



California's Surprising 2004 Cabernets: 20 to Watch

Exciting New Cabernet Labels

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Nearly 100 new Cabernet bottlings have appeared in California over the past year-and most of them are from Napa Valley. The 20 producers profiled here stood out in recent tastings. They represent the efforts of a diverse group of winemakers: world-renowned vintners, hobbyists, landowners, a vineyard manager and a well-known wine retailer. Some own vineyards and/or a winery, some do not, but each has assembled a passionate and committed Cabernet team. And there's no sign of the boom of new producers slowing-there are dozens more new labels on the horizon, scheduled to release their first wines over the next couple years.

<u>Brand</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Wine</u>	<u>Price</u>
Antica Napa Valley	89	Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2004	\$ 55
Bounty Hunter	92	Blind Justice Napa Valley 2004	\$100
Brandlin	90	Cabernet Sauvignon Mount Veeder 2004	\$ 80
Garric	91	Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2004	\$ 75
Ghost Block	92	Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville 2004	\$ 55
Hidden Ridge	92	Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County 2004	\$ 75
Janzen	92	Cabernet Sauvignon ToKalon Vineyard 2004	\$100
JEAN EDWARDS	92	Cabernet Sauvignon Stagecoach Vineyard 2004	\$ 50
Kapcsandy	93	State Lane Vineyard Napa Valley 2004	\$ 90
Levendi	91	Cabernet Sauvignon Stagecoach Vineyard 2004	\$ 68
Bernard Magrez Napa Valley	88	Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2004	\$190
MacAuley	96	Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville ToKalon 2004	\$100
Oakville East	89	Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Exposure 2004	\$125
Parallel Napa Valley	90	Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2004	\$ 49
Pedemonte	90	Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford 2004	\$ 48
Round Pond	89	Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford 2004	\$ 50
Scarecrow	96	Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford 2004	\$125
Tamber Bey	89	Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville 2004	\$ 60
Villa Hermosa	92	Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain 2004	\$ 75
Waypoint	92	Cabernet Sauvignon Dr. Crane Vnyd 2003	\$ 80