

# TURNBULL

2023 | BLACK LABEL  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



## JEBDUNNUCK.COM

98+ Points: As good as it gets. These wines reach the peak of my personal scale of quality.

“Napa Valley 2023: A Brilliant Vintage and a First Look at 2024”

“Based on 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot, the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is the flagship here and reveals a saturated purple hue as well as concentrated, powerful aromatics of blackcurrants, black olives, scorched earth, and graphite that give way to more spice and floral characteristics with time in the glass. It's full-bodied on the palate, with a concentrated, layered mid-palate, building tannins, and a great finish. This stunning Napa Cabernet will benefit from 5-7 years of bottle age and should have 30+ years of overall longevity. Drink 2030-2055.”  
– Jeb Dunnuck, December 2025

## VINOUS

97 Points: Exceptional. A profound and emotionally moving wine that exemplifies the very best attributes of its kind. These are the world's great, iconic wines

“Napa Valley Soars: The 2023 & 2024 Cabernet Sauvignons”

“The 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is shaping up to be magnificent, but it needs time to shed some of its considerable baby fat. Brisk acids and huge, searing tannins frame a core of dark red cherry/plum fruit, spice, lavender, rose petal and mocha. Floral overtones lift the bracing, explosive finish. Give this time.” – Antonio Galloni, November 2025

## JAMESSUCKLING.COM

92 Points: Outstanding

“Napa's Fresh 2023”

“Aromas of black currants, blueberries, violets, cedar and dark chocolate. The palate is full-bodied with firm tannins and balanced acidity, giving notes of blackberries, plum skin, tobacco and spices. Concentrated, with freshness and a savory finish. Drink or hold.” – Jim Gordon and Ryan Montgomery, October 2025

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

“Pure cassis, violets, black fruits, and scorched earth notes emerge from the 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label, with plum and dark chocolate adding complexity. Full-bodied, round, and voluptuous on the palate, with remarkable purity and sweet fruit, this big, rich, opulent effort will evolve for 12-15 years.” – Jeb Dunnuck, April 2025

WINE ADVOCATE

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

“A selection of the winery's best lots, normally from the Leopoldina and Fortuna Vineyards, Turnbull's 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label offers up seductive scents of ripe black cherries, powdered sugar, loam and mocha. It's full-bodied, soft and expansive in the mouth, but it doesn't have the structure and textural richness of the last four years or so, finishing long and mouthwatering. It's still an excellent wine but perhaps one to drink on the younger side.” – Joe Czerwinski, February 2025

VINOUS

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

“The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is packed with inky dark fruit, espresso, licorice, lavender and a kiss of French oak. This opulent, dense Cabernet Sauvignon packs a pretty hefty punch. Ripe, plush tannins wrap it all together in style. Blackberry jam, cloves, new leather and crème de cassis linger. This is one of the more opulent, extroverted wines in the range.”  
– Antonio Galloni, December 2024

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

**92 Points: Outstanding**

“Deeply scented, with complex aromas of mulberries, mocha and cassia bark. The palate is full-bodied with seamless tannins and acidity, showing generous notes of tobacco, licorice and graphite. Wonderfully balanced and giving. Drink or hold.” – James Suckling, October 2024

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## FORBES

“100-Point Scored Napa Valley Wine Producer’s Favorite Napa Vineyard  
A winemaker for a top wine producer in Oakville, Napa Valley, one of the  
most famous wine areas in Napa”

“Under Peter’s guidance, Turnbull has been awarded a handful of 100-point  
scores for their wines.

### 2021 Turnbull Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon

A force to be reckoned with as this is a wine that is powerful yet all its curves  
are soft on the voluptuous body with flavors of blackberry compote  
showered with ribbons of fresh sage with an underpinning of black licorice  
and a structural power so fierce, while also being finely woven, which  
impressively indicates it will make great old bones.” – Cathrine Todd,  
November 2024

## JEBDUNNUCK.COM

### 97+ Points

“Stunning stuff, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label offers a full-  
bodied, deep, majestic style as well as beautiful aromatics of creme de cassis,  
violets, flowers, and nicely integrated background oak. It has ultra-fine  
tannins, flawless balance, and a regal, age-worthy style that has so much to  
love. It, however, is not going to be for the instant gratification crowd and  
this actually shut down pretty quickly with air. I would hide bottle for 4-6  
years and it’s going to cruise over the following two decades in cold cellars.”  
– Jeb Dunnuck, December 2023

## WINE ADVOCATE

### 96 Points

“The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
drawn from the Fortuna (66%) and Leopoldina (34%) vineyards. A best-  
barrel selection, it offers up classic Oakville scents of black cherries and  
loamy earth, with a gentle cassis undertone. Full-bodied, rich and  
concentrated, with a long, velvety finish, this is a solid wine, with as much as  
two decades of age-ability.” – Joe Czerwinski, December 2023

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## THE WINE INDEPENDENT

96 Points:

“The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is deep garnet-purple in color. Notes of warm cassis, stewed plums, and Morello cherries soar from the glass with sparks of baking spices and mint tea. Full-bodied, rich, and plush, the mouth is coated with juicy black fruits and the finish is satisfyingly spicy.”

– Lisa Perrotti-Brown, December 2023

## VINOUS

96 Points

“A blend of top lots from both Fortuna and Weitz, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is a powerful, dense wine with imposing fruit and equally strong tannic clout. Blackberry jam, graphite, leather, bittersweet chocolate, sweet spice and licorice infuse the palate with tons of depth. The 2021 is a big, ample wine built on textural voluptuousness and sheer power.”

– Antonio Galloni, December 2023

## KEN'S WINE GUIDE

94 Points

“This deep purple colored Cabernet Sauvignon from Turnbull opens with a mild pipe tobacco and blackberry bouquet with hints of loam and boysenberry. On the palate, this wine is full bodied with medium plus acidity. The mouthfeel is well-balanced, seamless, rich, and dense. The flavor profile is concentrated blackberry and oak blend with notes of anise and black cherry. We also detected hints of cassis, clove, graphite, and mocha. The finish is dry, and its moderate dusty tannins and flavors show very nice length. The Tasting Panel would decant this wine, as aeration increases its intensity and expression. We then would pair this Cab with duck confit or with a slow roasted leg of lamb.”

– Ken Hoggins, March 2024

## FORBES

“Celebrating The Outstanding 2021 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons”

92 Points

“Bright, medium deep purple; aromas of black currant, thistle, purple iris and a subtle note of black chocolate. Full-bodied with deep concentration, ample wood notes, good acidity, full-throttle tannins and excellent persistence. This is a powerhouse of a Cabernet Sauvignon that is very ripe and has a bit too much wood influence for my tastes, but others will love the intensity of this wine. Regardless, this is Napa Valley strength, a wine that demands time. Built for the long haul, this will peak in 18-20 years plus.”

– Tom Hyland, March 2025

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## DECANTER

92 Points: **Highly Recommended**

“Aged 20 months in 100% French oak, with 48% in 600l puncheons and 52% in 225l barrels (25% new, 75% seasoned French oak), this Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from 31% Fortuna Vineyard and 69% Leopoldina Vineyard in Oakville. While it shares the same structure and aromatic complexity as the Reserve, the 2022 Oakville Cabernet presents darker, more lush fruit, with a juicier, black-fruited profile rather than the red-toned brightness of the Reserve. Fragrant cedarwood, walnut, and green tobacco still define the nose, but the tannins here are notably more approachable, making for a rounder, silkier expression. A more immediately expressive and supple Oakville Cabernet, layered with depth and richness, still carries the structure for mid-term ageing.” – Jonathan Cristaldi, February 2025

## JAMESSUCKLING.COM

92 Points

“Blackberries, dark plums, leather, earth and bark on the nose. Full body with plush tannins. Earthy and structured with a rich berry and dark chocolate finish. Better from 2026.” – James Suckling, December 2023

## VINOGRAPHY

“Sampling Napa Royalty: Notes from the Taste of Oakville”

“Wines With a Score Between 9.5 and 10”

“Oakville remains the epicenter of Napa’s highest echelon of wines. But trust me on this one fact: if you’re a buyer of top-end Napa Cabernet, you’re going to want to back up the truck for the 2021 vintage.” – Alder Yarrow, May 2024

## RESTAURANT WINE

5 Stars

“Wines and Wineries to Watch”

“Turnbull’s higher priced 2021 Cabernet Sauvignons, the Reserve and Black Label, are extraordinary wines. **Two (more) splendid 2021 Cabernet Sauvignons, and the finest I have tasted from the winery. The Black Label is stunning:** ultra-ripe in aroma and flavor (blackberry, cassis, herbs, tobacco, toasted oak), fleshy in texture, very concentrated, and beautifully balanced, with a very long, full finish. Can be enjoyed now, but likely best after 2030. **Fantastic wine.**” – Ronn Wiegand, April 2024

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## ROBB REPORT

### “The 7 Best Red Wines From Napa Valley’s Oakville AVA”

“Named for forests of towering oaks that have mostly been replaced by vineyards, Napa Valley’s Oakville—both a town and an AVA—is home to some of the world’s finest Cabernet Sauvignon. Producing some of the most coveted Cabernet Sauvignon in the world, Oakville has come a long way since its origins as a water stop for steam trains in the 1860s. Here are some of the finest wines from Napa Valley’s true center, Oakville.”

### **2020 Turnbull Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon**

“Turnbull has been making wine in Oakville since 1979 and to this day has remained an independently owned winery using only estate-grown grapes. Black Label is composed of 100 percent Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from two estate vineyards, Fortuna and Leopoldina. Garnet to purple colored in the glass it has aromas of cherry, black olive tapenade, mocha, and mission figs that transition seamlessly on the palate with silky and rounded tannins. Drink now through 2038.” – Mike DeSimone and Jeff Jensen, April 2024

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## WINE ADVOCATE

### 96 Points:

“While the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label may not offer all the floral fireworks of the Leopoldina Vineyard bottling, it showcases admirable depth and purity of cassis and black cherry fruit. It's full-bodied, perhaps a bit more powerful, richer and more tannic, with hints of mocha and cigar box as well. Long and sultry on the finish, it picks up extra complexity in the form of salted licorice, black olives and earth.” – Joe Czerwinski, May 2023

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

“I loved the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label, and it's certainly a standout in the vintage. Beautifully ripe darker fruits, chocolate, leafy herbs, and some spicy oak all define the aromatics, and it's rich on the palate, with a layered, textured mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish.” – Jeb Dunnuck, February 2023

## KEN'S WINE GUIDE

### 94 Points

“This very dark ruby colored Cabernet Sauvignon from Turnbull opens with a black currant and blackberry bouquet with hints of menthol, violets, and molasses and clove cookies. On the palate, this wine is full bodied with medium plus acidity. The mouthfeel is nicely balanced, rather smooth and polished. The flavor profile is black currant and cedar blend with notes of black cherry, black tea, and mocha. We also detected hints of boysenberry and licorice. The finish is dry, and its flavors and moderate well-managed tannins are sustained for quite a while. The Tasting Panel would pair this Cabernet Sauvignon with a hanger steak or braised short ribs. Enjoy.” – Ken Hoggins, February 2023

## JAMESSUCKLING.COM

### 92 Points: Outstanding

“A frank and rich expression of Oakville cabernet with hints of coffee and chocolate to the blackberries and violets. Ripe, yet fresh, with roasted spices to the rich fruit on the full-bodied palate. Nicely chewy and structured. Well done for the vintage.” – James Suckling, September 2022

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## THE SOMM JOURNAL

*“An Elegant Turn of Praise: The wines of Turnbull’s Peter Heitz speak with distinction”*

“Turnbull’s 2019 reds have now been released, and they are impressive, big beauties. Never having tasted the brand’s flagship Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon, I was honored to sit down with Heitz to discover its awe-inspiring quality; he claimed this vintage is the best in his 15 years as winemaker. The grapes for this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon are sourced from both Leopoldina and Fortuna, but it’s Leopoldina—which climbs upwards of 860 feet atop the Oakville Bench, where it sits on red volcanic soil with high iron content—that has the dominant voice here (91%).

Heitz sees a holistic balance in the wine despite its youth. As he put it, “The goal is to create elegant, enduring, and structured wines that are rooted in our estate vineyards while striking that perfect balance between interesting and delicious.”

In parting, Heitz turned to me with some praise of his own. ‘As a 14th-generation vigneron, I am both passionate and practiced in the growing and crafting of wines that convey their sense of time, place, and purpose with authenticity; in my years as a winemaker, I have come to realize that such wines don’t always tell their own stories very loudly, and that it can take the eloquence of an accomplished wine writer to convey what makes them so fascinating,’ he said. ‘Writers are an essential partner in sharing these stories and sustaining an audience for these more intimate wines. While what’s in the bottle must always stand on its own merits, without a clear and knowledgeable voice to carry the news from the fields and cellars, many of the very finest wines would languish, their stories unheard.’

## **2019 Turnbull Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon – 98 Points**

This bottling is a selection of individual barrels that prove ‘dark and hedonistic,’ in winemaker Peter Heitz’s words. With dark chocolate-covered cherry leading the way, Black Label is brooding, but its nature is more sensual than temperamental. Graphite and cassia smooth out the meaty mouthfeel, bathed in spiced plum and violets. As deep and haunting as this wine is, it rises to a crescendo of brightness on the finish.” – Meridith May, February/March 2022

## WINE REVIEW ONLINE

### **97 Points**

“It’s amazing how different two wines from the same sources can be when a master winemaker is putting the pieces together. This expression blends the same two vineyards as the Oakville Reserve bottling, but leans more heavily on the Leopoldina Vineyard fruit (91%) and accents with 9% Fortuna Vineyard grapes. The result is a plush, rich black fruit driven offering that shows ripe blackberry, notes of chocolate, char, currants, faint dried herbs — it’s a mind bender of a wine that maintains some old school charm while presenting enough boldness to attract the new school Napa crowd. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.” – Rich Cook, February 2022



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## VINOUS

**96 Points: Exceptional. A profound and emotionally moving wine that exemplifies the very best attributes of its kind. These are the world's great, iconic wines.**

“The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is built around a core of fruit from Leopoldina, with about 30% of the fruit from Fortuna. Black cherry, plum, chocolate, new leather and spice build in a potent, explosive Cabernet that hits all the right notes. In 2019, the Black Label is a real head turner. The flamboyant style offers tons of immediacy that will make the 2019 pretty hard to resist right out of the gate.” – Antonio Galloni, January 2022

## WINE ADVOCATE

**95 Points: Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style**

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label needs swirling to reveal notes of blackcurrant jelly, blackberry preserves and boysenberries, plus hints of cedar, lilacs, unsmoked cigars and crushed rocks. The medium to full-bodied palate is delicately styled and refreshing, featuring elegant layers and a long and mineral-laced finish.” – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, November 2021

## WINE SPECTATOR'S INSIDER WEEKLY

**95 Points: Classic; a great wine**

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

“Delivers a serious core of warmed cassis, macerated plum and black cherry puree flavors that move in lockstep, carried by a graphite spine and flanked with judicious apple wood and alder. Very solidly built. Best from 2023 through 2035.” – James Molesworth, June 2022

## JEBDUNNUCK.COM

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

“The deep purple-hued 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is another beauty that just screams ‘Oakville’ with its darker currants, tobacco, black olive, and iron-laced aromas and flavors. Full-bodied on the palate, it has good acidity, a classic, focused mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It has 20-25 years of prime drinking.” – Jeb Dunnuck, May 2022

## JAMESSUCKLING.COM

**92 Points: Outstanding**

“Aromas of ripe blackberries, cooked dark cherries, earth, chocolate and sweet spices. Full body with plush tannins. Rich and creamy with lots of black fruit on the mid-palate and a compact finish. Try after 2023.” – James Suckling, December 2021

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## INTO WINE

92 Points

“Both elegant and burly at the same time, this is that modern take on old-school Napa cabernet: it doesn’t shy away from bold fruit and pronounced oak, but its power lies in its balance. Yes, there is dark red and black fruit, black cherry, blackberry, boysenberry and huckleberry with back notes of strawberry compote, vanilla, black tea, but there is also a balanced approach. All estate fruit from their Oakville vineyards, this 100% cabernet, aged in all French oak represents both a ‘drink now’ cabernet as well as a wine you can hold for several years.” – Michael Cervin, April 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 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon

“Wonderful Black Label Cabernet: opulent in style (velvety in texture, rich and mouthfulling), finely flavored (cassis, blackberry, black currant, cherry, toast, tobacco, spicy oak), well balanced, and long and harmonious on the finish. Exceptional quality; warrants 5+ more years of aging. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon; 90% from Leopoldina Vineyard, 10% from Fortuna Vineyard, both in Oakville. Aged in French oak barrels.” – Ronn Wiegand, July 2022

## CATHRINE TODD’S INSTAGRAM

“Smoky black tea with blackberry pie and dusty earth which turns into rich cassis flavors that had plushness on the mid-palate that was balanced by articulated tannins that gave more shape and power than the Oakville Reserve and finished with a fierce minerality that was at its core.”  
– Cathrine Todd (of *Forbes*), January 2022

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## 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

## JEBDUNNUCK.COM

“Napa Valley 2018 – A Great Vintage”

**98 Points:** As good as it gets. These wines reach the peak of my personal scale of quality.

“There are 47 barrels of the flagship 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label, a selection from Oakville that **shows the vintage style beautifully**. A wonderful perfume of crème de cassis, chocolate, lead pencil, and violets gives way to a full-bodied, concentrated, expansive Cabernet with wonderful, velvety tannins, a dense, layered mid-palate, and a great finish. This broad, sexy, seamless 2018 can be drunk today with incredible pleasure, but **it’s going to age like a great 1982 Bordeaux** and keep for 30+ years.” – Jeb Dunnuck, January 2021

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## VINOUS

**97 Points:** Exceptional. A profound and emotionally moving wine that exemplifies the very best attributes of its kind. These are the world's great, iconic wines.

“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 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon**

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is fabulous. Inky, deep and powerful, the Black Label has so much to offer. Crème 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. 2026 – 2043” – Antonio Galloni, March 2021

OWENBARGREEN.COM

**96 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. Their top wine, the 2018 Turnbull ‘Black Label’ Cabernet Sauvignon (OB, 96) is sinfully good even now. This wine has incredible power and finesse, as well as some seriously good aging potential. These are beautiful wines that are not to be missed.

**2018 Turnbull Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon**

Big without being massive, the 2018 Turnbull ‘Black Label’ is a gorgeous wine made by Peter Heitz. Made from only Oakville fruit, and mainly sourced from their Leopoldina Vineyard, this shows off exotic spices and dark plum that mingle with espresso bean and loamy soil aromatics that all take shape in the glass. The palate is lively and fresh with good acidity and really nice mid-palate density. Gorgeous to savor in its youth, try your best to resist this beautiful new wine for at least another year. Drink 2022-2040.” – Owen Bargreen, April 2021

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## DECANTER

95 Points: Outstanding

“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 Luczy. 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

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 Luczy, November 2020

## JAMESSUCKLING.COM

91 Points: Outstanding

“This has aromas of black cherry, blackberry leaf, walnut and sandalwood. It’s medium-to full-bodied with firm, powdery tannins. Integrated fresh-fruit and wood flavors.” – James Suckling, December 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

## JEBDUNNUCK.COM

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

## JAMESSUCKLING.COM

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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2016 | BLACK LABEL  
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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

# TURNBULL

2016 | BLACK LABEL  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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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

# TURNBULL

2015 | BLACK LABEL  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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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

96 Points: Exceptional. A profound and emotionally moving wine that exemplifies the very best attributes of its kind. These are the world’s great, iconic wines

“2015 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon: In the Zone”

“The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is a heady, explosive wine. It has also aged exceptionally well. A blast of dark cherry, plum, menthol, licorice, incense and chocolate stains the palate. This has come together so well with time in bottle. It’s a classic expression of the Turnbull house style.” – Antonio Galloni, November 2025

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

# TURNBULL

2015 | BLACK LABEL  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



## 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