

SPOTTSWOODE

2018 Spottswode Lyndenhurst Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Spectator, James Molesworth

93 POINTS

This features a well-endowed core of warmed cassis and steeped plum fruit here, splashed with a sassafras note and backed by roasted applewood and melted black licorice on the finish. Rich in feel throughout. Best from 2022 through 2034. (October 2021)

Jebdunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck

94 POINTS

A wine well worth purchasing and cellaring, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Lyndenhurst sports a dense purple hue as well as classic Cabernet notes of blackcurrants, Asian spices, violets, licorice, and tobacco. Beautifully rich, full-bodied, and concentrated, it's one heck of a second wine that can be drunk today or cellared for 15–20 years. (January 28, 2021)

Vinous, Antonio Galloni

94 POINTS

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Lyndenhurst is a fabulous wine that shows just how compelling the vintage is, even among mid-tier offerings. Blackberry, graphite, cloves, licorice and lavender all build in the glass. The Lyndenhurst Cabernet is usually much more approachable, but the 2018 is a real powerhouse. I would give the tannins at least a few years to soften. This is impressive, to say the least. (March 4, 2021)

Wine Advocate, Lisa Perrotti-Brown

92 POINTS

The deep purple-black colored 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Lyndenhurst comes bounding out of the glass with exuberant scents of fresh blackcurrants, black raspberries and Morello cherries plus hints of lavender, pencil lead and bouquet garni with a touch of Sichuan pepper. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is charged with electric energy, framed by grainy tannins and bold freshness, finishing with great intensity and purity. (November 5, 2020)

The Tasting Panel, Meredith May

95 POINTS

This label from Spottswode is produced by the Novak family and winemaker/vineyard manager Aron Weinkauf. The blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon with some Malbec, Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Cab Franc features notes of powdered violets that converge with graphite, drying the palate while also providing intense aromatics. Dense and tarry blackberry appears amid a grapey boldness that proves sturdy. Mouth-coating tannins wet the palate. (September/October 2021)

Wine Review Online, Michael Franz

96 POINTS

This is wicked good Napa Cabernet, built for the long haul and capable of 2 decades of positive development. That should be the first thing noted about the wine, which is a click down from the Estate Cabernet produced solely from Spottswode's supremely enviable site in St. Helena – but several clicks up from the vast majority of other Napa Cabs. The fruit for this bottling is partly estate grown but augmented by grapes sourced from 5 or 6 other sites in various locations across the broader Napa appellation. The aromas are open and expressive, with spicy, toasty notes accenting dark berry fruit scents. On the palate, the wine shows impressive physical density with firm structure from robust tannins and notable wood influence, though the proportions are well measured. This fully displays the conscientiousness and artistry of Spottswode, one of America's premier producers. (July 27, 2021)

Jamessuckling.com, James Suckling

93 POINTS

Black plums, blueberries, chocolate, cloves and dried leaves. Black olives, too. It's full-bodied with firm, fine-grained tannins. Chewy, generous layers of dark fruit and chocolate. Try from 2022. (January 27, 2021)

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