

CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE



Cabernet Sauvignon

Somewhere in our vast collection of wine books is a now-dusty tome whose instructions to us as eager amateurs reads, and has been remembered all these years. "Cabernet Sauvignon is the signifying grape of the great Left

lot in California to count and could not find Cabernet made from Cabernet Sauvignon and naught else. Less in order to smooth out and lighten the wines for early the 1970 "Reformation" were required to contain only

to escape being what they are, and that means brusque era recently when some wineries were making wines evidence in this tasting is that the wineries have real several decades ago, as they are in France also, but so for someone looking for a great bottle to drink tonight Cabernet, absent having had the chance to mature, is not cellarworthy bottles.

that in the next section of reviews. What exists here is only going to get better and better when laid away. Paul that good Cabernet Sauvignon does not begin to come dark, cold place. We have no nit to pick on that score. The 5 years old and a revelation to all assembled including in the spirit of openness, I must add that 1969 Beaulieu green at the gills while the related 1970 was good but a

to enjoy, and when people ask how we can bear to pull wines that are likely to last a couple of decades will no remains a great collectible wine.



92 PARALLEL

☼ Fortune Teller Napa Valley 2010

Striking in combination of fruity richness and range of loamy, black-olive and creamy oak extras, the Fortune Teller is a multifaceted look at Cabernet that is at once accessible and yet holds a great deal in reserve. It hints at dark chocolate without being unduly ripe and buffers its nominal tannins with fruit to spare, and, while its evident impressions of winemaking polish lend it a certain immediate appeal, it is a fairly serious and eminently ageworthy wine that fully deserves to be held for no fewer than another five or six years.

\$125.00

Cabernet Sauvignon has come a long ways since those days when young and very much in need of age. And while it is that were both riper and more expressive while being softened what the grape can do and what it cannot. Wines today many of them are sturdy, tight, tough and age-demanding, but having no wine cellar to search. Young Cabernet is admitted going to show the depth and range that makes collectors pa

This Issue has a solution for them: drink Merlot tonight at a rather broad collection of wines, many blended for depth Draper, the inestimable force behind the continuing great into its own until it has seen a dozen harvests come and go v best Cabernet Sauvignon we drank in the last year was a 19 some very famous names including possibly the most famo Private Reserve from a very good but less long-lived vinta had just begun to fade.

Such is the fortune of those who let wine sit a long time in them out, we answer, they are just \$8 and a little electricity longer cost you \$8, but if you have the time and the electric



90 PARALLEL

☼ Napa Valley 2010

Ever so slightly toned down in ripeness when compared to its pricier mate above, this bottling shows a similar sense of herbal complexity to its deftly oaked, deeply fruited, olive-tinged nose. Its ample, but less-than-massive flavors do, in fact, run parallel to its aromas, and, if a bit roughed up by its complement of youthful tannins, it shows great stamina and length and holds on to its layered complexities.

\$60.00