

TURNBULL

2018 | BLACK LABEL
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINOUS

97 Points

"The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is fabulous. Inky, deep and powerful, the Black Label has so much to offer. Creme de cassis, graphite, new leather, cedar, mint, spice and lavender all run through this full-bodied, unctuous Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon. **The Black Label pushes all the right buttons. It is a tremendous wine in every way. I loved it.** The blend is 87% Leopoldina and 13% Fortuna." – Antonio Galloni, February 2021

WINE ADVOCATE

98 Points: An extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume

"Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2018 Turnbull Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon is just a little reticent at this youthful stage. With a little swirling and coaxing, it begins to reveal a staggeringly beautiful nose of warm cassis, boysenberries, black raspberries and dark chocolate, with hints of freshly cut red roses, cinnamon stick, cedar chest and pencil lead plus a waft of fragrant earth. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is super intense, featuring tightly wound layers of black fruits, minerals and baking spices, supported by a rock-solid frame of pixelated tannins and electric freshness, finishing long and fantastically fragrant. **What a stunner!**" – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, November 2020

DECANTER

"Napa Valley Cabernet: Best Oakville 2018 wines"

"Wines from the Oakville AVA scored highly in the Napa Valley Cabernet 2018 vintage report but many will make credit cards recoil, reports Matthew Lucy. We round up the top-scoring wines.

Home to more posh addresses than perhaps any other sub-AVA, Oakville has become an epicenter of the modern, luxe Napa Cabernet. Situated directly in the center of the valley, it is far enough south to access the moderation of San Pablo Bay, and also bask in afternoon sun once the fog has evaporated. There is considerable east-to-west diversity, prompting industry hypotheticals of AVA subdivision. Wines tend to be more ripe and lush in the western section where the soils are sedimentary. The eastern portion exudes a more taut, high-toned minerality from its red volcanic soils.

See the top-scoring Oakville 2018 wines

**2018 Turnbull Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon – 95 Points:
Outstanding**

A selection of the best barrels of both the Fortuna and Leopoldina sites. A blend is not always greater than the sum of its parts, but it is the case here. The nose is floral, woody, rustic and laden with black fruits. **A luscious, simply delicious palate ends up in a powdery, clean, quenching finish.** A great example of the eastern hills of Oakville." – Matthew Lucy, November 2020



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VINOUS

100 Points

“Peter Heitz made one of the wines of the vintage with Turnbull's 2017 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon. Dark, sumptuous and racy to the core, the Black Label captures all the best the vintage had to offer. Plush and juicy, with silky tannins and exceptional balance, the 2017 is another positively stellar wine. This is an outrageously beautiful Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.” – Antonio Galloni, January 2020

WINE ADVOCATE

95+ Points

“Deep purple black colored, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is a little mute to begin, opening out to reveal notions of baked black plums, mulberries and lilacs over a crème de cassis and blueberry preserves core plus a touch of stewed tea. Full-bodied, the palate is filled with perfumed black fruit preserves, framed by grainy tannins and bold freshness, finishing long and fragrant.” – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2019

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94+ Points

“The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is a beauty and one of the few 2017s that comes close to rivaling its 2016 counterpart. Ripe black (and some blue) fruits as well as plenty of smoked tobacco, graphite, dark chocolate, and liquid violet notes all emerge from the glass. It's rich, full-bodied, and has plenty of building tannins as well as good acidity. It's a terrific, balanced, ageworthy 2017 that's going to benefit from 3-5 years of bottle age and keep for 20 years or more.” – Jeb Dunnuck, January 2020

WINE SPECTATOR'S INSIDER WEEKLY

94 Points: Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style

“A First look at Our Editors' Most Exciting New Wines”

“This is the final installment of our 3-part series focusing on the latest Napa Valley Cabernet reviews. Following stellar reviews of late-release 2016 Cabernets and then a first look at impressive 2017 Cabernets, this edition features star producers.

2017 Turnbull Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon

This packs a punch, with a big core of juicy boysenberry, blackberry and black currant fruit melded together, framed by a singed alder edge and carried by a solid graphite spine. Shows good latent kick and drive on the finish. The delicious fruit makes this tempting now, but better to cellar. Best from 2021 through 2034. Tasted twice, with consistent notes.”

– James Molesworth, November 2020

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

94 Points

“This is a gorgeously inviting, juicy and lengthy estate wine, decadent in plum and dark cherry. With supple tannin, it melds together on the palate, fully integrated and complex, with baking spice, dried herb and a hint of lavender standing by.” – Virginie Boone, April 2020

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90 Points

“Aromas of blueberries and brambleberries follow through to a medium body, firm and silky tannins and a fresh finish. A little lean, but very pleasing. Drink now.” – James Suckling, February 2020

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VINOUS

95-98 Points

“Sampled from barrel, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is one of the most exciting, viscerally thrilling wines I have tasted at Turnbull. Crème de cassis, pencil shavings, lavender, cloves and violets infuse this exotically ripe, flamboyant Cabernet Sauvignon. The long growing season vis-à-vis 2015 resulted in a wine with beautifully ripe tannins. At present, the Black Label is a blend of ten barrels, three of which are puncheons.” – Antonio Galloni, March 2018

WINE ENTHUSIAST

97 Points; Editors’ Choice

“Our Top-Rated California Cabernet Sauvignons of 2019”

“This is a head-turning wine, especially at the price—an impressive study in cohesive elements of black currant, lavender and licorice melded with meaty, lengthy tannin. The black currant gives way to more sumptuous flavors of blueberry and cocoa powder, offering balanced body weight and complexity.” – Virginie Boone, January 2020

VINOUS

97 Points

“A big, huge wine, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label shows the more exotic personality of the year. Super-ripe dark cherry, plum, new leather, licorice and sweet spice notes build as this flamboyantly ripe wine shows off its personality. Readers should expect a full throttle, intense wine built on pure power. Blackberry jam, chocolate, spice, new leather and new oak gain volume in this striking, explosive wine from Turnbull.” – Antonio Galloni, December 2018

WINE ADVOCATE

95 Points

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label opens with a beautiful perfume of red roses, black tea, menthol and fragrant earth scents over a core of cassis, warm plums and kirsch plus wafts of cedar and truffles. The palate is medium to full-bodied with exquisitely ripe, fine-grained tannins and oodles of freshness lifting the bright, vivacious fruit layers to a long, perfumed finish.” – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2018

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95 Points

“The most expensive of the three releases I was able to taste, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is bigger, richer wine and reveals an inky purple color, fresh yet perfumed notes of blueberries, violets, crushed rock, and graphite, full body, and a focused, tight, streamlined texture that's going to benefit from 3-4 years of bottle age. *It has thrilling purity of fruit and is a long, elegant, seriously impressive bottle.*” – Jeb Dunnuck, January 2019

WINE SPECTATOR

94 Points: Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style

“This is distinctive, showing steeped plum and boysenberry fruit laced with savory, sanguine and iron notes that meld together through the juicy, anise-tinged finish. Approachable now for the gorgeous fruit, though cellaring should bring out more nuance. Drink now through 2033.” – James Molesworth, November 2020

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92 Points

“Very attractive blueberry and black-truffle aromas here, leading to a palate with an exceptionally plush and fleshy array of ripe dark plums and blackberries, as well as a strong surge of toasty oak spice. Nicely integrated. Drink or hold.” – James Suckling, November 2018

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2015 | BLACK LABEL
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97 Points

“A big, opulent wine that stays **pure and balanced**, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label boasts a deep purple color as well as vibrant notes of beautiful crème de cassis and blueberry-like fruit supported by ample violets, graphite, and charcoal nuances. Deep, rich and powerful, yet light on its feet, it has building tannin and is going to need 4-5 years of bottle age. It should age effortlessly for 20-25 years.” – Jeb Dunnuck, December 2017

VINOUS

95 Points

“One of the many highlights in this lineup, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is a **fabulous**, full-throttle wine loaded with personality. Ample and luscious to its core, the Black Label is also one of the more extroverted wines in the Turnbull range. A rush of black cherry, plum, licorice, menthol and cloves add to a distinctly sepia-toned expression of Cabernet Sauvignon. Most of this fruit comes from the Leopoldina vineyard.” – Antonio Galloni, March 2018

WINE ADVOCATE

94+ Points

“The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label sports a deep garnet-purple color and nose of crème de cassis, mocha and mulberries with touches of spice box, roses and black tea plus a waft of cigar box. Full-bodied and concentrated with a firm frame of grainy tannins and **seamless freshness, it finishes long and layered.**” – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, December 2017

WINE ENTHUSIAST

93 Points

“This bold, beautifully made wine is sizable in tannin while imparting an old-world entry of herbaceousness and classic notions of pencil shavings and cedar. Gritty on the palate, it flirts with black cherry, currant and cassis before offering a rounded lengthy finish of clove and tobacco.” – Virginie Boone, March 2018

WINE SPECTATOR

92 Points

“Ripe to the edge of berry jam, this offers a tight framework and a supple texture, even with substantial tannins. Ends as it begins, with a forceful presence. Drink now.” – James Laube, October 2018

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91 Points

“Exotic aromas of blueberry, blackberry and red licorice follow through to a full body, round and juicy tannins and a flavorful finish. A little full-throttle in style but shows lots of character. Drink in 2019.” – James Suckling, December 2017

THE EPOCH TIMES

“Cozy Up With Winter Wines”

“If you are looking to splurge, this is definitely the wine that is worth every penny. It is going to be an incredibly powerful cabernet sauvignon with notes of blackberry, cassis, and violet on the nose that transform to flavors of huckleberry, black cherry, tobacco, and chocolate on the palate. It has assertive tannins and an intense, lasting finish, but enough acid to create a balanced flavor profile. This wine is sourced from two of Turnbull’s Oakville vineyards: Leopoldina Vineyard and Fortuna Vineyard. This is going to be one of those wines that will stand up to the heaviest winter dishes. Dishes like rack of lamb and thick, juicy cuts of steak will pair absolutely perfectly with this bold cab.” – Kyra Deminski, February 2019

WORTH

“I can’t think of a better wine for Father’s Day—unless it’s this wine’s older brother, the Turnbull ‘Black Label’ Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, which is even more extraordinary.” – Karen MacNeil