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OUR 10 TOP-RATED CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNONS OF 2019 WINE ENTHUSIAST, JANUARY 3, 2020

Our three California editors reviewed nearly a thousand bottles of Cabernet Sauvignon in 2019. It makes sense: Cabernet Sauvignon is the state's most widely planted red wine grape and is a signature of the Napa Valley.

But northern California isn't the only place producing quality Cabernet. Of the top 10 California Cabernets we reviewed last year, one is from Santa Barbara while another hails from Paso Robles. While Mendocino and Lake Counties don't make a showing here, we do suggest seeking their quite affordable bottles.

From Napa power players to Central Coast gems, here are our top 10 California Cabernets of the year.

Larkmead 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley); \$135, 98 points.

This stellar, powerhouse wine is perfumed in aromas of pencil, leather and sage that season a core of mineral and crushed rock. The fruit is equally savory in currant and plum, with a dusting of dark chocolate. Enjoy now–2029. Editors' Choice. –Virginie Boone