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92 HOURGLASS Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley 2010 | **\$155** 🌟🌟

Convincingly keyed on the classic Cabernet traits of cassis, briar and loam with tantalizing touches of crème brûlée sweetness to its deep, many-layered aromas, this outstanding youngster delivers in kind on the palate with carefully composed flavors that are as deep as promised and at once both rich and refined. Very long and unwavering in its keen fruity focus and framed with plenty of polished tannins, this is a wine of great intent and achievement, but it has years to go before reaching its best, and a half decade of patience is urged.



Hourglass

91 HOURGLASS Cabernet Sauvignon

Blueline Vineyard Napa Valley 2010 | **\$125** 🌟🌟

The riper of the two impressive Hourglass offerings, but still a very deep and generously filled wine of considerable richness and complexity nonetheless, the Blueline Vineyard Cabernet is at once plush and balanced with plenty of well-defined fruit at its heart. It is a mouthfilling wine to be sure, and it does allow an evident bit of heat to show through at the end but its ongoing impressions of layered richness more than make up for its deep bow to ripeness.

