

TURNBULL

2018 | OAKVILLE RESERVE
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



VINOUS

96 Points

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– Antonio Galloni, January 2020

DECANTER

91 Points: **Highly recommended**

“This barrel selection is a slightly more herbal, fragrant take on Oakville, showing aromas of spearmint, nettle and anise. Classically black-and-blue on the palate, with a delicacy and clarity to its fine, clean tannin structure.”

– Matthew Luczy, November 2020

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CREATORS.COM

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“The Oakville district of the Napa Valley is undoubtedly one of the finest stretches of **terroir in the world for cabernet sauvignon**. The 2017 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is yet another example from this **hallowed ground**. This vintage is rich and powerful, and shows notes of ripe blackberry, boysenberry and cassis with a touch of pencil lead and wood spice.” – Robert Whitley, August 2020

WINE.COM

94 Points

“The 2017 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon offers a look into the excellence of the Oakville AVA. This **outstanding** wine is firm, built, and focused. Its aromas and flavors of black fruit, licorice, and oak last long and lovingly on the palate.” – Wilfred Wong, May 2020

FORBES.COM

“Turnbull was first established in the Oakville AVA (American Viticultural Area) of Napa in 1979 and is considered one of Oakville’s founding wineries. Turnbull Wine Cellars has been owned by Patrick O’Dell since 1993 and he has quietly devoted his time and energy towards making wines using only estate-grown grapes and that mission has been further highlighted with the addition of Peter Heitz as winemaker in 2007 as there has been an intense focus on the diversity and character of each plot under his guidance.

2017 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

The Oakville Reserve bottling comes entirely from the Fortuna and Leopoldina Vineyards. An **alluring** smoky quality right off the bat with hints of sandalwood and charcoal that had a lifted floral note with lush blueberry flavors and had a fun finish with upheaved earth, fresh sage and chocolate covered cherries; plenty of weight upfront that evolves to a more focused wine mid-palate giving it energy and making **this bottle too tempting to finish in one sitting**.” – Cathrine Todd, June 2020

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WINE SPECTATOR'S INSIDER WEEKLY

93 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 Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Features cassis, cherry and raspberry puree flavors that show nice vibrancy, with a supple texture, alluring spice shadings and a late hint of apple wood. Stays plush and polished overall. Drink now through 2030.”

– James Molesworth, July 2020

WINE ENTHUSIAST

93 Points; Editors’ Choice

“This is an outstanding value for the quality: well made and balanced in ripeness and approach. Soft richly layered red fruit is met by a breadth and length of tamed acidity and tannin, the oak supportive but never in the way.” – Virginie Boone, January 2020

JEBDUNNUCK.COM

92+ Points

“There are around 1,000 cases of the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve, a **complex, complete wine** with lots of blue and black fruits, unsmoked tobacco, new leather, and damp earth aromas and flavors. Rich, medium to full-bodied, it has the firm, present tannins of the vintage yet solid ripeness, purity, and length.” – Jeb Dunnuck, January 2020

WINE & SPIRITS

91 Points: Delicious, compelling; a compelling wine of its region; a delicious, finessed expression of place

“Year’s Best US Cabernet and Blends”

“This heady cabernet is massive and smooth. Whitney Asher of Brava in Lenox, Mass., described it as ‘nimble—as in, an elephant-dancing-on-a-ball nimble.’ It’s a big wine, built for a steakhouse.” – Josh Greene, December 2020

WINE ADVOCATE

90 Points

“Deep purple-black colored, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve opens with expressive blackcurrant cordial, mocha and baked plums notes leading to hints of sautéed herbs, charcoal and tree bark. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has firm, chewy tannins and takes a little dip in the middle before emerging to finish on an earthy note.”

– Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2019

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JAMESSUCKLING.COM

90 Points

“A soft, fruity red with aromas and flavors of currants, berries, light chocolate and some walnuts. Medium to full body, round tannins and a flavorful finish. Very enjoyable now.” – James Suckling, February 2020

VINOGRAPHY

Between 9 and 9.5 Points out of 10

“Closer to home the **2017 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon** offers a few pleasant surprises from Napa. Namely, (relatively) restrained alcohol, well integrated wood, and a price that while high for most people remains relatively humble for Napa.

2017 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Very dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of black cherry and cassis. In the mouth, black cherry and cola flavors have a nice brightness thanks to excellent acidity. Fleecy, muscular tannins grasp the fruit and put on the squeeze as the wine finishes with floral and cola notes. The wood is well integrated and the wine balanced, despite its richness. At 14.2% alcohol it is also on the leaner side of Napa Cabernet generally.” – Alder Yarrow, July 2020

RED WINE WITH BREAKFAST

“Wine of the Day”

“For over forty years Turnbull Wines has been celebrating the terroir of Oakville, highlighting the earthy graphite and crushed stone elements that volcanic and alluvial soils give to their concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon fruit. Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (\$85) is the signature of the winery, showcasing a barrel selection of premium estate fruit throughout the eastern part of the AVA filled with these mineral-rich volcanic soils. With dense texture, blending rustic tannins with freshness, the wine is **balanced and concentrated**, revealing black and blue fruits like blueberry, blackberry, and black cherry, melding with licorice, pencil lead, toasted spice, and cedar.” – Hayley Hamilton Cogill, July 2020

THE SOUTH FLORIDA REPORTER

“Founded in 1979, this Oakville property flies below the radar. But **its property offers spectacular fruit that makes its way into this special wine** from the estate’s Fortuna and Leopoldina vineyards. Dark fruit aromas with rich, forward plum and blackberry flavors.”

– Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr, August 2020

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“The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve is another stellar wine in this range. Aside from being absolutely delicious, the Reserve offers superb quality for the money, especially by Napa Valley standards. Black cherry, chocolate, leather, smoke, spice and menthol are all generous in the glass, with the textural breadth that is such a signature of Eastern Oakville very much on display. This ample, inviting Cabernet will drink well with minimal cellaring. Fruit sources are Weitz and Fortuna.” – Antonio Galloni, December 2018

JEBDUNNUCK.COM

94 Points

“The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve from Oakville is a brilliant wine, and as Napa goes, has to be considered a smoking value. Crème de cassis, black cherries, damp earth, graphite, and spring flower notes all emerge from this full-bodied, beautifully concentrated, majestic Napa Cabernet that has sweet tannins and the purity and class of the 2016 vintage front and center. It's a step up over the 2015 and absolutely worth checking out.” – Jeb Dunnuck, January 2019

WINE SPECTATOR

94 Points

“Solidly built, with layers of warm cassis, cherry puree and raspberry coulis stretching out over long, fine-grained tannins and juicy acidity. The plushness of the sweet fruit marries wonderfully with the grippy underlay on the lengthy finish. Best from 2022 through 2035.” – James Molesworth, August 2019

WINE ADVOCATE

93 Points

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve features vibrant blackcurrants, black cherries and redcurrants scents with nuances of cedar chest, pencil lead, lavender and bay leaves. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is elegantly crafted with plush tannins and bags of black and red fruit layers, finishing on a savory note.” – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2018

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

92 Points

“Some very ripe and slightly tarry aromas on the nose here with a wealth of blackcurrants weighing in on the palate. This offers a very plush, sweetly fruited finish with oak that delivers creamed-spice notes. Plush. Drink or hold.” – James Suckling, November 2018

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

92 Points; Cellar Selection

“Woody cedar, tobacco and peppercorn line the road to a brawny and substantial experience of full-bodied concentration in this reserve-worthy red that offers value for the price. Firm, expansive tannins wrap around black currant and black cherry as a thick finish awaits. Enjoy from 2026–2031.” – Virginie Boone, May 2019

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

95 Points

“Why Oakville’s Luxurious Napa Cabernets Still Reign Supreme”

“This is a grainy, herbal red wine, boldly tannic and softly smooth in texture. It takes on mountain airs of sage, clove and tobacco, with a brushy graininess that adds complexity and intrigue. Blackberry, black cherry and currant give a tart fruitiness to the flavor.” – Virginie Boone, June 2018

WORTH

94 Points

“There’s a kind of elegance that some powerful cabernets can possess, and it makes them sensational. This Turnbull is one—a majestic wine of structure, purity, extraordinary precision, and sheer deliciousness. To be this good, a cabernet can’t be dull and overripe. Indeed, it must possess a subtle spine of acidity so that the wine feels alive and vivid. I can’t think of a better wine for Father’s Day.” – Karen MacNeil

WINE ADVOCATE

93 Points

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve has a baked black cherries, black berries and wild blueberries-scented nose with hints of lavender, pencil shavings and earth plus a touch of cloves. The palate is full-bodied and bursting with black berry and earthy flavors, supported by soft, rounded tannins and finishing with a hint of pepper.” – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, December 2017

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93+ Points

“The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve offers lots of blackcurrant and blueberry fruit as well as notes of graphite, licorice, and scorched earth. Picking up a distinct violet character with time in the glass, it has full-bodied richness, a concentrated, firm, structured style, good acidity, and a great finish. It’s a backward, structured, potential-packed beauty that needs 3-4 years of bottle age and will keep for two decades.” – Jeb Dunnuck, December 2017

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92 Points

“The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve is a blend of fruit from the Fortuna and Leopoldina (Weitz) vineyards. Supple, pliant and inviting, the Reserve is a gorgeous wine for drinking now and over the next handful of years. Succulent dark cherry, mocha, new leather, spice, menthol and dark spice add nuance to the voluptuous, racy finish. This is another striking wine from Turnbull.” – Antonio Galloni, March 2018

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JAMESSUCKLING.COM

92 Points

“Plenty of burnt-orange character as well as some ripe stemminess, underbrush, licorice and tar. There's quite a lot of plum fruit on the palate, but the acidity lifts the full body and round, juicy tannins to the long finish. Drink in 2021.” – James Suckling, December 2017

DRINK INSIDER

“Turnbull Rising From The Heart of Napa Valley”

“A few weeks after the Boston Turnbull event, I had a chance to spend a little more time with the newly released 2015 vintage of Turnbull's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine, according to the website, is ‘the pinnacle of what Oakville represents and tastes like each vintage.’

It's also a great representation of what this winery is all about.

Turnbull's Reserve Cabernet is a great showcase of intensity and precision.

The wine shows a collective voice of the winery's estate vineyards and presents a knockout perspective of the 2015 vintage in Oakville—a vintage that's proving to be stellar. The wine's got serious structure, layered with concentrated dark fruit, bold tannins, herbaceous undertones, cedar and sweet spice. It overtakes your mouth like a giant bear hug and grips you for an incredibly long finish that goes on forever.

It's an excellent wine.

And now, with that golden bull shining bright on the center of its label, carrying with it the mark of recent 100-point scores, I have to wonder if Turnbull will be able to remain that ‘under-the-radar’ winery on Highway 29. Guess we'll have to wait and see. But, in the meantime, I'd suggest you go out and buy some of their wines.” – November 2017