

Viva la Primavera!

Cabernet Sauvignon, Fransiscan Estate, Napa Valley 2013 60

Shows pretty Napa fruit of currants and plums with hints of citrus.
Medium to full body, fine tannins and a fresh finish. Drink and enjoy the vintage.
90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot.
James Suckling 90 points

Nero D'Avola, Feudi del Pisciotto, 'Versace', Terre Siciliane 2012 48

Complex and intense nose with notes of red fruit, currants, blueberries and cherries, together with dark spicy and toasty sensations coming from the aging in oak.
Rich, structured and velvety sip with a polished aftertaste of fruit and sweet spice.
Ideal with roasted and braised meats, game, and aged cheeses.
Wine Spectator 90 points

Cabernet Sauvignon, Flora Springs, Napa Valley 2012 75

Fresh and fruity, this elegant Cab is supported by smaller percentages of Malbec and Petit Verdot. Firm tannins and a low imprint of oak allow the cinnamon-dusted black cherry and cassis to speak, girded by a fine structure and peppery finish.
Wine Enthusiast 90 points

Rioja, La Emperatriz, Crianza 2011 45

Forward personality, quite aromatic and open. Mostly Tempranillo with 3% Garnacha, the oak is really well integrated with spices. The palate is serious, well-built and shows good density, structure and fine tannins. There are good, persistent flavors combining power and finesse, which is remarkable for a year like 2011. It grows in the glass.
Robert Parker 91 points

Pinot Noir, Sonoma Cutrer, Russian River 2014 60

The first impression starts in the nose with deep, dark fruit aromas of cola and cassis, followed by a touch of cedar wood complexity accented with hints of tobacco, licorice, and baking spices. Classic red fruit flavors of Bing cherry and wild strawberry greet the palate, followed by barrel spice and dark chocolate.
Wine and Spirits 92 points

Barolo, Paolo Scavino, Piemonte 2013 78

Wow. Love the perfumes to this with plums, cherries and hints of flowers.
Full body, chewy tannins, polish and precision. Relatively delicate finish.
James Suckling 95 Points

Fumé Blanc, Grgich Hills Estate, Napa Valley 2014 75

Golden-hay in color, this white was fermented mostly in French oak.
Nutty lime and gooseberry provide intrigue and saltiness against bright acidity, making for a complex and compelling impression on the palate.
Wine Enthusiast 91 Points