

**Score** **Memento Mori Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2023**  
**100**

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2026

**Color** Red  
**Country**  United States  
**Region** California  
**Vintage** 2023

Perfect in every sense of the word. Luscious blue and black fruits, violets, dried rose petals, crushed stones and spices are complemented by a lovely meaty, salty, earth-driven undertone. The rounded, silken palate shows fine-tuned tannins and balanced acidity in complete harmony. A selection of barrels from the best parcels of Vine Hill Ranch, Beckstoffer vineyards and a few other choice sites. Drink or hold.

**Score** **Memento Mori Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Calistoga The Estate 2023**  
**97**

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2026

**Color** Red  
**Country**  United States  
**Region** California  
**Vintage** 2023

Powerful, brooding and reductive, showing savory dark-fruit aromas, spices, cured meat and crushed stones. The palate is full-bodied, offering densely packed fruit, a silken mouthfeel, balanced acidity and a long, textural finish carrying mouthwatering tension and concentration. A full-throttle wine with so much class. Drink or hold.

**Score** **Memento Mori Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard 2023**  
**99**

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2026

**Color** Red  
**Country**  United States  
**Region** California  
**Vintage** 2023

What an excellent wine, from one of Napa Valley's most prized cabernet sites. Balanced and gracious, yet deep and luscious, with aromas of blueberries, blackberries, mountain scrub and wet stones alongside spices, violets and licorice. The tightly wound, mouthwatering palate shows high tension, firmly framed yet silken tannins, bright acidity and layers of fruit and minerals, all in complete harmony. For maximum pleasure, give it some time to unravel. Exceptional. Drink or hold.

**Score** **Memento Mori Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley St. Helena Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard 2023**  
**98**

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**Color** Red  
**Country**  United States  
**Region** California  
**Vintage** 2023

A balance of power, perfume and real depth, showing black and blue fruits layered with wet stones, graphite, cured meat, licorice and a savory, earthy nuance. The full-bodied palate has no hard edges, offering fine-tuned tannins, bright acidity and excellent tension and purity with a long, mouthwatering finish. Decades to go. Drink or hold.

**Score** **Memento Mori Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley St. Helena Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard 2023**  
**97**

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2026

**Color** Red  
**Country**  United States  
**Region** California  
**Vintage** 2023

Bold yet refined, with an underlying reduction bringing a meaty, salty and savory edge. Aromas of black currants and berries, wet stones, cured meat and spices. The palate is full-bodied and earth-driven, showing firm yet refined tannins and bright acidity with a lovely tension and a mineral edge. Excellent now, but give it some time for maximum pleasure. Drink or hold.

## Score **97** **Vida Valiente Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley The Movement 2023**

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2026

**Color** Red  
**Country**  United States  
**Region** California  
**Vintage** 2023

A barrel selection from the best vineyard lots, balancing power and freshness with harmony and grace. Aromas of red and black currants, graphite, tapenade, spices and dried flowers are complemented by a lovely reductive, earthy undertone. The palate is full-bodied with mouthwatering tannins, bright acidity and generous texture. A fabulous wine that needs some time to settle, though delicious now. Drink or hold.

## Score **97** **Vida Valiente Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley St. Helena Estate 2023**

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2026

**Color** Red  
**Country**  United States  
**Region** California  
**Vintage** 2023

This has a lovely, reductive, soil-driven edge with underlying freshness and tension, showing black fruit, graphite, cocoa, bresaola and dried flowers. The full-bodied palate offers fine-tuned structure, a rounded mouthfeel and a silken finish carrying fruit, earth and savory undertones. From well-performing young vines planted in 2017. Drink or hold.

## Score **100** **Vida Valiente Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Oakville Beckstoffer To Kalon 2023**

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2026

**Color** Red  
**Country**  United States  
**Region** California  
**Vintage** 2023

Profound grace and harmony here, showing why this vineyard and its growers have earned worldwide attention. Aromas of black and blue fruits, wet stones, spices, coffee beans and licorice carry a reductive edge, while the full-bodied palate is absolute silk, with a perfect balance of melting tannins, bright acidity and a long, luscious mouthfeel. One of the highest-quality new-world cabernets. Brilliant. Drink or hold.

## Score **97** **Vida Valiente Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Coombsville High Ranch 2023**

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2026

**Color** Red  
**Country**  United States  
**Region** California  
**Vintage** 2023

This sits on the edge of reduction, bringing a lovely savory, meaty and salty undertone to layers of black currants, bitter chocolate, volcanic earth, licorice and graphite. The tense, full-bodied palate offers fine-tuned tannins, mouthwatering acidity and a long, luscious, fruit- and mineral-driven finish. The nerve and verve here are profound, with an extended life ahead in the bottle. Drink or hold.

## Score **96** **Vida Valiente Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley St. Helena Graveside Vineyard 2023**

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2026

**Color** Red  
**Country**  United States  
**Region** California  
**Vintage** 2023

Grown on rocks and sand, this shows a reductive edge with dense, brooding black fruit, spices, licorice and crushed stones, complemented by a savory, earthy undertone that's intense and pure. The full-bodied palate offers firmly framed yet refined tannins and an underlying silken texture. Powerful, but with class and precision. Drink or hold.