

## 8 Excellent Wines to Serve in 2022

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Crafted from grapes sourced in Napa Valley from To Kalon Vineyard, H.W. Crabb planted a vast empire of vines in the 1860s. Named To Kalon which in Ancient Greek means for "the highest beauty," these historic vines provide Robert Mondavi Winery with grapes for its world-class Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Oakville District Cabernet Sauvignon, and is the exclusive source of our Fumé Blanc Reserve. Winemaker Andy Erickson recommends the following for the holidays:



One of the most enthusiastic and passionate wineries **JCB** by Jean-Charles Boisset has a collection of wines perfect for the holidays. The 2017 Passion Napa Valley red wine has an exciting label that will liven up any dinner table. The words 'Elegant' 'Charismatic' 'Sensual' and 'Spontaneous' are some of the words that appear on the label in gold lettering.

Jean-Charles Boisset is a wine love story about a charismatic French winemaker, who meets Gina Gallo, a beautiful granddaughter of the most famous California wine pioneer. Meeting at a tasting room in Bordeaux, France, they fall in love, get married in San Francisco, and within two years have twin daughters.

Together they purchased the former home of Robert Mondavi in Napa Valley, and a handful of wineries including one of the oldest Buena Vista Winery and Raymond Vineyards. Boisset's own label JCB produces still and sparkling wines from Burgandy and Provence, France, as well as Napa and Sonoma.

His 2017 Passion Napa Valley Red Wine is bold and structured offering a dazzling red and black fruit aroma with hints of chocolate and baking spice. The complex tannins lead to a rich and intense finish. It's ideal to pair with a charcuterie board, roasted and grilled meats.