2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



THE WINE INDEPENDENT

94 Points

"The 2021 Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is deep garnet-purple in color. Notes of blackberry preserves, blackcurrant pastilles, and candied violets pop from the glass, followed by hints of dark chocolate and star anise. The medium to full-bodied palate is soft, bright, and lively, finishing with pure black berry notes and a real skip in its step." – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, December 2023

JAMESSUCKLING.COM 93 Points

"A firm and rich cabernet with dark berries, bark, dried leaves, cola and sweet spices on the nose following through to a full body with creamy tannins and texture. Lush and structured with a juicy core of blackberries and cherries at the finish with a spicy touch as well. Better after 2025." – James Suckling, December 2023

2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE ENTHUSIAST

95 Points: Superb; a great achievement

"Top 16 California Cabernets for Every Budget"

"This densely packed wine is layered in gorgeous fruits from raspberries and dark plums to sweet cherries, all wrapped in velvety tannins for a smooth and creamy texture. The subtle oak spices are flooded by the potent fruitiness that lingers long on the finish. Best 2027–2035." – Jim Gordon, October 2023

WINE REVIEW ONLINE

95 Points

"Whatever the case, this wine is delicious, showing the classic Napa Valley profile with length and power. It's approachable now, and age-worthy as well. Keep in mind that there won't be many 2020 cellar trophies from the vintage, and this bottle qualifies." – Rich Cook, August 2023

THE TASTING PANEL

94 Points

"Publisher's Picks"

"This is the winemaker's selection of barrels from the red volcanic soils of Oakville's Leopoldina and Fortuna Vineyards. A tremendous start with aromas of black cherry and dried fruits. On the palate there's a generous disrobing of blackberry and black tea. Chalky tannins take a grip, soon modifying to a soothing suede texture." – Meridith May, September 2023

KEN'S WINE GUIDE

94 Points

"This dark ruby colored Cabernet Sauvignon from Turnbull opens with a black currant and blackberry bouquet. with hints of caramel, toasted almond, and chocolate. On the palate, this wine is medium plus bodied with medium plus acidity. The mouthfeel is balanced, rich and really smooth. The flavor profile is blackberry and macerated black cherry blend with notes of licorice snaps, black currant, dark chocolate, and oak. We also detected hints of clove and black tea. The finish is dry, and its bold flavors and moderate tannins show very nice length. The Tasting Panel would pair this Cabernet Sauvignon with a New York strip steak." – Ken Hoggins, February 2023

WINE ADVOCATE

92 Points

"The estate-grown 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve is a substantial step up from the regular Cab, both in price and quality. Black cherries and cassis are framed by subtle oak shadings, while an earthy undercurrent provides a substantial bass note. Medium to full-bodied, this shows elegance and depth, silky tannins and a lasting finish." – Joe Czerwinski, May 2023

2020 OAKVILLE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



THE TASTING PANEL "Publisher's Picks"

94 Points

"This wine is the result of the winemaker's selection of barrels from the red volcanic soils of Oakville's Leopoldina and Fortuna vineyards. The entry is tremendous with aromas of black cherry and dried fruits. Blackberry and black tea are unveiled on the generous palate as chalky tannins add grip before giving way to a soothing, suede-like texture." – Meridith May, October 2023

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

92 Points: Outstanding

"A floral lift to the baked blackberries, with lots of iodine and dried-lychee notes. Rich and full-bodied on the palate, with very silky and seductive tannins that drive the palate to a juicy finish. Drink or hold." – James Suckling, September 2022

JEBDUNNUCK.COM

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

"The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve reveals more lifted, slightly volatile aromatics of plums, candied violets, and leafy herbs. Uber-ripe and concentrated, with quality tannins, it's a solid, enjoyable Oakville effort to drink over the coming decade." – Jeb Dunnuck, February 2023

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



FOOD & WINE

"41 Cabernet Sauvignons Worth Splurging On:

These are the best bottles of Cabernet Sauvignon for your next anniversary, promotion, or big night in"

"The ones below, listed alphabetically, represent some of the top high-end Cabs around."

2019 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

"This is a fantastic Oakville AVA Cab, bursting with blackberry and fig, and spiced with bergamot, a subtle dusting of coriander, and suggestions of cardamom and coffee. Cocoa powder and hoisin sauce linger through the finish, which is splashed with a hint of saltiness in the best possible sense. Savor this one for a couple of decades to come." – Brian Freedman, April 2023

WINE SPEED

97 Points

"Wines to Know"

"The holidays always deserve a special wine—and this year, perhaps even more so. Here's that wine—a beautifully-structured, intensely-flavored Napa Valley Cabernet. Turnbull, a small wine producer in Oakville, right in the heart of the valley, has an 'insider' reputation for making fantastic Cabernets—wines of great power, richness, and elegance. I love the way this Cabernet's fine tannin frames the luscious savory flavors. And while at \$95, the wine is not inexpensive, it could easily go up against Napa Cabernets costing two or three times as much. If you're ready for a bit of indulgence (or want to give a wine lover a sensational gift this year), Turnbull's Reserve Cabernet is the wine you need." — Karen MacNeil, December 2021

WINE ENTHUSIAST

95 Points

"Top 16 California Cabernets for Every Budget"

"To help with your Cabernet buying decisions, we skimmed the cream off the top of the 849 California Cabernet Sauvignons our team reviewed in blind tastings over the last 12 months."

2019 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

"From a pair of vineyards in the appellation, this wine is earthy in tobacco, sage and black currant. With admirable length and breadth, it features rich berry fruit adorned in a touch of molasses, dried herb and oak, deliciously built for the long haul. Enjoy best from 2029 to 2039." – Virginie Boone, August 2022

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE SPECTATOR

95 Points: Classic

"James Molesworth's Recommended California Cabernet Sauvignons" "Top-Scoring 2019s"

"Delivers a lovely burst of pure, unadulterated cassis and cherry puree, with hints of violet, singed vanilla, loam and anise. A subtly inlaid graphite spine carries the finish. Beautifully proportioned. Accessible now, but there's no rush at all. Drink now through 2036." – James Molesworth, November 2022

JEBDUNNUCK.COM

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

"A killer value that's up with the best at the price point, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve offers medium to full-bodied aromas and flavors of currants, plums, chocolate, iron, and a touch of tobacco. Nicely concentrated, beautifully balanced, and elegant, it's a terrific wine well worth seeking out." – Jeb Dunnuck May 2022

WINE REVIEW ONLINE

94 Points

"Winemaker Peter Heitz blends fruit from Fortuna Vineyard (68%) and Leopoldina Vineyard (32%) to bring us a bold, red fruit-driven expression that's weighty, but with bright acidic lift that keeps the fruit flowing over a firm oak backbone. It's not overheated, and it shows lively pepper and spice midpalate, and some complementary charred oak up in the finish. It's quite stylized, and I like the style." – Rich Cook, February 2022

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

93 Points

"This wine shows crushed blueberries and fresh violets with notes of dried herbs, pinewood and graphite. Full-bodied and tight with chewy tannins and delicious blue fruit on the palate. Juicy and succulent, yet it needs some time to soften more. Long finish with hints of crushed stones. Try in 2024." – James Suckling, December 2021

VINOUS

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

"The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve is packed with black cherry, plum, spice, new leather and licorice. Soft curves and plush fruit give the 2019 its succulent, resonant personality. This generous, plush Oakville Cabernet from Turnbull is a winner. Give it a year or two in bottle first." – Antonio Galloni, January 2022

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE ADVOCATE

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

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve gallops out of the glass with earthy notes of tar, tobacco leaf and fertile loam over a core of warm cassis and mulberries, with a waft of licorice. Medium to full-bodied, firm and sturdy in the mouth, it offers just enough freshness and a savory finish." – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, November 2021

WINE & SPIRITS

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

"A cocoa-rich Oakville cabernet, this layers the cool florals of sour-cherry fruit over soft, smoky tannins. Built to merge with a steak." – Josh Greene, December 2021

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 Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

"Very young, concentrated, and tannic, this 2019 Oakville Reserve is a very fine wine, with years of development ahead. It is fleshy in texture, very complex in flavor (blackcurrant, blackberry, cassis, black licorice, tobacco, spicy oak), and long and firm on the finish. Great value; warrants at least 5 more years of aging. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, from Fortuna and Leopoldina vineyards in Oakville." – Ronn Wiegand, July 2022

NAPA VALLEY REGISTER

"Tom Simoneau's Wines of the Year 2021"

"Best Cabernet Sauvignon"

"There are a lot of unsolved mysteries in this world. In the wine business the term terroir falls into this category. Terroir is defined as the taste of the place where the grapes were grown. But you can't taste dirt... right? So why are there special places around the planet where everyone agrees the best grapes are grown? It's a mystery to me, but I'm here to tell this Turnbull Cabernet comes from a very special place. This wine is big in a soft sort of way, smooth and balanced. Winemaker Peter Heitz has hit the bulls eye on this one – WOW!" – Tom Simoneau, December 2021

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



CATHRINE TODD'S INSTAGRAM

"Lifted, pristine red cherry flavors are the first thing that grabs your attention on the nose that reveals through time a touch of darkness underneath with broken earth and black raspberry liqueur. Intense drive on the palate with tannins that seemed like thin ribbons of silk with fresh acidity and tobacco leaf on the finish." – Cathrine Todd (of *Forbes*), January 2022

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



THE TASTING PANEL

96 Points: Outstanding "Publisher's Picks"

"Turnbull Winemaker and 14th generation winegrower Peter Heitz notes, For me, a classic Oakville Cabernet captures the joyful spirit of being in the vineyard during the growing season; it's bright and fresh and full of vibrant red fruit.' The aromas of vanilla, plum and a garden of blue flowers extends to the palate. Teeth-gripping tannins are chewy and become sumptuous as the wine opens. Expressive notes of violets and black plum, along with dusty cocoa, takes power and surges with weight and mouth-filling texture." – Meridith May, November/December 2021

JEBDUNNUCK.COM

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

"Top Napa Cabernet Sauvignon Under \$100"

"The below list is pulled from the over 1,600 reviews published in the latest 'Napa Valley's 2018s' report and features the top Cabernet Sauvignons at less then \$100. While value can be hard to define and depends on many factors, the below list encompasses wines I believe punch well above the price point, and these all compete with wines at 2 to 3 times the price.

2018 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

"The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve (only 49 barrels produced) gives up impressive blue fruits (cassis, blueberries) to go with medium to full-bodied richness, a rounded, opulent texture, beautiful mid-palate depth, and classic notes of lead pencil and tobacco. It's another balanced, impeccably made wine from this team that's well worth seeking out. It's up with some of the top values in the vintage." – Jeb Dunnuck, February 2021

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

93 Points: Outstanding

"A layered and flavorful cabernet with cherry, currant and mushroom aromas and flavors. It's full-bodied and nicely structured with a delicious finish. Needs two or three years to come together." – James Suckling, December 2020

MODERN WINE

93 Points

"At around \$45 Turnbull's general Napa Valley Cab has to be one of the best values in the entire Napa Valley. This estate-bottled wine is about double that price, and it does share some of the house style charm, in that it isn't over-blown, heavy and sweet. It has a good dose of rich, vanilla-laced new oak, but it also has really good acid and tannin, nice black fruit notes, light herb influences, a bit of licorice, and really good overall balance. Only 49 barrels produced, and it's really good."— Tim Teichgraeber, December 2021

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



VINOUS

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

"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 Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Turnbull 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is a blend of the Turnbull sites in Oakville. Succulent dark cherry, plum, spice, new leather licorice and tobacco give this plush Cabernet a good deal of complexity. I would prefer to drink it over the next handful of years, while the flavors remain bright. Lavender, raspberry, rose petal, spice, menthol and graphite linger. As is so often the case, the Reserve offers serious quality in its price range. 2024 – 2033" – Antonio Galloni, March 2021

OWENBARGREEN.COM

93 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 Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2018 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautiful, finesse-driven wine that is already showing beautifully in its youth. Right away the cassis and anise tones capture your attention as tilled soil undertones also arouse aromatically. The palate is fresh and vibrant with gobs of acidity and medium-bodied dark fruit, tobacco and damp earthy tones. Great enjoy now, this has a long way to go in the cellar. Drink 2021-2035." – Owen Bargreen, April 2021

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

2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



FORBES.COM

"The Best Wine Splurges For Your Date Night At Home"

"This small, independently-owned Napa winery works exclusively with estate fruit. Winemaker Peter Heitz specializes in detail, fermenting in small lots (up to 90 in any given vintage), and then blending the results to achieve a wine of balance and polish. This Cabernet Sauvignon shines with blackberry, black cherry and notes of cedar and cassis. The finish is supple and long and easily able to hold its own against any roasted protein." – Katie Kelly Bell, February 2021

VINOUS

96 Points

"The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Reserve is another dazzling wine that overdelivers for its price point. Rich and sumptuous, the 2017 possesses off-the-charts richness and intensity. Black cherry, plum, new leather, licorice, spice and cedar are all fused together in this dazzling, opulent Cabernet Sauvignon; all the elements meld together in an effortless, flamboyant wine. This is a total pleasure bomb - for its quality and price, there is no question: the Reserve is the wine to buy at Turnbull." – Antonio Galloni, January 2020

CREATORS.COM

95 Points

"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 an lovingly on the palate." – Wilfred Wong, May 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

2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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

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

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

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

★★★★ 4/5 Stars; Highly recommended

"A savory cab with notes of blackberry, cassis or black currant, anise and a hint of tobacco. Firm tannins. Lovely." – Peg Melnik, January 2021

2017 OAKVILLE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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

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

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

2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



HOUSTON CHRONICLE

19.3/20 (9.3 for quality, 10 for value)

"Cab is King: Our tasters bow to these"

"Today, I'm saluting the best cabs that I and several of my fellow Chronicle tasters have sampled in recent weeks. Not surprisingly, many of Napa Valley's heavyweights made the cut. After all, there's no better terroir on the planet to grow Bordeaux's signature Left Bank varietal, Bordeaux's Left Bank included.

2017 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

The wine, which has a little cab franc and a tiny bit of malbec in the blend, earned scores of at least 90 from six national critics. The Wine Enthusiast (93) says it offers 'outstanding value for the quality.' I agree." – Dale Robertson, January 2021

THE COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE

"Treat yourself with these wines"

"So, maybe you got a gift card or some cash over the holidays and you've decided to treat yourself to an exceptional wine — something for a special occasion, a bottle you've always wanted but couldn't afford, or maybe something that says 'good riddance 2020; let's get 2021 off to a better start.' The following suggestions are the best wines I tasted this past year that I haven't already reviewed.

An obvious choice is to pick up a highly coveted California cabernet sauvignon:

2017 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Established in 1979, Turnbull has remained small and focused on Bordeaux varieties, especially cabernet sauvignon. Fashioned from two estate vineyards in the Oakville appellation, this wine deftly delivers intensity with equilibrium and luscious components." – Rich Mauro, January 2021

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

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE SPECTATOR

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

"Future Rewards: How to build a cellar of ageworthy wines without breaking the bank"

"California is among the wine world's most prominent regions for cellarworthy, collectible reds, driven primarily by Cabernet from Napa Valley. These reds can be approachable in their youth, delivering rich texture and copious fruit. But they age well, too.

Here, we recommend some terrific, well-priced wines to increase your options.

Buy & Hold

2016 Turnbull Oakville Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

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, February 2021

VINOUS

94 Points

"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

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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

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

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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

JEBDUNNUCK.COM

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

VINOUS

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

2015 OAKVILLE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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