



**“Balanced, restrained Napa Cabernets.”**

-Eric Asimov, *The New York Times*

**“I always think of Spottswode as the Chateau Margaux of Napa.”**

-Robert Parker, *Wine Advocate*

**“One of Napa’s most consistently great Cabernet Sauvignons.”**

-Lettie Teague, *The Wall Street Journal*

**“Some of the best in the world.”**

-Robert Whitley, *Wine Review Online*

**“The historic winery has been producing superior Cabernet Sauvignon for 30 years.”**

-*Wine Spectator*

**“Margaux meets Napa.”**

-Stephen Brook, *Decanter*

**“One of the most distinctive wines in Napa Valley, and a personal favorite.”**

-Antonio Galloni, *Wine Advocate*

**“Ranked among California’s greatest wines.”**

-*Wine & Spirits*

**“One of the best Cabernets there is from America's defining Cabernet region, the Napa Valley.”**

-Ray Isle, *Food & Wine*

**“An award-winning Cabernet Sauvignon.”**

-Caroline Fairchild, *Fortune*

## **2020 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon**

### ***Wine Advocate***

“Probably most notable in this report is 2020 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon.”

**2020 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon – 98-100 Points: An extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume**

“Tasted blind, in a lineup that included vintages back to 2010, a barrel sample of Spottswode's 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon stood out as being one of the most exciting efforts. Full-bodied, ripe and rich without being overbearing, it delivers concentrated black cherry and cassis fruit framed by supple, velvety-textured tannins. It's long on the finish, with an attractively soft, dusty-loamy texture and no overt signs of a fire-troubled Napa vintage.”

-Joe Czerwinski, September 2022

### ***The Wine Independent***

**“A Complete Vertical of Spottswode Cabernet Sauvignon”**

“In 2016, Mary Novak passed away at the age of 86, leaving behind a legacy of what is now, **undoubtedly, one of Napa Valley’s first growth estates.**”

Today, Beth Novak Milliken is the president and CEO of the estate, and Lindy Novak is Marketing Ambassador. **They continue to be pioneers in the region for sustainable practices and helping their community. Indeed, Spottswode Estate has been at the forefront of sustainability in Napa Valley for over 30 years.**

Nestled within a residential neighborhood of St. Helena, within walking distance of Main Street, and very close to Beckstoffer's Dr. Crane vineyard and Abreu's Madrona Ranch, Spottswode's vineyard takes advantage of the optimal ripeness that can be achieved in this Napa Valley hot spot. Yet **a signature that invariably shines through in the wines—even in the warmest vintages—is its brightness. The wines shimmer. If many of the top Napa Valley Cabs are charging bulls, Spottswode is a gazelle.** Alcohols tend to be on the moderate side here, usually under or close to 14%. **This is a remarkable achievement**, considering the jaw-dropping levels of phenolic and flavor ripeness that are regularly achieved.

One of the most consistent wines in Napa in terms of quality and style, Spottswode is also one of the best bargains out there."

**2020 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon – 96-98 Points**

"The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon, tasted as a barrel sample, has 4% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot in the blend. Deep garnet-purple in color, it springs with notes of cedar chest, cinnamon toast, and black cherry preserves, leading to a core of blackcurrant pastilles, potpourri, and mocha. Medium-bodied, and big on flavors, the palate delivers mouth-coating black fruits with a rock-solid structure of firm tannins and lively acidity, finishing long. Spottswode finished picking just the day before the Glass Fire broke out. Winemaker Aron Weinkauff says that there was not a lot smoke here from that year's LNU fires."

-Lisa Perrotti-Brown, September 2022

***Ken's Wine Guide***

**2020 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon – 97 Points: Excellent**

"This midnight purple colored Cabernet Sauvignon from Spottswode opens with a black currant and black cherry bouquet with hints of violet, eucalyptus, and cigar box. On the palate, this wine is medium plus bodied with integrated medium acidity. The mouthfeel is well-balanced, finessed, velvety, and seamless. The flavor profile is black currant and blackberry blend with notes of stony minerality and black cherry. We also detected hints of black tea, oak, and black raspberry. The finish is dry, and its refined dusty mild tannins are sustained nicely before they drift off. The Tasting Panel would pair this Cabernet Sauvignon with Stuart's beef wellington."

-Ken Hoggins, February 2023

***JebDunnuck.com***

**2020 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon – 96 Points: As good as it gets. These wines reach the peak of my personal scale of quality.**

"Tasted out of bottle, the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate showed beautifully, and it's certainly in the top handful of wines in the vintage. Offering beautiful red, blue, and black fruits as well as notes of tobacco, violets, and chalky minerality, it has medium to full-bodied richness, ripe, high-quality tannins, and outstanding length. It doesn't show any signs of smoke taint and is a beautiful, incredibly impressive effort in the vintage that I suspect will evolve gracefully for two decades."

-Jeb Dunnuck, February 2023