

# SPOTTSWOODE

## Spottswode in the Press

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### *Wine Spectator*

“The historic winery has been producing superior Cabernet Sauvignon for 30 years.”

### *The New York Times*

“I love many Napa cabernets that adhere to time-tested notions of style, like Dominus and Diamond Creek, Mayacamas and Montelena, Corison and Kongsgaard, Heitz, Forman and Spottswode.”

– Eric Asimov

### *Decanter*

“Spottswode has always favored restraint and elegance over brashness and power. Margaux meets Napa.”

– Stephen Brook

### *Connoisseur’s Guide to California Wine*

“It is possible that someone is making more complete, better balanced, tastier, and more enticing cabernets in California than Spottswode but, if so, we have not run into them.”

– Charles Olken

### *Food & Wine*

“Spottswode Estate is one of the most reliable Cabernet producers in Napa; it also makes one of Napa’s very best Sauvignon Blancs.”

– Lettie Teague

### *The Robb Report*

“One of the true classic Napa producers.”

– Christian Navarro

### *Snooth*

“Spottswode. It’s a name, particularly when paired with Cabernet Sauvignon, that tends to elicit a uniformly impressed reaction from wine lovers across a broad spectrum of palate preferences.”

– Gregory Dal Piaz

### *The Wine Advocate*

“If more wineries begin to turn out Sauvignons such as this (Spottswode Sauvignon Blanc), look for a rebound in popularity for this varietal.”

– Robert Parker

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*Wine Review Online*

“The Spottswode Estate in St. Helena, in the heart of California’s Napa Valley, is indisputably one of the world’s top sites for Cabernet Sauvignon. It has been producing stellar Cabernets under the Spottswode banner since 1982.”

– Robert Whitley

*The Wine Advocate*

**California’s Hottest Wineries**

“The Spottswode cabernets all show the same personality traits, sensational color, full intensity bouquets of blackcurrant fruit, tarry, smoky, toasty oak, great flavor, extraction from the grapes, full body, and enough tannin to warrant cellaring for 7–15 years. The winery’s other wine is a stylish, flavorful, far from bland and boring sauvignon blanc that is among the best of its class.”

– Robert Parker

*Wine Spectator*

**Cabernet All-Stars: Year in and year out, the best California Cabernet Sauvignons to buy when stocking a stellar Cabernet cellar**

“Since its first vintage in 1982, Spottswode in St. Helena has been one of Napa Valley’s most consistent producers of rich, dramatic Cabernets. Its 32 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and 3 acres of Cabernet Franc typically produce ripe, well-focused, supple wines that deliver deep, pretty black cherry and currant flavors braced by rich but polished, well-integrated tannins.”

– James Laube

*Connoisseurs Guide to California Wine*

“Let us start by saying that Spottswode Cabernets are the stuff from which hyberbole is made. From the winery’s inaugural 1982 release to the most recent barrel samples, these extraordinary, estate grown Cabernets display the stunning depth, classic definition and impeccable craftsmanship that earn our most unabashed enthusiasm.”

– Charles Olken

*Vinography*

“Spottswode has been one of Napa Valley’s stalwart producers of quality Cabernet Sauvignon since its earliest years, and for the last decade or so has been quietly turning out elegant, refined, and even understated wines that represent everything that is good about Napa Cabernet. While other wineries have pushed the frontiers of ripeness, extraction, and new oak, Spottswode seems to have simply stuck to its guns, and now represents a classic profile of Cabernet in the valley. Spottswode’s wines aren’t plentiful, nor are they cheap, but their estate Cabernets are among the best that Napa has to offer.”

– Alder Yarrow

*The Wine Advocate*

“Spottswode, the darling of cabernet lovers has turned out a brilliant string of wines since 1982...”

– Robert Parker

***Fortune***

**Three women run one of Napa Valley's renowned wineries**

"In 1972, Beth Milliken's family stumbled upon some of Napa Valley's most sought-after land for wine making. Literally. Beth, along with her mother Mary and sister Lindy, stepped up to look after the land and grow the budding family business. Despite the lack of premonition and experience, the trio grew Spottswoode into a renowned winery with an award-winning Cabernet Sauvignon."

– Caroline Fairchild

***Wine Spectator***

"Spottswoode has demonstrated it has a great vineyard, and even with different winemakers the strength and character of this site show through. That's the sign of a great wine: providing pleasure in its youth and new discoveries as the years go by."

– Tim Fish

***Wine Review Online***

**A Napa Valley Pioneer, Better Than Ever**

"Some people believe that *terroir*—the particular growing conditions of a vineyard—encompasses only natural factors such as soil, slope, climate, weather and so on, whereas others believe that the human element is also part of a vineyard's *terroir*. Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery is a solid argument of the latter point of view. When I think about Spottswoode and its consistently fine Cabernets, I find it difficult to distinguish how much of the excellence derives from the historic, 132-year-old vineyard and how much derives from the family that has tended that vineyard with such devotion for the past 43 years."

– Mary Ewing-Mulligan

***The Wine Advocate***

"One of the most historic estates in Napa, Spottswoode, established in 1882, is located in the northwestern suburbs of St. Helena. It often reminds me of Bordeaux's Château Margaux, although no one would confuse Spottswoode's beautiful white, Victorian home with the majestic grandeur of the granite Château Margaux."

– Robert Parker

***Decanter***

"This long-established vineyard always produces exceptional and elegant wines, and this is no exception. It's the purity and poise that make this so distinguished. A bling-free wine that will give pleasure when young or after 10 years in bottle."

– Stephen Brook

***St. Helena Star***

**One Classy Spot**

"All aspects of Spottswoode Winery resonate with a fine attention to detail. Majestic oaks surround the quaint offices and tasting room, and add to the aura of agrarian splendor. There's only one way to describe Spottswoode Winery: 'classy.'"

– Larry Fiori

***The Wall Street Journal***

"The first word that comes to mind to describe the Spottswoode style is 'elegant,' though 'powerful' would be a close second choice."

– Lettie Teague

***Wine Spectator***

"The celebrated and organically farmed 46-acre Spottswoode estate sits on gently sloping benchland and has proven to be a Cabernet Sauvignon vine's personal heaven."

*The Wine Advocate*

“One of the Napa Valley’s reference point wines remains Spottswoode’s Cabernet Sauvignon. However, readers should not overlook their brilliant Sauvignon Blanc.”

– Robert Parker

*Wine-Searcher.com*

**Spottswoode: Napa Valley’s ‘Château Margaux’**

“Its estate Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the best respected in Napa Valley: a classically-styled wine, made from organic vineyards, that pleases both Robert Parker and fans of restraint.”

– Blake Gray

*Appellation America*

“Spottswoode delivers more than just a delicious glass of wine. It gives the added pleasure of a consistent regionality along with a potential for improvement which has been abandoned by many of the Novak family’s comrades.”

– Dan Berger

*SFGate.com*

“Spottswoode is one of the few estates in Napa Valley that can truly claim to be a perfect place to grow wine. Its 40-acre vineyard has since 1982 turned out a consistent stream of outstanding Cabernets.”

*The Wine Advocate*

“Spottswoode’s Cabernet Sauvignon remains one of the most distinctive wines in Napa Valley, and a personal favorite.”

– Antonio Galloni

*Gayot.com*

“With a reputation as not only one of the country’s finest organic Cabs, but also one of the Napa Valley’s best reds, Spottswoode’s Cabernet delivers richness and opulence.”

*The Wine Advocate*

“This historic estate, tucked behind the town of St. Helena in the foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains, was established in 1882, and is run by one of the grand ladies of Napa, Mary Novak, along with her daughter, Beth. These have long been very good, classic wines, but over the last 10–15 years their quality has soared into the upper echelon of the Napa hierarchy.”

– Robert Parker

*The Wall Street Journal*

**A Hands-On Harvest**

“I set my sights on Spottswoode Estate, in part because the winery produces one of Napa’s most consistently great Cabernet Sauvignons and also because it’s one of the valley’s most beautiful estates—with a perfectly restored Victorian house and 40 acres of vineyards within walking distance of town. Furthermore, it’s owned by one of the nicest winemaking families I know: Mary Novak and her five children.”

– Lettie Teague

*The Tasting Panel*

**Spottswoode Estate: The Veuve Novak**

“Mary Novak got much more than she bargained for when she moved her family to Napa Valley in 1972....The result is one of the First Growths of California—an estate producing an elegant yet powerful, organically-grown Cabernet Sauvignon. Since its first vintage in 1982, Spottswoode has always displayed finesse and classic structure.”

– Anthony Dias Blue

*Food & Wine*

**The Best of Napa**

“Year after year, Spottswoode goes on making one of the best Cabernets there is from America’s defining Cabernet region, the Napa Valley.”

– Laurie Daniel

*The Press Democrat*

“At the foot of the Mayacamas there’s a property some regard as one of the ‘first growths’ of Napa Valley. It’s a heady Spottswoode in St. Helena since first growths refer to premiere Bordeaux producers a la Château Latour.”

– Peg Melnik

*The New York Times*

**Spottswoode Cabernet**

“Producers of balanced, restrained Napa Cabernets”

– Eric Asimov

*Decanter*

**10 Californians Who are Getting it Right**

“A consistent winemaking style, a search for balance and drinkability, while retaining the capacity to age for a decade or more—this makes Spottswoode a model of Napa Cabernet.”

– Stephen Brook

*Inside Scoop SF*

**Sauvignon Blanc in the long view**

“Spottswoode, the Novak family’s extraordinary family estate, always comes to mind when I think of who is taking this grape seriously. Spottswoode’s reputation was built on its estate Cabernet, but its white wine is a hidden gem.”

– Jon Bonné

*The Wine Advocate*

“This winery continues to fashion stylish, elegant, intensely flavorful wines from their estate Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards.”

– Robert Parker

*San Francisco Chronicle Magazine*

**Top 100 Wines of 2011**

“It might seem unusual to choose the white wine from this legendary Cabernet house, but Sauvignon Blanc is owner Mary Novak’s preferred wine, and Spottswoode has turned it into an art form.”

– Jon Bonné

*Fast Company*

“Napa Valley’s Spottswoode has earned a reputation for producing impeccable Cabernets. While these subtle, gentle Cabernets go down without a catch, they are far from boring.”

– Matt Kramer

*The Wine Advocate*

“Spottswoode Vineyard is one of Napa’s most well-known landmarks. When the history of Napa’s great vineyards is written, the 40-acre Spottswoode vineyard, tucked behind the quaint town of St. Helena, will be counted among the finest grand cru vineyards of the region. These wines have always been good, but over the last decade, the quality has soared, no doubt because of a much more strict selection in the vineyard as well as in the winery.”

– Robert Parker

*The Press Democrat*

“Spottswoode Estate in St. Helena is one of Napa’s legends of consistency, its cabernet sauvignon and sauvignon blanc rated among the best and most refined year after year.”

– Virginia Boone

*Robb Report*

“Located in St. Helena in the Napa Valley, the historic Spottswoode estate produces miniscule quantities of one of the region’s finest Sauvignon Blancs.”

– Christian Navarro

*JancisRobinson.com*

“Wineries such as...Spottswoode, who’ve long followed a Bordeaux-like model, will again be at the forefront. They allow savory and herbal characteristics and firm tannins in their wines. They don’t let their sunny Napa fruit get over-ripe and thus produce excessive alcohol and sweetness. They don’t rely on high scores (though many receive them anyway) to build an avid following.”

– Linda Murphy

*Connoisseurs’ Guide to California Wine*

**Spottswoode**

“If we have not said it so before, perhaps it is time to point out that this winery’s fruit seems always to deliver a winning combination of precise varietal definition, good depth and concentration, and a most admirable sense of refinement.”

– Charles Olken

*Wine & Spirits*

“Since the mid-1980s, Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon, which is concentrated and massively structured with superb fruit and an extended finish, has ranked among California’s greatest wines. Spottswoode Sauvignon Blanc, a lively, tightly wound wine, is the perfect contrast to the Cab.”

*Inside Bay Area*

**Spottswoode Sauvignon Blanc**

“This show-stopping sauvignon blanc, occupying the very pinnacle of varietal perfection, is a stunning reminder that the grape is capable of producing very deep and genuinely serious wines of real richness and range.”

– Charles Olken

*The Insiders’ Wine Line*

“The women of Spottswoode definitely know what they’re doing!!”

*San Francisco Chronicle*

“Spottswoode has established a reputation for consistent high-quality Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc.”

– Gerald Boyd

*WCBS Radio*

**The First Decade of a Spectacular Cabernet**

“Back in 1982 a new label arrived in the scene. It was called Spottswoode Vineyard and Winery and it became an immediate sensation. Spottswoode produces a small amount of one wine every year, a spectacular Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon that has become the darling of wine collectors across the country.”

– Anthony Dias Blue

*The Wine Spectator*

“This Napa Valley winery has moved to the forefront among California Cabernets.”

– Harvey Steinman

*Colorado Wine News*

“There are some wineries so consistently good that you can buy any wine they produce with the confidence that you are buying a wine that you will enjoy drinking.”

– Lyle K. Rising

*Colorado Wine News*

**Editor’s Choice: Best Wineries**

“This small winery [Spottswoode Winery] in the Napa Valley produces only two wines—a cabernet sauvignon and a sauvignon blanc; both are rich, forward, and outstanding.”

– Lyle K. Rising

*San Francisco Chronicle*

“Balance, refinement, complexity and consistency distinguish Spottswoode wines, especially the Cabernet Sauvignon.”

– Gerald Boyd

*The Miami Herald*

“Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the very best California has to offer.”

– Chuck Clowdis

*San Francisco Examiner*

“Spottswoode quickly established a reputation for its Cabernet Sauvignon, characterized by its uncommon depth of fruit and superbly balanced structure. Within the first few vintages, the Cabernet became highly sought after by wine collectors.”

– Terry Taketa

*The Wine Advocate*

“Spottswoode consistently produces a flinty, spicy Sauvignon Blanc reminiscent of a top-flight, dry white Bordeaux.”

– Robert Parker

*San Jose Mercury News*

“Spottswoode winery consistently sets the Napa standard.”

– Laurie Daniel

*Connoisseurs’ Guide to California Wine*

**Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon Retrospective**

“Their best wines will be some of the most stylish Cabernets around.”

– Charles Olken

*Wine Enthusiast*

**Most Reliable Producers**

**Spottswoode**

“Based on the results of the last five years of the World Wine Championships, these are the names to remember, the best producers whose wines are reliable year after year. Knowing their names is important because many wines are made in small quantities, and because distribution systems make it difficult for stores across the nation to carry the exact same wines of this type in different categories, we have listed the specific vineyard names or other special designations in parentheses.”

*The Great Wines of America: The Top Forty Vintners, Vineyards, and Vintages*

“Wines often do reflect the character of the people behind them, and the focused gentility that distinguishes Spottswoode Cabernet most definitely is echoed by the soft determination of the women responsible for it.”

– Paul Lukacs

*Decanter*

“The plantings at Spottswoode are producing some of that property’s finest wines ever.”

– Jon Bonné

*The Daily Meal*

**Spottswoode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon**

“This is old-school Napa Valley estate cabernet sauvignon at its best. It’s known as one of the benchmark cabernets of Napa Valley and it deserves that reputation.”

–Gabe Sasso

*Decanter*

“A long track record record of consistent ageability.”

–Elin McCoy

*AppellationAmerica.com*

“Is Spottswoode a first growth? Does it deserve top status? You bet it does.”

– Alan Goldfarb

*San Francisco Bay Guardian*

“With all the great California cabernets emerging on the scene, it’s hard to pick one to call the best, but the Spottswoode certainly is a leading contender.”

– Stanley Hock

*The Wine Advocate*

“One of Napa’s best Sauvignon Blancs consistently emerges from the Spottswoode estate.”

– Robert Parker

*The Wine Advocate*

“Like Bordeaux’s top châteaux, Spottswoode has gotten serious about turning out a very fine second wine that is softer and more accessible, yet represents their vineyard character.”

– Robert Parker

*San Francisco Chronicle*

“The organically farmed estate vineyard at Spottswoode, to the west of St. Helena, is one of Napa’s prettiest as well as one its most consistent, producing supple yet concentrated Cabernets that just keep getting lovelier with every year in the bottle.”

– Thom Elkjer

*SteveHeimoff.com*

“Spottswoode always is delicious.”

– Steve Heimoff

*805 Living*

“Spottswoode ranks as one of Napa’s finest wineries.”

– Chris Rubin

*The Wine Advocate*

“Spottswoode produces one of the finest Sauvignon Blancs in Northern California.”

– Robert Parker

*Food & Wine*

“The Novak family has been producing outstanding reds and whites for several decades.”

– Lettie Teague

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*The Wine Advocate*

“This winery is hot...”

– Robert Parker

*San Francisco Chronicle*

“Production is small at Spottswoode, but the quality and style place the wines among the leaders of the future.”

– Gerald Boyd

*The Underground Wine Journal*

“Spottswoode has been one of our favorite producers for the past decade producing excellent Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc, consistently ranking among the very best in California.”

– Christine Graham and Ted Swinnerton

*Food & Wine*

**The Best of Napa**

“The St. Helena AVA is still struggling to establish an identity. So far, Cabernet Sauvignon is the district’s most important grape, and Spottswoode is its star producer, turning out elegant and restrained wines.”

– Laurie Daniel

*Colorado Wine News*

“Both the owner, Mary Novak, and the winery are models of unpretentious elegance and directness, as are the two wines they produce—cabernet sauvignon and sauvignon blanc.”

*Savor Wine Country*

“It [Spottswoode] makes one of the most consistently delicious, elegant and balanced Cabernet Sauvignons in the world.”

– Virginie Boone

*The Wine Advocate*

“Although Spottswoode is best known for the superb Cabernet Sauvignons, the estate also does quite well with their Syrah.”

– Antonio Galloni

*Wine Enthusiast*

“Some of the best California Sauvignon Blanc includes...Spottswoode.”

– Larry Walker

*The Wall Street Journal*

**Napa Valley’s Latest Contribution: ‘Serious’ Sauvignon Blanc: A wave of ambitious Napa Sauvignons is garnering praise in high places**

“Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery, one of my favorite longtime producers of quality Napa Sauvignon Blanc. This Spottswoode wine has been one of Napa’s best for almost three decades, and the 2013 is another success.”

– Lettie Teague

*Food & Wine*

**Napa Valley Classic Wines**

“Spottswoode is a benchmark producer of graceful, age-worthy Cabernets.”

– Ray Isle

*Wine Spectator*

**A vertical tasting of Spottswode Cabernets reveals a small-production wine that's eminently collectible.**

"Spottswode could be considered the epitome of the successful Napa Valley boutique winery. With a 40-acre vineyard and a lovely Victorian house in charming St. Helena, a series of highly regarded winemakers, and production levels low enough to generate intense demand for its outstanding Cabernet Sauvignons, Spottswode achieved 'cult' status with its first vintage, 1982, and has been among California's most collectible wines ever since."

– Thomas Mathews

*The Daily Meal*

**101 Best Wineries in America 2015: Here's our panel's ranking of the best producers.**

Spottswode Estate Vineyard & Winery:

"Mary Novak and her daughters, Beth Novak Milliken and Lindy Novak, have been growing grapes on their historic Napa Valley estate since 1972, and turning them into some of the best, most elegant, most highly praised sauvignon blancs and Bordeaux-style cabernet sauvignons imaginable. Head winemaker and vineyard manager Aron Weinkauff oversees the estate's 24 separate vineyard blocks and dependably produces critically acclaimed, beautifully balanced wines. The cabernets, especially, are so good that the world's most influential wine critic, Robert Parker, was once moved to say that 'If Château Margaux were in Napa Valley, it would be Spottswode.'"

– Colman Andrews

*Stateside*

"For every soft, ultra-ripe California wine, there is an elegant, structured one from Chateau Montelena, Corison, Frog's Leap, Gary Farrell, HdV and Spottswode to name a few. These restrained wines help make California a far more complex and diverse wine-producing region that it gets credit for."

– Linda Murphy

*Vinous*

"It all starts in the vineyard, though, and this historic St. Helena site is one of the very best."

– Antonio Galloni

*JancisRobinson.com*

**Spottswode and their excellent 2011 Cabs**

"I'm a fan of this producer of particularly subtle wines from the benchlands just west of St. Helena."

– Jancis Robinson

*San Francisco Chronicle*

"Spottswode is often on the roster of original cult wines."

– Jon Bonné

*The Wine Advocate*

**California's Top Wineries: The Product is Sensational**

"Spottswode Vineyard & Winery"

– Robert Parker

*Food & Wine*

**American Wine Awards**

"Spottswode made its mark in Cabernet but also produces sensational Sauvignon Blancs."

– Ray Isle

***The Daily Meal***

**101 Best Wineries in America 2014: Shining a spotlight everywhere in the U.S. that great wines are being made.**

Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery:

“Mary Novak and her daughter, Beth Novak Milliken, have been producing outstanding, elegant, award-winning Bordeaux-style cabernet sauvignons for three decades at their beautiful historic winery. The winery also produces critically acclaimed, beautifully balanced sauvignon blancs.”

– Colman Andrews and Jess Novak

***BravoYourCity.com***

“The vintages we have tried during our several visits are consistently delicious and have fit our palate like a glove. We have tasted an incredible number of Napa Cabernets and when people ask us for a Napa Cabernet recommendation, Spottswoode’s Estate Cabernet is always towards the top of our list.”

– Dave Thompson

***The Exeter News-Letter***

**Spottswoode: One of Napa’s Stars**

“Why wait until 1982 to release their first wines? Well, they were busy replanting the original pre-prohibition vineyards and then had to wait for the newly planted vines to establish themselves and mature. The wines were worth the wait! They are now considered one of the premier Cabernet Sauvignon growers in Napa Valley.”

– Ben Young and Billy Tooley

***The Hollywood Reporter***

One of Napa’s premier under the radar producers, Spottswoode goes about quietly making first-rate wine.”

– Michael Cervin

***Back Lane Wineries***

“Points in the 90s and accolades are nothing new at Spottswoode, where the emphasis is on creating world-class wines that will cellar beautifully.”

– Tilar Mazzeo

***Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar***

**Featured North Coast Producers**

**Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery**

“Spottswoode continues to turn out remarkably refined, perfumed wines into its fourth decade.”

– Stephen Tanzer

***JustGrapesWine.com***

“Spottswoode is not only producing wine at the highest level in Napa, they are also very down to earth, have reasonable prices for what they are producing, and offer one of the best tour/taste experiences in the Valley. A must visit.”

– Shea Coulson

***Tom’s Wine Forum***

“The wines of Spottswoode are eternally classic and some of the most original in the wine world. Passion, heritage, sustainability, terroir, consistency, elegance and balance are all words that come to mind when I think of Spottswoode.”

– Thomas Kobylarz

***NapaMan.com***

**Spottswoode Winery**

“The family mantra is simple: they are committed to producing wines that faithfully reflect their grape origins. And let it be known—they seem to have a magic touch, because nearly every vintage of Spottswoode Cabernet that I have tasted exhibits uncommonly familiar elegance, finesse and balance.”

– Jim White

*Spears Magazine*

“For the past twenty years or so the Novak family have quietly been at the cutting edge of winemaking in Napa Valley. The success of the Spottswoode brand is a testament to the flinty and determined character of the family.”

– William Cash

*Wine-Searcher.com*

**Napa’s Grande Dame: Spottswoode**

“I remember seeing Mary again in 2004 and marvelling at her boundless energy and stunning elegance—both characteristics always found in her wines.”

– Blake Gray

*Wine & Spirits*

“From its inaugural 1982 bottling on, Spottswoode has been accepted by California wine cognoscenti as one of the Napa Valley’s benchmark labels. The distinctive character of the fruit intensely aromatic and flavorful has been the primary element of success, of course, but the way the fruit was handled was also a factor.”

– Rod Smith

*Connoisseur*

**One for the Oenophiles**

“California cabernet is considered very good but not great, the Spottswoode bottling is one of the splendid exceptions to the rule.”

– Ronn Wiegand

*The New York Times*

**The Road to Spottswoode**

“It was fascinating not just to trace the arc of the wines from this estate, but also to see how they changed in style over the years. The wines from the 1980’s up until the mid-90’s were notable for their elegance and balance, and for the nervy acidity that gave them structure and shape. Around 1997 the wines started to get fleshier, and I found 2001 to be the first vintage that seemed bigger and more alcoholic—not over the top like some Napa cabernets, but definitely a departure in some ways from the previous vintages.”

– Eric Asimov

*AllVineyards.com*

“The Novak family is committed to producing wines that faithfully reflect their grape origins. Each Spottswoode wine is known for its refined elegance, balance, and classic structure. Dedicated stewards of their property, the Novaks have farmed organically since 1985 and have pioneered the restoration of their local watershed.”

*Wine Enthusiast*

“Spottswoode offers tasters the chance to indulge in a more genteel side of the valley, plus supremely elegant Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc.”

*The Wine Bible*

**Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery**

“Some of the Best Producers of Cabernet Sauvignon and Red Bordeaux Style Blends”

“Some of the Best Producers of Sauvignon Blanc and White Bordeaux Style Blends”

– Karen MacNeil

*What's Cookin' Today on CRN Talk Radio*

**Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery**

“A legendary estate. One of the wineries that defined Napa Valley.”

– Mike Horn

*Great Wine Capitals*

**2016 Best of Wine Tourism Awards**

**Sustainable Wine Tourism Practices:**

**Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery**

“North American innovators receive accolades for excellence in wine tourism.”

*100 Most Iconic Wine Estates*

“There is something eminently distinguished about the Spottswoode set up. I have followed these wines for two decades and not once have I witnessed anything other than elegance and integrity in the wines. In some ways the Spottswoode Cabernets are the antithesis of the hectic, showy, oft-gaudy wines made in the Valley. The Novaks, who own this 40-acre family winegrowing estate, are some of the most discreet, modest, passionate, skilful and environmentally responsible people in the business.”

– Mathew Jukes

*Organic Authority*

**Sustainable Wineries That Will Get You Tipsy While Preserving the Land**

“Wine is great. But sustainable wine? Sustainable wine is tops! Sustainable and organically grown grapes provide a taste that's out of this world and result in a beverage that's refreshing, good for the environment and the land, and relatively beneficial for your bod. (In moderation, of course, but whatever...)”

– Abbie Stutzer

*Organic Authority*

**Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery**

“Spottswoode is one of Napa Valley's most environmentally conscious wineries.”

– Abbie Stutzer

*Wine Enthusiast*

“A landmark producer of the variety [Sauvignon Blanc].”

– Virginie Boone

*Cosmopolitan/Elle Décor/Town & Country*

**7 places to put on your travel bucket list if you love wine**

“If you love Cabernet Sauvignon, be sure to check out these vineyards: Spottswoode.”

– Kristin Tice

*Napa Valley Register*

“The older wineries, like Spottswoode, are just as important as the newcomers, ‘because they probably paved the way, have stayed relevant through the years and are consistently really good. I love to showcase these wines as well.’”

– Kerrin Laz

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**Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery**

“This is another set of gorgeous wines, from Spottswoode, a historic property in the center of St. Helena. The flagship Cabernet rightly gets most of the attention, but some of the other wines, the Lydenhurst Cabernet and Syrah Field Book in particular, are also worth taking a look at. In addition to these wines, I also tasted a few older vintages that reinforce my impression that in recent years proprietor Beth Novak Milliken and Winemaker Aron Weinkauff have moved towards a greater emphasis on finesse.”

– Antonio Galloni

***Diversion***

“One of Napa Valley’s most consistently superb cabernet producers, Spottswoode, whose vineyard is near the town of St. Helena, creates beautifully supple, subtle cabernet that insinuates rather than suffocates.”

– Matt Kramer

***Goop***

**Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery**

“You’ll have to venture off the beaten path to find this spot, but that only makes uncovering it feel even more special. Run by matriarch Mary Weber Novak and her two daughters Beth and Lindy, this family-owned operation is also a serious #fempire.”

***Bloomberg Business***

“The highly regarded, notably elegant St. Helena Spottswoode Cabernet.”

– Elin McCoy

***Twitter***

“A good day is tasting through Spottswoode vintages 1999–2013. Classic and delicious.”

– Virginie Boone (of *Wine Enthusiast*)

***San Francisco Chronicle***

**“Napa: Tasteful winery design for your wine tasting”**

“The following wineries reflect their provenance in the landscape [Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery].”

– Sophia Markoulakis

***San Francisco Magazine***

“The family behind Spottswoode has been growing grapes at their historic 1882 estate since 1972. The tour takes you through the solar-powered winery and estate home, which illustrate the balance of farming, family, grandeur, and precision that makes Napa famous. Spottswoode is best known for its cabernets, but the sauvignon blanc is minerally, crisp, and a top pick for a warm day.”

– Ian White

***Wine Review Online***

“Spottswoode’s estate vineyard in the heart of St. Helena, itself in the heart of the Napa Valley, is nothing short of a national treasure. The Cabernet Sauvignon (with a splash of Cab Franc and Petit Verdot) off this magical vineyard is consistently among the finest produced each vintage in the valley and no doubt some of the best in the world.”

– Robert Whitley

***San Francisco Magazine***

**Best Wine Clubs for Cabernet**

**Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery**

“Most people join Spottswoode wine club for the estate cabernet sauvignon. Robert Parker once said: ‘If Château Margaux were in Napa Valley, it would be Spottswoode.’”

– Ian White

***Appellation America***

**Spottswoode Estate: Keepers of the *Terroir***

“Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery seems to be an anomaly in the early days of the 21st century. Unwaveringly for the last quarter century it has sought a sameness of what this remarkable site displays. The quest has been successful: The wine shows *terroir*.”

– Dan Berger

***Wine Advocate***

“This is an historic producer, a great estate on the back streets of St. Helena that has been at the top of their game for many a year. Their wine always has a Château Margaux-like elegance and finesse, allied to pure, intense Napa fruit.”

– Robert Parker

***Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences***

“When you buy a Napa Cabernet from a producer that has been around long enough to have a strong, loyal following, the brand must remain true to what was originally established. Or improve. As a result, we still love... Spottswoode, and a handful of others who have remained true to the styles they established decades ago.”

– Dan Berger

***The Underground Wine Journal***

“Since the first vintage, the women of Spottswoode and consultant Tony Soter have produced some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc made in California.

*The Underground Wine Journal* has consistently rated these wines near the top of most vintages and generally outstanding.”

– Ted Swinnerton

***Examiner.com***

“Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery in St. Helena—a Napa Valley classic for modern times.”

– Annette Hanami

***Drink Me Magazine***

**St. Helena Appellation: The Top 10 Wineries**

“Today the historic vineyard is known for its Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc, wines of impeccable balance, refinement, and integrity. Winemaker Aron Weinkauff is in charge of the estate’s meticulously farmed twenty four blocks. He remains faithful to the Novak’s pursuit of perfection in every vintage.”

– Ilona Thompson

***Sunset***

**Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery**

“Trust producers with track records, and you’ll be rewarded for your wait. A handful of wines can launch a cellar.”

“A Splurge Red Fit for a Celebration”

“Invest in a Cabernet Sauvignon with a balance of good fruit, tannin, and acidity.”

– Sara Schneider

***Sommelier Journal***

**Winery Spotlight: Spottswoode Estate**

“One of Napa’s historic estates continues to shine.”

– Rachel Zawila

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*The Great Wines of America*

**Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon**

“The goal now is to be recognized as one of the world’s very best wine estates—meaning a privileged place that produces a wines that stands apart, with unswerving quality in a recognizable style, a place that remains true to its own identity. Getting there will take time, ‘a long time,’ acknowledges Milliken. But tasting through the vintages of Spottswoode Cabernet, and noting the wine’s class and refinement as well as its stability, suggests that they are well on their way. Napa’s most consistently stylish Cabernet, it is a genuine American star.”

– Paul Lukacs

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