

From the Vine, Special and Rare Wines

1994 Port Set: Taylor-Fladgate & Fonseca

Hold on to your hat. This is the best Fonseca since 1977, and it's probably even better than that classic vintage--more like the breathtaking 1948. Mind-blowing, with masses of color, aroma and fruit flavor. Smells like fermenting berries, boasting loads of crushed grape, violet and berry character. These ports are big, full bodied and very sweet with tons of tannins.

1997 Penfolds Grange Shiraz

Grange is recognized as Australia's and indeed one of the world's finest red wines. The great wine, developed by Max Schubert commencing with the 1951 vintage, is made from low yielding Shiraz vines grown in South Australia and matured in new American oak hogsheads prior to bottling.

1996 and 2003 B.V. Georges DeLatour

Aged 20 months in oak, Georges de Latour Private Reserve reflects many decades of experience with the historic BV vineyards in Napa Valley's Rutherford appellation. All fruit for the wine is hand-harvested and is gently handled throughout the winemaking process. The result is a wine of balance, character, depth, body and richness -- a wine for the ages.

Elvis Graceland Cellars 1.50 Liter

The 1.5-liter Velvet Elvis is elegantly presented on a burgundy colored platform. Collectors are sure to prominently display in their cellars. Graceland Cellars' Velvet Elvis 2003 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a full-bodied Napa Cab with aggressive tannins, softened by lush blackberry fruit. Drinkable now, the wine was created for long-term aging. Velvet Elvis is available at select wine shops around the country.

Opus One 2003, 2004, or 2005

Opus One was founded in 1979 by Robert Mondavi and Baron Philippe de Rothschild. In 1983, Baron Philippe came up with the name Opus -- of Latin origin -- allowing for easy recognition in French and English. Opus is a musical term analogous to the first work of a composer. Two days later he proposed an additional word: Opus One -- and the rest is history. The 2005 Opus One shows aromas of blackberry, plum, hazelnut, graphite, olive oil, cocoa and dried cherries and has received a 97 point rating.

Caymus Vineyards Special Selection Cabernet

Firm and intense with flavors that are well-structured, with a mix of, spicy oak, red and black currant, mineral, sage and dusty berry. Turns elegant and refined, yet shows a sturdy backbone on the finish. Best, 2009 through 2014.

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars' Cask 23

CASK 23, made only in exceptional vintages, is usually a blend of the most distinctive fruit from Stag's Leap Wine Cellars' S.L.V. and FAY estate vineyards. But now, thirty years after a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon from S.L.V. won the legendary Paris tasting, they return to this vineyard as the sole source of inspiration for the 2003 blend.

Franciscan Stylus

Stylus is the supreme expression of Franciscan's signature in Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. The engraving on the label presents an aerial perspective of a wine press that symbolizes Franciscan's commitment to creating exceptional wines in hundreds of small lots and blending them to perfection. Limited Supply

Insignia Red

This wine has a Dark beautiful ruby color. Joseph Phelps Insignia wins converts with its heady aromas of cinnamon, spice, licorice, graphite and caramel. Bright flavors of cherry, currant, fresh cream and sweet tannin are woven together into an unforgettable tapestry of taste and texture.

Merryvale Profile

Merryvale's Profile remains a star year after year and stuns with its power. Merryvale Profile has a smooth, complex tannin structure. It's rich in currants, blackberries and cedar. A true wine lover's red.

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