



FUTURE BE DAMNED: HERE ARE SOME STAND-OUT NEW REDS WE CAN'T WAIT TO POUR

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Since last year's bottles of these wines were so good, we'll be struggling to put these in the cellar to age. Luckily, these reds are ready to sip now, future be damned. From an inky dark Petite Sirah to a bittersweet Cabernet Sauvignon, here are five reds we just can't wait to pour.

LARKMEAD 2015 DR. OLMO CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

Larkmead's land has been planted to vines since the 1870s on Napa's valley floor in Calistoga, so even if the winemaker didn't know what he was doing, the vines would. This particular wine, the Dr. Olmo, is planted in gravelly soil just perfect for Cabernet Sauvignon. Tea, black licorice and Luxardo cherries are on the nose with some dried herbs. On the palate, find bittersweet chocolate and blue and black fruit. The long finish lets you know this bottle of 100 percent Cab can go the long run in the cellar, but it's still a bottle to open now; you'll just want to decant it an hour ahead. Winemaker Dan Petroski got his start working in the magazine business before heading to Sicily for a real education.