2021 | NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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96 Points

"The appellation 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley is a killer value that should be snatched up by readers. Ripe black fruits, roasted herbs, chocolate, and some spicy wood define the bouquet and it's full-bodied, has fine tannins, a glossy, layered texture, and outstanding length. It certainly has a modern edge, but is impeccably made. Enjoy bottles over the coming decade." – Jeb Dunnuck, December 2023

WINE ADVOCATE

92 Points

"Turnbull has been turning out some terrific wines in recent years, and the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is not only excellent, but it also represents a great value. Hints of cedar and vanilla accent cassis and black cherries on the nose, while the full-bodied palate is plush up front, then turns firmer on the lingering finish." – Joe Czerwinski, December 2023

VINOUS

91 Points

"The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is supple, open-knit and very easy to like. Succulent dark cherry, plum, leather, spice and mocha flesh out nicely in this attractive, easygoing appellation-level Cabernet. It is one of the riper, racier wines in the range and also sees a bit more new oak than the other Cabernets. In this vintage, the percentage of fruit from Amoenus is pretty high." – Antonio Galloni, December 2023

THE WINE INDEPENDENT

91 Points

"The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley is deep garnet-purple in color. Cedar, cassis, stewed plums, earth, and truffles galore emerge from the glass, plus a touch of fragrant soil. Full-bodied, rich, and seductive in the mouth, it has a long, satisfying finish." – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, December 2023

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

92 Points

"An attractive nose of blackcurrants, dark cherries, plums and a dash of prunes as well. Full body with creamy tannins and texture. Round and fruity with plenty of blackberry and chocolate in the finish. Better after 2025." – James Suckling, December 2023

2020 NAPA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE ENTHUSIAST

93 Points: Excellent; highly recommended

"A delicious purity of fruit flavors gives an almost-sweet quality to this velvety, concentrated and polished wine. Ultraripe blueberries and raspberries ride fine-grained tannins and a full body. Best from 2026."

– Jim Gordon, October 2023

DECANTER

93 Points

"Oakville 2020: The top Cabernets from this Napa AVA"

"The Turnbull Wine Cellars Oakville Reserve is an explosively aromatic wine with heady blackberry and black cherry notes, kirsch, and toasty oak spices. A full-bodied and opulent style of Oakville Cabernet, extremely fruit -forward with palate-etching tannins against a backdrop of lip-smacking acidity. Fragrant wild herbs and unsmoked tobacco emerge on the long finish—a contemplative, power-packed red that needs braised meets or well -salted grilled ribeye steaks." – Jonathan Cristaldi, September 2023

2020 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



THE TASTING PANEL

93 points

"Aged in (25% new) French oak, this iconic Napa cab comes across as fresh in its youth, over delivering on quality for the price. Spiced cherry and black peppercorn make an impact on entry; then concentrated notes of devil's food cake, cedar, heather and an array of purple and blue berries take hold. A sense of elegance carries through to the finish." – Meridith May, October 2023

KEN'S WINE GUIDE

92.5 Points:

"This deep ruby colored Cabernet Sauvignon from Turnbull opens with a red currant and craisin bouquet with hints of oak, nutmeg, and cinnamon. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied with medium plus acidity. The mouthfeel is balanced, smooth, and lush. The flavor profile is a red plum and cranberry blend with notes of oak and loam. We also detected hints of ginger, currant, oolong tea, and crushed stone. The finish is dry, and its flavors, acidity and gentle polished tannins subtly fade away. The Tasting Panel would pair this Cab with a Stuart's steak treats." – Ken Hoggins, March 2023

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91 Points: Outstanding

"Some dried-herb character to the baked blackberries and graphite on the nose. Rich, smooth and flavorful on the palate, swathed by dark cherries, cassis and firm yet juicy and polished tannins. Drink or hold." – James Suckling, September 2022

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91 Points: Outstanding wines. These wines are outstanding for their type and are worth the extra effort to seeking out.

"Lots of plums, darker fruits, chocolate, and incense notes emerge from the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, a dense, sweetly fruited, pleasurebent 2020 that's already drinking nicely. It should keep for 8-10 years and should certainly put a smile on your face." – Jeb Dunnuck, February 2023

WINE REVIEW ONLINE

91 Points

"This fruit was picked just before the Glass Fire that took away a huge swath of the 2020 harvest in Napa Valley. There is a different sort of green note on the nose, but it's not unattractive, and it leads to a very correct Cabernet palate, with blackberry, cassis and fall spice. It is a solid effort, and it's likely one of the few 2020s with a fair amount available — and that at a nice price for the appellation." – Rich Cook, August 2023

2019 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



JAMESSUCKLING.COM

92 Points: Outstanding

"A solid and structured cabernet with blackberries, blueberries, currants and some walnuts. Full-bodied with firm, fine tannins and a long finish. Very attractive now, but it will age nicely." – James Suckling, November 2021

WINE ADVOCATE

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

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon gives up earthy notes of charcoal, damp earth and wild fungi over a cassis and Black Forest cake core, plus a touch of dried herbs. The medium to full-bodied palate is packed with black fruits, supported by a grainy texture and finishing fruity." – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, November 2021

VINOUS

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

"The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is deep, fleshy and a real delight. Inky dark fruit, cloves, licorice, lavender and chocolate are all kicked up in this juicy, flamboyant Napa Valley Cabernet. Pretty floral and savory notes perk up the finish. The Napa Valley Cabernet is gorgeous in 2019. Even better, it should be a tremendous value." – Antonio Galloni, January 2022

RESTAURANT WINE

5 Stars: Exceptional quality for its type and style; a superstar within its price category. Merits an extra special effort to purchase. Very highly recommended

"Wines & Wineries to Watch"

"2019 was also an excellent vintage in California, and we strongly recommend Cabernets from Turnbull."

2019 Turnbull Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

"A rich, supple 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon that is full bodied, a bit tannic, and intensely flavored (blackberry, cassis, black licorice, herbs, tobacco, oak), with a very long finish. Warrants further aging; great value. 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot, 1% Malbec. From Calistoga and Oakville vineyards. Aged in French oak barrels." – Ronn Wiegand, July 2022

2018 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE ENTHUSIAST

95 Points, Editors' Choice: Superb; a great achievement

"This is a blockbuster of a wine, especially at the price, opening with a violet aroma on the nose and a moderately grippy texture on the palate. Beautiful black- and red-cherry, currant and baking-spice elements combine around a core of classic elegance and length, finishing on a cigar box accent. The fruit is from four estate sites. Consider buying caseloads." – Virginie Boone, November 2021

THE TASTING PANEL

94 Points: Outstanding

"Publisher's Picks"

"Known for its prestigious Oakville fruit (three of the four vineyard sources for this vintage are within the AVA), this 'affordable luxury' Napa Cab represents a renowned label that has been producing wine since 1979. The round and opulent liquid shows a terrific concentration of black fruit; dusted tannins highlighted by dark chocolate; and a meaty character dappled with violets and cassis." – Meridith May, March 2021

JEBDUNNUCK.COM

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"Napa Valley 2018 - A Great Vintage"

"The appellation 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley would be a great buy for those looking for a terrific value in classic, impeccably made, age-worthy Cabernet under \$100. Deep purple, with outstanding notes of blackcurrants, cedarwood, graphite, and leafy herbs, this medium-bodied, elegant 2018 has plenty of mid-palate depth, ripe, polished tannins, and a great finish. It's going to deliver loads of pleasure over the coming 15 years." – Jeb Dunnuck, January 2021

MODERN WINE

93 Points

"Color me impressed! I haven't tried Turnbull's wine in quite a while, and I must say this Cab leaves me wanting more. The price is very fair by current Napa Valley standards, and the wine itself is exceptionally fresh and vivacious. I pick up notes of violet, black fruit and just a whiff of dill on the nose, and get black and red currant fruit as well as a little licorice and mocha on the palate. The level of acidity is really nice, it has moderate tannin, but it should age well for 7-10 years. This is a really promising wine! Winemaker Peter Heitz is a 4th generation winegrower and vintner in Napa and has been with Turnbull since 2007." – Tim Teichgraeber, February 2021

2018 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



DECANTER

92 Points: Highly recommended

"Napa Cabernet 2018: Oakville"

"Home to more posh addresses than any other sub-appellation, Oakville has become and epicenter of the modern, 'luxe' Napa Cabernet.

Key producers: Turnbull"

"Luczy's 30: Top Napa Cabernet 2018s"

Top Value:

2018 Turnbull Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

"Softer and pleasantly vegetal on the nose, Turnbull's entry Cabernet is perennially one of the great-value propositions in Napa Valley. Its nose is floral and displays a bevy of dark-fruit character, with no overt new oak usage. Finishes crisp, satisfying and refreshing. It's hard to ask for more at this price." – Matthew Luczy, Mat 2021

WINE SPECTATOR

92 Points

"A First Look at Our Editors' Most Exciting New Wines" "Smart Buys"

2018 Turnbull Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon:

Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style

"Juicy and forward, with enticing plum, boysenberry and plum compote flavors. Light licorice threads stitch up the finish, along with a flash of sweet spice. Drink now through 2027." – James Molesworth, September 2020

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

92 Points: Outstanding

"A rich, layered red with berries, some walnuts and spice. Full-bodied and chewy with lots of tannins now. Needs time to soften." – James Suckling, December 2020

OWENBARGREEN.COM

92 Points

"A winery with some serious history, Turnbull has been perched in the Napa Valley for the past 35 years. I loved the new wines by Turnbull. These are beautiful wines that are not to be missed.

2018 Turnbull Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2018 Turnbull Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon shows good weight, with rich chocolate and dark fruit flavors alongside a great veil of tension and light dusting of salinity. Dense and rich, this has some heft and structure to age gracefully for another ten plus years. Drink 2021-2033."

- Owen Bargreen, April 2021

2018 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE ADVOCATE

91 Points: An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character. In short, these are terrific wines

"The 2018 Turnbull Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep garnet-purple color, offering gregarious notes of baked black plums, licorice, crème de cassis and mocha plus nuances of tar and cardamom. The medium to full -bodied palate is filled with a compelling purity of black fruit flavors and lovely freshness, textured by soft, plush tannins, finishing long with an exhilarating pepper and spice burst." – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, November 2020

OWENBARGREEN.COM

91 Points

"One of the stalwart Napa wineries, I fondly recall tasting at Turnbull more than a decade ago in a really nice and relaxed tasting room environment. They have been in the valley for more than 35 years and focus their program on Cabernet Sauvignon. Prior to the pandemic their tasting room is open to guests 7 days a week as their wines focus on their estate vineyards.

4th generation winemaker, Peter Heitz, has been with Turnbull since 2007. Raised in Carneros he began learning about wine at a young age as weekends were spent farming in Calistoga. Peter studied at UC Santa Cruz before working for Beringer and working up to the role of assistant winemaker.

I really enjoyed his new release 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (OB, 91) which has good freshness and balance. This wine also shows good value which can be very hard to find in Napa.

2018 Turnbull Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Forward and delicious, the 2018 Turnbull Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon shows mocha, and tar tones alongside a deep core of dark fruits on the nose. The palate has good freshness with medium bodied blackberry, black cherry cordial and espresso bean flavors. This is sturdy Cabernet Sauvignon that is great in its youth and will provide drinking enjoyment over the next decade to come. Drink 2020-2030." – Owen Bargreen, December 2020

2018 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



VINOUS

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"Napa Valley's Thrilling 2018s"

"Napa Valley experienced two stunning back-to-back vintages in 2018 and 2019 the likes of which I have never seen. Both vintages produced a bevy of breathtaking wines that will thrill Napa Valley fans. The 2018s are refined and vibrant.

Turnbull

It's always great to sit down with winemaker Peter Heitz, as his down to earth demeanor and self-critical personality stands in stark contrast to much of the hype that at times is common in Napa Valley. But it is that self-criticism that has made the Turnbull wines so compelling of late. The collection of estate vineyards and single-vineyard wines is impressive, but the hidden gem in this range, when it comes to quality and value, is the Reserve, which is a blend taken from various estate parcels in Oakville. The wines are rich and sumptuous, but not overdone. Best of all, prices remain quite reasonable.

2018 Turnbull Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is a soft, easygoing wine to drink now and over the next decade. Blueberry fruit, spice, lavender and licorice are all laced together in this silky, mid-weight Cabernet from Turnbull. 2021 – 2028" – Antonio Galloni, March 2021

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

4 Stars: Highly recommended

"A lovely cab with aromas and flavors of black cherry, plum, blueberry and sage. Great structure. Balanced, with firm tannins. Top-rate." – Peg Melnik, March 2022

THE DAILY CHRONICLE

"Licorice, coffee grounds and black cherry flavors. Incredibly elegant as the flavors and mouthfeel were all evenly aligned. Even better on the second day." – James Nokes, May 2021

CAPITAL GAZETTE

"This veteran producer often flies under the radar, but manages to produce consistently balanced and approachable wines. Blended with a little cabernet franc, petit verdot, merlot and malbec, it has luscious plum and blackberry aromas, jammy raspberry and cherry flavors with soft tannins." – Patrick Darr and Tom Marquardt, November 2021

2017 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



VINOUS

93 Points

"Turnbull's 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is absolutely gorgeous. Ripe, bold and plummy, with bright floral overtones and succulent red berry and plum fruit, the 2017 is a positively stellar wine. Best of all, it is a screaming value by the standards of Napa Valley Cabernet. Is there a better Napa Valley Cabernet made from estate fruit for \$50 a bottle? I doubt it." – Antonio Galloni, September 2019

JEBDUNNUCK.COM

92 Points

"The base 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley sports a deep purple hue to go with a big, ripe nose of black fruits, scorched earth, crushed violets, and spring flowers. It has a core of firm tannins, the straight, focused style of the vintage, and a great finish. Cabernet at this price point can be dicey in 2017, but this is solid and well worth the money." – Jeb Dunnuck, January 2020

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

91 Points

"A lovely red for the vintage with pure, currant and berry character, medium body, round and creamy tannins and a flavorful finish. Drink or hold." – James Suckling, February 2020

VINOUS

"While I could give readers a long list of super-rare wines I had in 2019, this list is all about Moments. Specific events that were about much more than just wine....

The Best Wines of 2019

I was fortunate to taste many extraordinary wines in 2019. These are a few current releases that stand out because they really enter the realm of the sublime and truly profound.

Best Value Under \$50

2017 Turnbull Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Peter Heitz has done a superb job at Turnbull in elevating the wines into the stratosphere in recent years. The estate's Napa Valley Cabernet is a stunning wine for the money." – Antonio Galloni, December 2019

WINE ENTHUSIAST

91 Points; Editors' Choice

"This producer continues to produce outstanding value for the quality in its wines, and this a shining example of the concept. Weighty, expansive tannins give in to a length of rich, rewarding blue and red fruit, the richness well tempered in acidity and a balanced use of oak." – Virginie Boone, January 2020

2016 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE.COM

94 Points

"If the Highway 29 in the Napa Valley is paved in gold, then the 2016 Turnbull Cabernet Sauvignon should be crowned the leader of the pack. This wine is ravishingly beautiful, perfectly provocative, and seriously focused. Its aromas and flavors of ripe blackberries, enticing violets, tantalizing oak accents make it a perfect pairing candidate with a crown roast of lamb." – Wilfred Wong, November 2018

VINOUS

92 Points

"The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is a gorgeous entry-level offering. Savory herb, blood orange, mint and floral notes bring an extra kick of freshness to the red and purplish berry fruit. Medium in body and absolutely impeccable in its balance, the straight Napa Valley Cabernet has a ton to offer. The core of this wine is Turnbull's Amoenus property in Calistoga, complemented with dollops of fruit from Fortuna and Weitz, both in Oakville." – Antonio Galloni, December 2018

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

92 Points

"Redcurrants and red plums with a swathe of fresh, violet-like florals, leading to a palate that has a neat core of blueberry flavor and a succulent, juicy and long, fresh finish. The fruit persistence is impressive here. Drink or hold." – James Suckling, November 2018

WINE SPECTATOR

91 Points

"This offers a mix of bold plum, blackberry, sassafras, anise and licorice snap notes, all backed by a solid brambly spine. Displays some toast along the edges, but this easily pushes the fruit to the fore in the end. Drink now through 2027." – James Molesworth, August 2019

WINE ENTHUSIAST

93 Points; Editors' Choice

"This wine offers remarkable value for the quality—a stellar commingling of cranberry, cassis and black cherry. With a robust mouthfeel of plump juicy fruit, gun smoke and firm tannin, it shows integrated oak flavors and plenty of underlying acidity to remain fresh in the glass." – Virginie Boone, January 2020

VINOGRAPHY

"The Rockstar Vintage: Tasting 2016 Cabernet at Premiere Napa Valley" "Wines with a score around 9.5"

"Bright, juicy, lovely." - Alder Yarrow, February 2018

2015 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



JAMESSUCKLING.COM

90 Points

"Fresh blackcurrants, licorice, cut grass and oyster shell. Medium body, fresh acidity and a fruity finish. Drink now or hold." – James Suckling, December 2017

WINE ENTHUSIAST

90 Points

"Juicy, round and silky, this is an approachable, relatively light-bodied wine that doesn't shirk on underlying brawn. Moderate structure maintains a fresh, focused likability as slightly spicy oak hits hardest and most pleasantly on the finish." – Virginie Boone, March 2018