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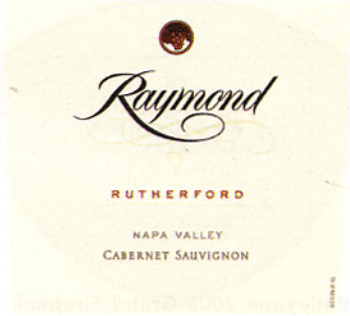
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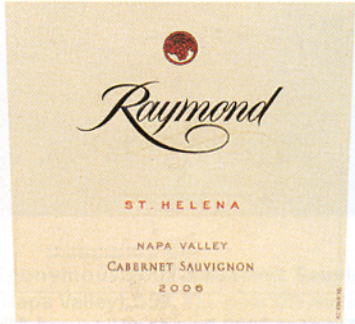
92 Raymond 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon (Rutherford); $60. A flashy Cabernet, marked by its complex structure. Although fully dry, it has wildly ripe, sweet flavors of black cherries and cassis, accented with caramelized oak. At the age of nearly five, it seems best now and over the next four years for sheer vitality. —S.H.



93 Raymond 2006 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley); $85. A gorgeous Cabernet, sweetly soft and generous, offering delicious flavors. With an overlay of smoky, vanilla-scented oak, it has a core of blackberries, cherries, cassis and spices. Feels vital and flashy. Drink over the next four years. —S.H.



93 Raymond 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon (Oakville); $60. Very rich and ripe. Earns its high score for the interesting, complex presentation, like a high-production play, with classic blackberry, cassis and new oak flavors, wrapped into refined tannins. Dramatic and impressive, but not an ager, so drink up. —S.H.



91 Raymond 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon (St. Helena); $60. A pretty, polished Cabernet for drinking now. Easily earns a high score for sheer luxurious richness, with softly refined tannins housing sweet flavors of raspberries, red currants, cinnamon and sandalwood. —S.H.



91 Raymond 2008 Family Classic Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa-Sonoma-Lake); $20. Run, don't walk, to get this Cab at this price. It's very rich and delicious, offering waves of cherries, raspberries, blackberries, chocolate, smoky oak and spices. Feels round and supple and soft in the mouth, making it fine for drinking now. Production was 4,400 cases. ***Editors' Choice.*** —S.H.



90 Raymond 2008 Reserve Selection Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley); $32. This is an ultradelicious Cabernet to drink now. It's rich and seductive in blackberry, raspberry, cherry, cola and cocoa flavors, wrapped into softly gentle tannins. Give it a brief decant before serving. —S.H.