


1990 Truchard Cabernet Sauvignon

Connoisseurs Guide - 3/94:


TRUCHARD A wonderful addition to the lineup, Truchard is making lovely Cabernets and Merlots. No longer a rookie, the winery has earned its way into the ranks of the rising stars.




 **TRUCHARD VINEYARDS** 1990 Carneros Napa Valley. The full, fairly intense oak in smell and taste is slowly joined by an impressive degree of fully ripened, sweet cherry fruit, and the two combine for an ample, rich young Cabernet. Almost lush on the palate, then running into a solid underpinning of tannin, the wine is broad and flavorful with a long, ripe, very rich finish that never lets go of fruit, even while drying astringency asserts itself. It deserves more than a few years of patience and should be expected to grow for upwards of a decade.

   \$18.00

1991 Truchard Merlot

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 **TRUCHARD VINEYARDS** 1991 Carneros Napa Valley. After an initial whiff of tarry, brushy elements clears, the nose turns toward rich oak and ripe, near succulent fruit of admirable depth and focus for its most lasting characteristics, and it is this same set of round and juicy notes set against lavish oak which fill the palate and linger in the aftertaste. Young, deep and somewhat tough at this early stage, the wine tempts near-term consumption, but its inner strength of fruit and its noticeable astringency will allow it a long and beneficial aging cycle for the next five to eight years.

   \$18.00

California Grapevine 4/94 :

1. **1991 Truchard**, Carneros, Napa Valley (\$18) – Medium-dark ruby color; attractive, floral, slightly herbaceous, earthy, bright berry fruit aroma which developed with airing in the glass; medium to medium-full body; complex, herbal, cedary, ripe black cherry fruit flavors; well balanced and structured; medium to medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Above-average to superior quality. This smooth, distinctly varietal wine is very enjoyable to drink now and should continue to develop for several more years. Highly recommended. 13.2% alcohol; 0.63 TA; 3.34 pH; 1,785 cases; blended with 25% Cabernet Franc; released December 1993. (Group Score: 16.0 of 20 points, 4 of 15 first-place votes/2 seconds/1 third; My Score: 16.5 [88 of 100 points], second place)

1992 Truchard Syrah

Restaurant News:

California Grapevine 4/94:

2. **1992 Truchard**, Carneros, Napa Valley (\$16) – Medium-dark to dark purplish ruby; attractive, rich, cedary, peppery, spicy, ripe berry fruit aroma; full body; big, forward, textured, high extract, peppery, briary, woody, concentrated, ripe berry fruit flavors; full tannin; hard finish; lingering aftertaste. Above-average quality. This big wine shows appealing, rich, youthful flavors but needs several more years of bottle aging. Highly recommended. 13% alcohol; 0.63 TA; 3.82 pH; 294 cases; 100% Syrah; released March 1994. (Group Score: 15.8, 3/2/0; My Score: 16.5 [87/100], second place)

TRUCHARD, 1992 CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY, ★★★★★
\$144 (\$18)

FIRST RELEASE. A stunning Syrah, which displays the classic character of northern Rhone reds (Cote Rotie) more so than any other Syrah we've tasted outside France. It is medium full in body, with intense peppery, berry-like flavors, and overtones of roasted grain and toast. Exceptional. Very limited availability. [1994-1995] (707) 252-8864 [label pg. 21]