



2017 Gandona 'Encosta' Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

APPELLATION:

Napa Valley

VARIETAL:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD:

Gandona Estate Vineyard

WINEMAKERS:

Philippe Melka

AGING:

20 months in 66% new French oak

BEST FROM:

Enjoy now through 2030

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Grilled New York Strip with Charred Brocolini and Pesto

ORDERING INFO:

1048595 | \$99.95

DESCRIPTION:

Gandona Estate is single minded in their approach to ensuring quality. They do not purchase outside grapes, and they went so far as to custom-build their winery in order to control every stage of the grape growing and winemaking process. The winery, completed in 2010, was also designed to embrace the best of both old-world and new-world winemaking techniques. Encosta, meaning "hillside" in Portuguese, comes from the vines planted by the Gandona team when the property was first acquired. Over time, Encosta has become less about the youthfulness of the vines, and more about showcasing the various expressions of their highly dynamic vineyard characteristics.

Aromatic and expressive with ripe blueberries, blackberry compote, violets, and cocoa nib taking center stage, underlain by notes of sweet earth, crushed rocks, and cigar box. The 2017 Gandona exudes power and finesse while still being light on its feet. The lengthy, mineral finish is a grand finale that is deserving of a standing ovation.





2017 Tenuta Meraviglia Maestro di Cava Bolgheri Superiore

APPELLATION:

Bolgheri; Tuscany, Italy

VARIETAL:

70% Cabernet Franc, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD:

Estate

WINEMAKERS:

Alberto Antonini

AGING:

24 months in French oak

BEST FROM:

Now through 2032

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Mushroom Risotto

ORDERING INFO:

1047228 | \$74.95

DESCRIPTION:

In the Bolgheri DOC, on the hilltop that dominates the surrounding scenery, Tenuta Meraviglia, meaning “marvel” in English, says it all with its name: marvelous views embracing a long stretch of the Tuscan coastline punctuated with gentle, green hills that appear to plunge into the blueness of the sea. A paradise that inspires surprise and sweet expectations. The estate’s wines surpass these expectations, communicating the quality of an internationally-acclaimed terroir. Tenuta Meraviglia is a young, enthusiastic winery with a clear vision: to convey authentic aromas and flavours in a wine that blends sun, sea and wind in unexampled surroundings. Its mono-variety Cabernet Franc wines are products of a natural and sustainable agriculture.

The “Maestro di Cava” expresses aromas of intense and complex notes of blackberry, black currant and black cherry, accompanied by the subsequent progress of rural and vegetable aromas, such as dried herbs and Mediterranean scrub. The taste is velvety and structured, composed of a fully integrated tannic texture and in the right balance with a lively freshness.





2019 Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

APPELLATION:

Napa Valley

VARIETAL:

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot,
1% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD:

Various

WINEMAKERS:

Nicole Marchesi

AGING:

17 months in French oak (65% new, 35% once-used)

BEST FROM:

Now through 2037

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Prime Rib

ORDERING INFO:

1048269 | \$129.95

DESCRIPTION:

Far Niente was founded in 1885 and prospered until the gates were closed in the onset of Prohibition in 1919. Sixty years later, Gil Nickel bought and restored the winery and neighboring vineyard. The next three years were a labor of love that put Far Niente back on the map. Nick preserved the name - an Italian phrase which romantically translated means 'without a care.' - in hopes to recapture a bygone era when life was indeed without a care. Today, Far Niente is considered a benchmark producer of Napa Valley Cabernet and Napa Valley Chardonnay. They boast an unparalleled level of time-honored winemaking traditions, establishing them as one of the world's great wine estates.

This Cabernet Sauvignon is outstanding from start to finish. One the nose is an elegant bouquet of black fruits, leafy herbs, tobacco, and loamy earth. The penetrating palate is nicely textured, layered with dark fruit, black tea, and spicy oak flavors that carry an impressive length. The mouthfeel focused and fresh, medium to full body, and beautifully balanced with fine-grained tannins. Sophisticated and delicious.

