

## JAMES LAUBE'S RECOMMENDED CALIFORNIA CABERNETS

More than 525 wines were tasted for this report. A alphabetical list providing scores and prices begins on page 67. WineSpectator.com members can access complete reviews for all wines tasted using the online Wine Ratings search.

### TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>PETER MICHAEL</b> Les Pavots Knights Valley 2008 Presents a dazzling array of flavors, along with focus, style and authenticity. Dark, dense and spicy. Cabernet blend.	98	\$175
<b>SCHRADER CELLARS</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard MM VIII 2008 Amazingly complex, offering a seamless mix of ripe blueberry, currant and hard red candy flavors, with a loamy earth foundation.	98	\$400 1.5L
<b>SCHRADER CELLARS</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard 2008 Deep, rich, pure and extracted, exhibiting focused plum, crème de cassis and wild raspberry flavors that show finesse.	98	\$175
<b>ARAUJO</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Eisele Vineyard 2008 Dense, rich and concentrated, with pure, ripe flavors of blackberry, blueberry, currant, sage, cedar, espresso and mocha.	97	\$290
<b>BEVAN CELLARS</b> Showket Vineyard Double E's Cuvée Oakville 2008 An extraordinary wine, gorgeous from start to finish. Full-blown, beautifully structured, pure and persistent. Cabernet blend.	97	\$150
<b>BRYANT FAMILY</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2008 Deep, rich and expressive, with complex flavors ranging from fleshy currant to dark berry, mineral, cedar, mocha and espresso.	97	\$325
<b>SCHRADER CELLARS</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford GIII Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard 2008 Offers ripe, rich, opulent plum, wild berry, black cherry and spice attributes that are dense and pure, deep and polished.	97	\$175
<b>SCHRADER CELLARS</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley RBS Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard 2008 Elegant and refined, showing richness, opulence and depth of flavor, with a measure of loamy earth, mineral and light cedar.	97	\$175
<b>TOR</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Beckstoffer To Kalon Clone 4 2008 An amazing wine that wows you with incredible depth, richness, focus and purity, offering tiers of dark berry fruit.	97	\$350 1.5L
<b>CARTE BLANCHE</b> Proprietary Red Napa Valley 2008 Very complex and Bordeaux-like in its weight, balance and range of flavors, with cedar and cigar box aromas. Cabernet blend.	96	\$95
<b>CARTE BLANCHE</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2008 Fresh, plump and juicy, delivering rich, lively plum, black cherry, blackberry, black licorice and spicy cedar flavors.	96	\$125
<b>CONTINUUM</b> Napa Valley 2008 A remarkable effort, with mocha, currant, mineral, herb, licorice, tar and pebble notes. Structured and intense. Cabernet blend.	96	\$150
<b>DANA</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford Helms Vineyard 2008 Beautifully crafted, showing depth, elegance and finesse, with a deep mix of dark berry fruit, cherry, plum and currant.	96	\$325
<b>DARIOUSH</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Darius II 2007 Packs in lots of deep, ripe plum, blackberry and wild berry flavors. A powerful style that's impeccably balanced.	96	\$225
<b>FAVIA</b> La Magdalena Napa Valley 2008 Elegant and lively, with rich, spicy berry, mineral, graphite, blueberry and gravel notes. Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon.	96	\$120
<b>FUTO</b> Oakville 2008 Ripe, alluring aromatics lead to a tight mix of dark berry character, with blackberry, raspberry and currant. Cabernet blend.	96	\$225

**HALL** Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Kathryn Hall 2008  
Rich, savory and full-bodied, showing direct, potent young Cabernet flavors built around blackberry and dark berry fruit.

**HARLAN ESTATE** Napa Valley 2008  
Ripe, complex and aromatic, yet tight and closed, with dried currant, loamy earth, mocha, cedar, blueberry and plum flavors.

**MORLET** Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Coeur de Vallée  
Beckstoffer To Kalon 2008  
Syrupy in extract, this is ultrarich but balanced, offering tiers of black licorice, kirsch, blackberry and dark berry jam.

**SCARECROW** Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford 2008  
Combines power with finesse, serving up layers of dense currant, mineral, mocha, espresso, graphite and cedary oak flavors.

**SCHRADER CELLARS** Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley  
T6 Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard 2008  
Offers delicious purity of fruit, with floral and fresh berry flavors that are rich and seamless, elegant and refined.

### TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>BENNETT LANE</b> Maximus Red Napa Valley 2007 Exhibits fresh, vibrant berry, cedar and spice flavors. Cabernet blend.	92	\$35
<b>PETER FRANUS</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2007 Firm and chewy, with dried blackberry and currant flavors. Intense.	92	\$40
<b>PEDEMONTE</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford 2008 This authentic, graceful red delivers complex tiers of flavors.	92	\$26
<b>RAMEY</b> Claret Napa Valley 2008 Pure, rich and structured, with a core of ripe flavors. Cabernet blend.	92	\$38
<b>SEBASTIANI</b> Secolo Sonoma County 2007 Rich, with tiers of toasty oak, plum and blackberry. Cabernet blend.	92	\$35
<b>BUEHLER</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Estate 2008 Offers loamy earth, dried berry, sage, cedar, mineral and floral notes.	91	\$35
<b>HONIG</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2008 Firm and well-structured, delivering a focused core of flavors.	91	\$40
<b>THE HESS COLLECTION</b> 19 Block Cuvée Mount Veeder 2007 Firm, intense and complex, elegant and refined. Cabernet blend.	90	\$36
<b>ROBERT MONDAVI</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2008 Notably herbal, with currant, earth, mineral and dried berry flavors.	89	\$28
<b>BERINGER</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Knights Valley 2008 Firm and intense, with spicy earth, dried berry, sage and herbal notes.	88	\$27
<b>NEWTON</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa County 2008 Offers complex flavors of cedar, cigar box, currant, sage and tobacco.	88	\$28
<b>STARMONT</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2008 Ripe and fruity, displaying attractive plum, cherry and berry flavors.	88	\$27
<b>BOGLE</b> Cabernet Sauvignon California 2008 Shows good richness to the herb, sage, currant and mineral notes.	87	\$11