

SPOTTSWOODE

2016 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! (October 2018)

JebDunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck

100 POINTS

Also perfect, yet in a very different style, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate can be thought of as mix of the 2010 and 2015. Classic Cabernet notes of green tobacco, pure cassis, sappy flowers, crushed stone, and cedar all emerge from the glass, and it's full-bodied, with a layered, multi-dimensional texture, building tannins, and one blockbuster of a finish. This continues to show incredibly consistency and I've been lucky enough to have multiple bottles, all of which have topped out my scale. This is unquestionably a legendary Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon that will hit maturity in about a decade or so and keep for 40-50 years. (August 23, 2021)

The SOMM Journal, Meridith May

98 POINTS

Released in early September, it's the winery's 35th estate Cab; as Weinkauff explained, "Spottswode is more than a name – it is a place. And some Cabernets are dynamic and strong, while I see some, like ours, that are as attuned as a Zen yoga master." From its perfume of dark plum, deep espresso, and chocolate, the young and exuberant palate starts with a lushness and then energizes with a zing of peppered blackberries, slate, and soil. It's texturally luxurious but tense, thanks to its acidity and inherent minerality, with a saturation and intensity that's destined to evolve. Sweet herbs and a noticeable freshness set its tone. (October 2019)

Wine Spectator, James Molesworth

96 POINTS

Beautifully rendered, with a focused beam of gently mulled red and black currant fruit that glides through atop a subtle but persistent loamy structure. Light tea and alder notes fill in throughout, ending with a wave of fruit that is alluringly lined with latent mineral tension. (October 31, 2019)

Vinous, Antonio Galloni

96 POINTS

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is elegant, plush and silky, like the 2012, but with a little more of everything. Dark cherry, plum, licorice, leather and espresso are all nicely lifted by the natural freshness of the year. At present, the 2016 is a bit shy, but it undoubtedly has a very bright future. Floral, perfumed notes add the closing shades of nuance. Spottswode's Cabernet is quite gracious in 2016, not to mention incredibly delicious. (December 2018)

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