

Think You Can't Find Affordable California Cabernet? Think Again.

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Olema 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon (Sonoma County); \$26, 90 points. This is a value-driven proposition of well-made wine, with tiny amounts of Petit Verdot, Merlot and Petite Sirah. Earthy in clove and dark backing spices, it has a wealth of soft blue and black fruit backed by firm easygoing tannin and integrated oak. This is one to hoard. —V.B.

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California produces bold **Cabernet Sauvignon** renowned around the world. And while Bordeaux may be Cabernet's spiritual home, if the Judgment of Paris taught us one thing, it's that California produces bottles that are easily on par with the famed French region.

Some of the most notable examples come from **Napa**. But the cost of grapes from the valley are often notoriously high, which means it can be difficult to find a budget-friendly bottle.

So today we wanted to shine a spotlight on both well-known and often unsung areas that are producing Cabs whose prices will keep you and your wallet happy and showcase all that this state has to offer.