \$150 There's juicy energy to the core of boysenberry and blackberry fruit paste, while apple wood, licorice and bramble notes fill in along the edges before adding a nice sheen on the finish. Drink now through 2036. 388 cases made.—J.M.

93 Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena Chabot Vineyard Single Vineyard 2021 \$150 Juicy and brambly in feel, showing red and black currant preserves scored with licorice and singed apple wood through the finish. There's not a ton of range overall, but this is deliciously fruited, with punchy energy that extends this nicely. Drink now through 2037. 703 cases made.—J.M.

93 Beringer Q Napa Valley 2021 \$65 A forthright set of fresh plum, warmed cassis and blackberry compote pumps along, with light threads of licorice, briar and apple stitching up the juicy finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2033. 8,800 cases made.—J.M.

93 Calla Lily Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Ultimate Red 2021 \$65 Steeped plum and blackberry fruit shows good density, while light accents of apple wood, singed anise and bramble add range and texture through the finish. Offers solid grip. Best from 2025 through 2036. 508 cases made.—J.M.

93 Chimney Rock Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District Alpine Vineyard 2021 \$115 Bright and juicy, with engaging notes of boysenberry and blackberry enlivened with violet and iris hints. Shows a bit more grip through the bramble-, licorice- and apple wood-accented finish. Drink now through 2040. 603 cases made.—J.M.

93 Chimney Rock Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District Ganymede Vineyard 2021 \$170 Plush and inviting, with a range of boysenberry and blackberry compote flavors backed by briar, licorice and singed apple wood. Shows a late tug of warm earth and a strong finishing kick of fruit through the toasty finish. Best from 2026 through 2040. 630 cases made.—J.M.

93 Chimney Rock Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District Tomahawk Vineyard 2021 \$170 Juicy, solid and focused in feel, with a core of black currant and

blackberry preserves backed by licorice and singed apple wood notes, plus a hint of sweet tobacco through the finish. Drink now through 2040. 1,289 cases made.—J.M.

93 Davies Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain Red Cap Vineyard 2021 \$130 This is forward and generous in feel, offering rich cassis and plum pâte de fruit flavors laced with sweet tobacco and mocha notes. Broad through the finish, with a light twang of iron to keep this honest. Drink now through 2038. 225 cases made.—J.M.

93 Davies Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Renteria 360 Vineyard 2021 \$130 This is lush and flattering in feel, with creamed black currant and blackberry fruit flavors laced liberally with alder, singed vanilla and espresso crema notes. Tilts to exotic in the end, with emphasis on its toast more than its fruit. Drink now through 2036. 400 cases made.—J.M.

93 Davies Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena McGrath Vineyard 2021 \$130 An enticing red, with a beautifully rendered core of supple plum puree, açai compote and blackberry pâte de fruit flavors that are laced alluringly with violet and anise notes. A nicely buried bramble hint accents the lush finish. Drink now through 2038. 400 cases made.—J.M.

93 Duckhorn Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford 2021 \$110 Offers a beautifully polished core of cassis and black cherry puree inlaid with hints of violet and iris and supported by a well-buried iron note. There's a toasty edge on the finish, but this stays fresh enough. Best from 2025 through 2038. 650 cases made.—J.M.

93 Duckhorn Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District 2021 \$110 Blackberry compote, açai paste and warmed cassis notes roll through, laced with melted licorice and framed up through the finish by singed alder and warm earth hints. Definitely on the toasty side but offers the fruit to match. Drink now through 2038. 675 cases made.—J.M.

93 Evidence Cabernet Sauvignon Mount Veeder Of The Matter Bruadair Vineyard 2021 \$125 A vivid version, offering boysenberry, mulberry and linzer torte aromas and flavors, this drives along nicely, with flashes of anise, sweet bay and violet sprinkled in. A graphite edge underscores the finish, adding length and focus. Approachable already, but there's no rush. Drink now through 2038. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 240 cases made.—J.M.

93 Frank Family Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford RHF 2021 \$110 A nice, broad-shouldered version, offering up a wave of cassis and plum puree gilded with iris and sweet bay hints. A subtle element of red licorice darts in on the finish, which is well-structured and reserved in style. Best from 2026 through 2038. 2,800 cases made.—J.M.

93 Futo Seta Napa Valley 2021 \$250 This is succulent and forward in feel, with delicious blackberry and boysenberry compote flavors gilded with anise, sweet bay and warm ganache accents. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot. Drink now through 2035. 756 cases made.—J.M.

93 Hall Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Exzellenz 2021 \$275 Broad, rich and nicely toasty, this delivers a rolling wave of warmed cassis, steeped plum and mulled blackberry notes allied to licorice root, worn cedar and singed alder accents. A long loamy detail underscores the finish as the fruit lingers. Certainly not shy about aiming for power rather than freshness. Best from 2025 through 2038. 1,040 cases made.—J.M.

93 Hall Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Jack's Masterpiece 2021 \$175 A dark and winey style, with a core of well-steeped black currant and boysenberry compote flavors layered with sweet tobacco, licorice snap and ganache notes. Solidly grippy but still generous in feel. Drink now through 2040. 3,600 cases made.—J.M.

93 Hall Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Montagna Vineyards 2021 \$275 Polished, fresh and forward in style, this offers tasty waves of boysenberry, loganberry and blackberry puree that glide through, streaked with violet and black licorice notes on the finish. Drink now through 2038. 430 cases made.—J.M.

93 Hall Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District 2021 \$225 A fruit-driven red, with a generous core of boysenberry, açai and blackberry compote flavors that won't quit, lingering on the finish while light notes of anise, violet and singed tobacco peek in. Will be hard to lay off with such generous fruit, but there's substance for some bottle development, too. Drink now through 2036. 730 cases made.—J.M.

93 Heitz Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford Trailside Vineyard 2019 \$200 A steady Eddie Cabernet, offering cassis and black cherry puree inlaid with an iron spine and caressed by a gently singed apple wood note. The iron element echoes prettily through the focused finish. Drink now through 2035. 4,672 cases made.—J.M.

93 The Hess Collection Cabernet Sauvignon Mount Veeder 2021 \$90 A distinctive version, with a mulled edge to its mix of rather ripe fig, boysenberry and blackberry compote flavors, which pick up hints of melted licorice, walnut husk and licorice root through the slightly burly finish. If you don't mind a rustic edge ... Best from 2026 through 2038. 2,978 cases made.—J.M.

93 Paul Hobbs Cristina's Signature Coombsville 2021 \$175 A ripe, fleshy style, with enticing flavors of boysenberry, açai and plum compote pumping along, laced liberally with roasted apple wood, anise and bramble notes. A solid cast iron tug keeps this grounded in the end. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot. Best from 2025 through 2038. 480 cases made.—J.M.

93 Honig Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena Bartolucci Vineyard 2021 \$125 A dark, frankly ripe style, with açai and blackberry reduction notes teaming up with ganache and dark tobacco accents to form a dense, grippy core backed by licorice root and apple wood on the gusty finish. For fans of the muscular style. Best from 2026 through 2039. 1,500 cases made.—J.M.

93 Inglenook Rubicon Rutherford 2021 \$265 Delivers ripe, showy cassis, plum puree and boysenberry compote aromas and flavors laced liberally with black licorice and ganache hints. A cedary accent underscores the dense, fleshy finish. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best from 2025 through 2042. 4,275 cases made.—J.M.

93 Kinsman Eades Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Hierothesion 2021 \$140 Ripe and succulent, this red offers density but nice cut, as a graphite edge frames notes of raspberry, black cherry and black currant preserves. The finish pulls in dried violet and apple wood accents. Shows good energy throughout. Drink now through 2037. 243 cases made.—J.M.

93 Kintera Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford 2021 \$150 This dark, winey, toasty style delivers a rock-solid core of black currant and blackberry reduction notes, along with melted black licorice, roasted apple wood and cast iron accents, all of which stay focused and driven through the finish. Best from 2025 through 2040. 650 cases made.—J.M.

93 Larkmead Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2021 \$125 Red currant, cherry and raspberry coulis notes weave together, along with singed cedar and sandalwood, sanguine and savory accents. Lingering echoes of warm humus and red tea add perfume to the finish. Elegant in style. Drink now through 2036. 2,368 cases made.—J.M.

93 Merus Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2021 \$225 Juicy and full-bodied, with dark plum and blackberry compote notes scored with black licorice and singed alder and backed by the ganache-accented finish. A pretty violet detail hangs in the background. Drink now through 2038. 794 cases made.—J.M.

92 Duckhorn Merlot Napa Valley Three Palms Vineyard 2021 \$140 Handsomely structured and built for the long haul, with multilayered red currant and plum flavors laced with espresso and spice notes as this builds toward slightly firm tannins. Best from 2024 through 2033. 5,000 cases made.—T.F.

91 Duckhorn Merlot Napa Valley 2021 \$60 Tightly focused but handsomely structured, this version offers appealing cherry and red currant flavors accented by cedar and dried herbs. Drink now through 2031. 46,500 cases made.—T.F.

91 Fort Ross Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Sea Slopes 2022 \$35 Bright and racy-edged, offering blood orange and bitter cherry notes laced with sanguine, mineral and rose petal hints. Drink now through 2028. 640 cases made.—J.M.

91 Pahlmeyer Merlot Napa Valley 2021 \$130 A plush and extravagant style that opens with ripe cherry and red currant flavors laced with vanilla and toasty spice accents as this slowly builds firmness toward dry tannins. Drink now through 2030. 2,690 cases made.—T.F.

90 Goldeneye Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Ten Degrees 2021 \$135 A ripe and direct crowd-pleaser, with a burst of mulberry and loganberry paste flavors backed by red licorice and sweet toast on the finish. Offers enough energy to carry off its toast. Drink now through 2027. 750 cases made.—J.M.

89 Stephen Ross Pinot Noir San Luis Obispo Coast 2022 \$32 Mulled plum and cherry fruit glides through prettily, with singed anise and dried rose petal accents filtering through. Polished finish. Drink now through 2028. 688 cases made.—J.M.

OREGON Chardonnay

95 Evening Land Chardonnay Eola-Amity Hills Summum Seven Springs Estate 2022 \$100 Richly detailed and dynamic, this white is effusive with apricot and pear flavors that are laced with stony mineral and lemon verbena tones as this finishes on a fragrant accent. Drink now through 2026. 356 cases made.—T.F.

94 Evening Land Chardonnay Eola-Amity Hills La Source Seven Springs Estate 2022 \$75 A precise and dynamic white, with compelling lemon and apricot flavors highlighted by crushed stone and zesty spice tones that sail on the finish. Drink now through 2027. 663 cases made.—T.F.

94 Résonance Chardonnay Willamette Valley 2022 \$40 Sleek yet luxurious, this impressive white offers rich Asian pear, nectarine and lemon zest flavors that gather richness and flesh on the long finish. Drink now through 2026. 2,034 cases made.—T.F.



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93 Bergström Chardonnay Willamette Valley Sigrid 2021 \$122 Polished and sleek in style, offering graceful flavors of lemon tart, orange blossoms and spices that sail on the long, silky finish. Drink now through 2027. 610 cases made.—T.F.

93 Big Table Farm Chardonnay Willamette Valley The Elusive Queen 2022 \$95 Plush and seductive, with elegantly complex flavors of honey blossoms, pear and lemon that build richness on the long finish. Drink now through 2026. 117 cases made.—T.F.

93 Drouhin Oregon Roserock Chardonnay Eola-Amity Hills 2022 \$42 Steely yet polished, with fragrant notes of apricot blossoms, Asian pear and spiced cinnamon that build richness on the supple finish. Drink now. 1,884 cases made.—T.F.

93 Evening Land Chardonnay Eola-Amity Hills Seven Springs 2022 \$40 Lush and vibrant, with enticing apple and pear flavors that show accents of honey blossoms and apricot as this glides on the silky finish. Drink now through 2026. 2,722 cases made.—T.F.

92 Bergström Chardonnay Willamette Valley Old Stones 2021 \$47 Generous yet elegant in structure, offering lovely flavors of lemon verbena and orange peel, with an almond hint on the finish. Drink now. 1,412 cases made.—T.F.

92 Big Table Farm Chardonnay Willamette Valley The Wild Bee 2022 \$34 This lovely white is fresh and supple, offering pear and lemon flavors, with a hint of spiced nuts on the lingering finish. Drink now. 1,222 cases made.—T.F.

90 Adelsheim Chardonnay Willamette Valley 2021 \$28 Fragrant and supple, showing lively flavors of apple and kiwi laced with lemon blossom and spice notes. Drink now. 2,721 cases made.—T.F.

OREGON Pinot Noir

95 Ayoub Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Estate Whole Cluster 2022 \$85 Generous yet refined, with polished raspberry flavors accented by cinnamon, orange peel and forest floor tones, building richness toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2033. 82 cases made.—T.F.

95 Bergström Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Bergström Vineyard 2022 \$150 Deftly structured and polished, with rich, expressive flavors of raspberry and strawberry laced with herbes de Provence and savory spice notes as this builds richness and tension toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2035. 628 cases made.—T.F.

95 Bergström Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge La Spirale Vineyard 2022 \$100 See Highly Recommended, page 91.

95 Bergström Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge Le Pré Du Col Vineyard 2022 \$110 This shows dimension, detail and a luxurious texture, with expressive flavors of raspberry and cherry that take on rose petal, orange peel and savory tea notes as it builds richness on the long finish. Drink now through 2033. 1,145 cases made.—T.F.

95 Big Table Farm Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Pelos Sandberg Vineyard 2022 \$72 Seductive and dynamic, this Pinot grabs you with its fleshy texture and elegant complexity, revealing notes of fresh raspberry, orange blossoms and spiced cinnamon, plus hints of forest floor, as it builds richness and polish toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2033. 269 cases made.—T.F.

94 Adelsheim Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge Ribbon Springs Vineyard 2021 \$85 Silky and elegantly complex, offering lilting flavors of raspberry and pomegranate laced with black tea and dusky spice notes as this builds richness toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2032. 495 cases made.—T.F.

94 Alloro Pinot Noir Laurelwood District Justina 2021 \$120 Full-bodied and richly structured yet light on its feet, with layered pomegranate and raspberry flavors that take on smoked spice and savory forest floor tones as this finishes with well-buffed tannins. Drink now through 2033. 200 cases made.—T.F.

94 Ayoub Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Anonimo Vineyard 2022 \$65 A fragrant and well-knit red, this slowly reveals layers of raspberry, guava, saffras and savory tea flavors as it builds richness toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2033. 300 cases made.—T.F.

94 Bergström Pinot Noir Chehalem Mountains Silice 2022 \$100 Precise and expressive, showing well-knit raspberry and guava notes, forest floor and black tea hints and medium-grained tannins, building tension and richness. Drink now through 2034. 1,119 cases made.—T.F.

94 Bergström Pinot Noir Chehalem Mountains Winery Block 2022 \$150 Handsomely structured and deeply flavored, with slightly brooding flavors of black cherry and raspberry accented by black tea, mineral and dusky spice accents that build momentum toward medium-grained tannins. Drink now through 2034. 200 cases made.—T.F.

94 Big Table Farm Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2022 \$50 Polished and handsomely structured, with expressive raspberry and tart cherry flavors that take on forest floor, dusky spice and orange peel accents as this builds complexity and richness toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2032. 2,139 cases made.—T.F.

94 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Laurene 2022 \$80 Poised and silky in texture, with elegantly layered flavors of raspberry and cherry highlighted by rose petal, spice and forest floor tones as this gathers richness toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2033. 3,274 cases made.—T.F.

94 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Origine 35 2022 \$55 An attractive, polished and impeccably structured red, displaying expressive flavors of cherry and strawberry laced with fresh violet and baking spice accents as this gathers tension toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2033. 1,520 cases made.—T.F.

94 Domaine Roy & Fils Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Incline 2022 \$68 This silky red is gracefully complex, offering detailed flavors of raspberry and cherry laced with rose petal, orange peel and dusky spice notes that build richness and texture toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2033. 690 cases made.—T.F.

94 Domaine Roy & Fils Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Iron Filbert Vineyard 2022 \$128 This is refined and detailed, with deftly structured flavors of black cherry and guava highlighted by mineral, baking spice and black tea notes that finish with fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2033. 396 cases made.—T.F.

94 Drouhin Oregon Roserock Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills 2022 \$44 See Highly Recommended, page 91.

94 Drouhin Oregon Roserock Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills Zéphirine 2022 \$75 This version is loaded with tension and tightly structured at this point, but also dynamic with cherry and blueberry flavors that are laced with clove, cardamom and other dusky spices as this builds tension toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2032. 2,518 cases made.—T.F.

94 Résonance Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2022 \$40 See Smart Buys, page 92.

93 Alloro Pinot Noir Laurelwood District Riservata 2021 \$70 Graceful yet rich and polished, with expressive flavors of rose petal, raspberry, pomegranate and savory spices that build tension toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2031. 760 cases made.—T.F.

93 Amatera Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge 2021 \$55 Handsomely built and refined, with multilayered raspberry and guava flavors that take on hints of orange peel and spiced tea as this gathers tension toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2031. 712 cases made.—T.F.

93 Ayoub Pinot Noir Dundee Hills ??? Vineyards 2022 \$65 A handsomely structured red, with a rich texture and multilayered raspberry and cranberry flavors, drawing in forest floor and savory tea accents that build toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2033. 190 cases made.—T.F.

93 Ayoub Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Estate Vineyard 2022 \$75 Vibrant and sleek, showing bright flavors of raspberry and pomegranate laced with savory tea, cardamom and forest floor accents that gather tension and richness toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2032. 290 cases made.—T.F.