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Tanners Super Claret

Taste the Grape: Cabernet Sauvignon

Half Dozen

INTRODUCTION

As a thick-skinned black grape variety, Cabernet Sauvignon is well-known for producing deeply coloured wines, full of flavours like cassis, mint and stewed berries, with a medium-to-full body and high tannins. Delicious as a single varietal wine, it is also used in blends, most famously in Bordeaux.

Due to the high tannin and acidity, Cabernet Sauvignon wine is often matured in oak for varying amounts of time. Oak ageing helps soften the harsh tannins and adds complementary aromas and flavours, like vanilla and soft spice.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON AROUND THE WORLD

Although the changeable Bordeaux climate isn't typically favoured by the grape, the free-draining gravel soils of Left Bank Bordeaux help Cabernet Sauvignon vines grow. Left Bank Bordeaux wines are typically Cabernet Sauvignon blends, and this is the same for Italy's Super Tuscan wines, which also use this grape in the blend. Cabernet Sauvignon produces beautifully expressive and bold single-varietal wines from much warmer regions and climates, such as California's Napa Valley and Stellenbosch in South Africa.

TYPICAL FLAVOURS:
Blackcurrants • Cedar • Mint • Graphite

FOOD PAIRING:
Roast Lamb • Boxing Day Leftovers • Smoky Bean Chilli • Veggie Pizza • Red Wine Braised Beef

CAN YOU SMELL GREEN PEPPERS?: Cabernet Sauvignon grapes contain aromatic compounds called pyrazines, which are also found in green bell peppers. Pyrazines are most pronounced in less-ripe grapes, so cooler climates and vintages often show more herbaceous character, while increased ripeness tends to reduce and soften these aromas.

THE WINES

1. Cousiño-Macul 'Antiguas Reservas' Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo, Chile — Bin No: QR0029B

Aged for one year in French oak, with further ageing in bottle, the style here is quite classic, showcasing excellent, ripe blackcurrant flavours with a good backbone. Good length too.

2. Journey's End V4 Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch, South Africa — Bin No: KR0037B

This could easily be mistaken for an Australian Cabernet, it is minty on the nose and palate, with good ripe fruit and great balance. The finish has an attractive note of cedar.

3. Martin Pomfy Cabernet Sauvignon, Juznoslovenská, Slovakia — Bin No: HR0020B

Plenty of classic Cabernet Sauvignon flavours here, with soft cassis fruit and good juicy length. Well-judged oak gives balance too.

4. Wente 'Charles Wetmore' Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley, California, United States — Bin No: UR0029B

From a venerable company established in 1883, this wine shows all that experience with wonderful aromas, flavours of black fruits, green olives and hints of herbs. Complexity is added by luscious, toasted oak, the finish soft and rich.

5. Torres Gran Coronas, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Penedès, Spain — Bin No: SR0074B

A rich aroma of black fruits from the Cabernet, with hints of liquorice. The palate is full and complex, with a silky feel and hints of vanilla from its ageing in barrel. The finish is long and well-structured.

6. Tanners Super Claret, Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France — Bin No: CR0005B

Aromatic with red fruits on the nose, lovely soft palate with supple blackcurrant fruits, soft tannins and good freshness.

SYMBOLS: V vegetarian Vg vegan organic biodynamic

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