

SPOTTSWOODE

2015 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Advocate, Lisa Perrotti-Brown

100 POINTS

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is still very tight and youthful, slowly unfurling to reveal a multifaceted wine with tons of black, blue and red fruit sparks-plums, cherries, black currants and red currants-with dark chocolate, cedar chest, black tea and red roses in the background plus wafts of pencil lead and prosciutto. Medium-bodied and firmly textured by superbly ripe, grainy tannins, it has a fantastic core of intense, complex layers, finishing on an edifying mineral note. Wow! 2022–2060 (October 2018)

JebDunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck

100 POINTS

Both the 2016 and 2015 are pure perfection and an incredible back-to-back duo. The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate has a kiss of 2007 in its massive, full-bodied, yet incredibly pure style, and it's overflowing with cassis and blueberry fruits as well as lots of floral and cedary nuances. It's a big, ripe, exuberant beauty, yet it never goes over the top, and has flawless balance, perfect tannins, and a great finish. As with most truly great wines, it's drinkable today and will be drinkable in 10 years – and in 30 years. (August 23, 2021)

Wine Spectator Insider, Marvin Shanken and James Molesworth

95 POINTS

Features a gorgeous core of dark plum, blackberry and fig compote flavors that meld wonderfully with subtle anise, roasted apple wood and briar notes. A light tug of slatelike minerality through the finish adds to the range and depth. Well-built. Best from 2022 through 2040. From California. (January 2019)

Forbes, Tom Hyland

Spottswode – Unparalleled Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

At the top of the quality pyramid, a few Napa Valley estates are regularly judged as among the elite. Without question, Spottswode Estate in Saint Helena, is one of those producers.

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The 2015 is a stunning wine that combines perfect ripeness, superb varietal character and excellent depth of fruit with silky tannins, very good acidity, magnificent harmony and marvelous finesse. This is a stellar wine, and having tasted many lovely examples of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon over the past four decades, I can safely say that the 2015 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon may soon be compared to a few legendary Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons from the past, such as the 1970 Robert Mondavi Reserve or the 1974 Heitz Martha's Vineyard.

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Bright purple, aromas of black plum, black currant, mint and wood notes. Medium-full with excellent concentration with a rich, layered mid-palate, good acidity and sleek, silky tannins, this is a ripe and very stylish Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon that shines! Excellent persistence and great fruit definition in the finish, along with a suppleness and harmony that is ethereal. This is a great wine that will drink well for another 20–30 years; even better is the fact that the wine is so approachable and delicious right now. In a word, brilliant! (January 2019)

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