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Napa's 50 Best Cabernets

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France's
Rhône Valley

650

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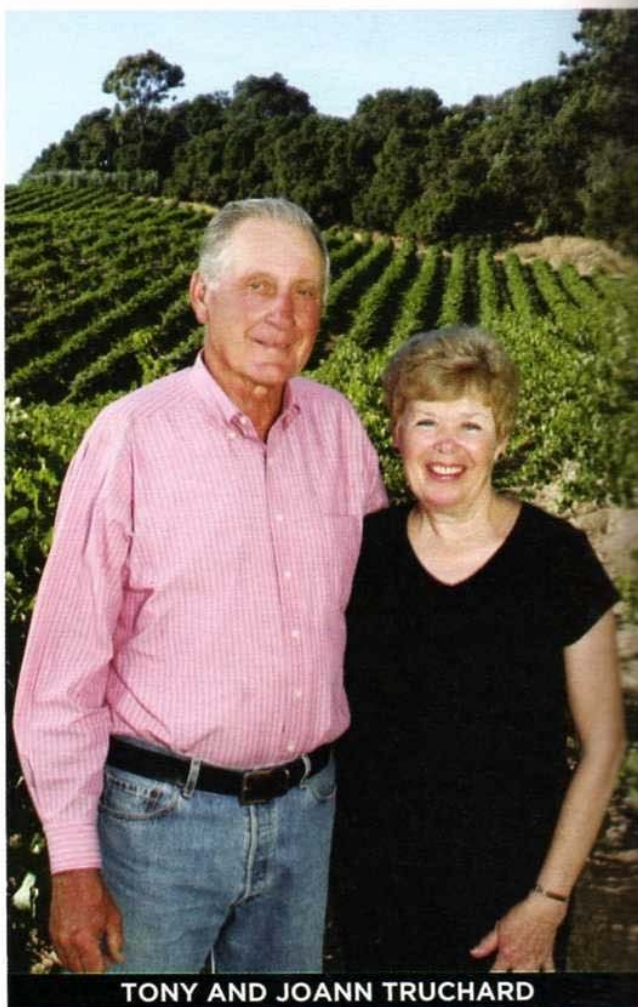
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\$4.95 US \$5.95 CAN



QUALITY-TO-PRICE RATIO

To arrive at the quality-to-price ratio for each wine, we took the current retail price and divided it by the average score. This figure, rendered in dollars and cents, provides a general idea of the "cost" of each point.

	Wine	Average Score	Price	QPR
41	Truchard	89.2	\$35	\$0.39
49	Whitehall Lane	88.8	\$40	\$0.45
47	Saddleback	88.9	\$50	\$0.56
32	St. Clement Oropas	89.7	\$50	\$0.56
47	Paradigm	88.9	\$53	\$0.60
29	Snowden	90.0	\$60	\$0.67
50	Flora Springs Trilogy	88.7	\$60	\$0.68
20	Pride	91.2	\$64	\$0.70
27	Altamura	90.4	\$65	\$0.72
43	Freemark Abbey Bosché	89.1	\$65	\$0.73
14	Caymus	91.7	\$70	\$0.76
28	Dunn	90.3	\$70	\$0.78
46	Robert Craig	89.0	\$70	\$0.79
25	Whitehall Lane Reserve	91.0	\$75	\$0.82
39	Pine Ridge Stags Leap District	89.3	\$75	\$0.84
41	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Fay	89.2	\$80	\$0.90
20	Viader	91.2	\$85	\$0.93
12	Etude	92.1	\$90	\$0.98
39	Merryvale Profile	89.3	\$90	\$1.01
26	Paul Hobbs Hyde Vineyard	90.8	\$100	\$1.10
37	Chimney Rock Reserve	89.5	\$100	\$1.12
32	Silver Oak	89.7	\$100	\$1.12
9	Dalla Valle	92.7	\$110	\$1.19
10	Lewis Oakville Ranch/Reserve	92.3	\$110	\$1.19
17	Beringer Private Reserve	91.4	\$110	\$1.20
15	Pahlmeyer	91.5	\$110	\$1.20
17	Rubicon	91.4	\$110	\$1.20
29	Dominus Estate	90.0	\$109	\$1.21
23	Spottswode Estate	91.1	\$110	\$1.21
31	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars S.L.V.	89.8	\$110	\$1.23
35	Far Niente	89.6	\$115	\$1.28
10	Pride Reserve	92.3	\$120	\$1.30
43	Quintessa	89.1	\$120	\$1.35
20	Robert Mondavi Reserve	91.2	\$125	\$1.37
1	Caymus Special Selection	94.6	\$136	\$1.44
15	Staglin	91.5	\$135	\$1.47
12	Joseph Phelps Insignia	92.1	\$150	\$1.63
19	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Cask 23	91.3	\$150	\$1.64
23	Opus One	91.1	\$165	\$1.81
35	Diamond Creek Red Rock Terrace	89.6	\$175	\$1.95
43	Diamond Creek Gravelly Meadow	89.1	\$175	\$1.96
37	Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill	89.5	\$175	\$1.96
7	Dalla Valle Maya	93.4	\$185	\$1.98
3	Shafer Hillside Select	93.9	\$190	\$2.02
32	Joseph Phelps Backus Vineyard	89.7	\$200	\$2.23
5	Araujo Eisele Vineyard	93.5	\$215	\$2.30
8	Colgin Herb Lamb Vineyard	92.8	\$225	\$2.42
5	Bryant Family	93.5	\$235	\$2.51
2	Harlan Estate	94.2	\$245	\$2.60
4	Screaming Eagle	93.7	\$500	\$5.33



TONY AND JOANN TRUCHARD

41 Truchard

Vineyard Location: **Napa Valley Carneros** Source: **E** Average Score: **89.2**
Price: **\$35** Case Production: **3,040**

The Truchards take the pick of the grape litter from their vast vineyard to create an elegant, understated Cabernet. Great value.