

SPOTTSWOODE

2016 Spottswoode Lydenhurst Cabernet Sauvignon

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2016: Napa's Fifth Consecutive Outstanding Vintage

Napa Valley is releasing another outstanding vintage for reds with the 2016, making it the fifth top year in a row for the Sunshine State.

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2016 Spottswoode Lydenhurst Cabernet Sauvignon: Outstanding **94 POINTS**

Attractive, fresh, violet-like flowers, roasting herbs and cassis, leading to a medium- to full-bodied palate that has a smoothly succulent resolve at the plum-soaked, velvety finish. A blend of mostly cabernet sauvignon with touches of petit verdot, merlot and cabernet franc and a dash of malbec. Drink or hold. (November 2018)

Vinous, Antonio Galloni

Spottswoode

I tasted a large number of wines at Spottswoode this year, including a mini-vertical of the flagship Cabernet Sauvignon that spanned every vintage winemaker Aron Weinkauff has been at the estate. It won't come as a surprise that Spottswoode, one of Napa Valley's elite properties, turned out brilliant wines in top vintages like 2013 and 2016. The wine that always surprises me in this lineup of recent vintages (which I have had occasion to taste more than once) is the 2011, as it is a challenging vintage that is the true testament to an estate's commitment to quality. This is an absolutely captivating set of wines from Spottswoode and the team led by proprietor Beth Novak Milliken.

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2016 Spottswoode Lydenhurst Cabernet Sauvignon **92 POINTS**

Outstanding. A wine of remarkable personality and breed that is well worth seeking out.

Another gorgeous wine in this range, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Lydenhurst is wonderfully fresh, vibrant and nuanced. Black cherry, plum, spice, lavender, new leather and menthol overtones develop in the glass, but like so many 2016s, the Lydenhurst simply dazzles with its exquisite balance and total class. 2020–2028. (December 2018)

Vinography, Alder Yarrow

9 – 9.5/10 POINTS

Very dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of cherry and black cherry and a touch of herbs. In the mouth, bright cherry and cola and tobacco leaf notes are gushing with fantastic acidity. Hints of cedar and earth rumble beneath the bright fruit. Delicious. (July 2019)

Wine.com, Wilfred Wong

93 POINTS

The 2016 Spottswoode Lydenhurst Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautifully balanced and elegant wine. This wine is authentic with its aromas and flavors of red and black fruits. It's dry, well-built, yet soft touch on the palate makes a superb candidate with a well-seasoned Porchetta. (July 14, 2019)

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