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Terraced vineyards in the Alto Douro wine region, a UNESCO World heritage site.

## PARALLEL NAPA VALLEY

**94** Parallel 2009 Black Diamonds Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). Very rich, ripe and dramatically textured, this has explosive flavors of blackberry, crème de cassis, dried herb and smoked meat flavors, enriched by smoky oak. It shows the tough, hard tannins you often find in low production mountain Cabernets. Made by the well-known consulting winemaker, Philippe Melka, it has the structure of a wine that needs age. Give it at least eight years, and it could be one that lasts decades. *Cellar Selection.* —S.H.

**abv:** 14.8%

**Price:** \$125



47 CALIFORNIA

66 OREGON

70 SPIRITS

75 BEER

