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19 of the Best Cabernets We Drank in 2019

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Cabernet Sauvignon was America's number-one red wine by volume and sales in 2018. [According to Nielsen data](#), we spent some \$2.595 billion on Cabs alone.

The *Wine Enthusiast* team is equally amped about Cab Sauv. Our reviewers tasted more than 1,500 bottles of the variety in 2019, deciphering the best bottles from all over the New World.

Compiled from rankings in our [Top 100 Best Buys list](#), [Top 100 Cellar Selections](#) and [the 2019 Enthusiast 100](#), here is a roster of our favorite New World Cabernet Sauvignons of the year. For domestic wines, the selections span across the West Coast—from Paso Robles to Napa to Washington, while Argentina, Chile, Australia and South Africa are represented on the international front. Featuring both cellar-worthy wines and ones we suggest drinking as soon as you finish reading this article, here are *Wine Enthusiast's* top New World Cabernet Sauvignons of 2019.

Cabernet Sauvignons to Drink Now

Lail 2016 Blueprint Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley); \$80, 96 points. This is a stunningly beautiful wine that is ageworthy, complex and will stay with you long after it's gone. Tones of cedar, clove and cinnamon start it off, followed by a dusting of cocoa powder and toasted oak. Lingering threads of crushed rock, violet and currant carry the finish. It finishes soft and silky. **Editors' Choice.** –*Virginie Boone*