

FEATURED WINES

2008 Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The first release of Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon took place in 1977.

It was made from grapes grown in the Napa Valley, harvested in 1972, and priced at a princely (for the time) \$6 per bottle. Some consumers were taken aback, but founder Justin Meyer believed that Silver Oak was setting a new standard in Cabernet Sauvignon quality.

Ultimately, the price did not deter wine lovers from trying and, instantly, becoming big fans of Silver Oak. The winery would break still more new ground by annually making separate and distinct bottlings of Cabernet — one from Napa Valley, and one from Sonoma County's Alexander Valley.

The 2008 Napa Valley is a Cabernet-based blend that includes small amounts of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The cuvee spent 24 months in new American oak barrels and another two years in bottle prior to release. It's another in a long line of Silver Oak success stories.

TASTING NOTES

Grape Composition:

83% Cabernet Sauvignon,
7% Merlot, 7% Cabernet
Franc & 3% Petit Verdot

Grape Source:

Napa Valley, California

Aromas and Flavors:

Dark Berries, Black Cherry,
Tobacco and Green Herbs

Aging Vessels:

100% New American Oak
Barrels for 24 Months,
Then 20 Months in Bottle

When to Drink:

Now Through 2020

Our Tasting Panel Score:

91 Points

This sublime Cabernet-based blend offers notes of dark berries, black cherry, tobacco and green herbs.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: herb-crusted roast beef.

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