

10 Wines to Make This Mother's Day One to Remember

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(2010-Heitz-Martha's-Vineyard-Cabernet_small)

WINE: 2010 Heitz Cellar Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AVERAGE PRICE: \$225

It's not often you come across a California red made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, and when you do it's rare to find one that's soft, supple, and easy drinking without major time in the bottle. But this Heitz Cellar Martha's Vineyard Cabernet is one incredible exception. Although bold and juicy the way I want my Cabernets to be, this wine has velvety tannins, and a perfectly restrained use of oak, that fool you into believing it's been aged for far longer than it actually has. And those grippy, green notes so often found in Cabernet

Sauvignon are so well integrated that you'd never guess this to be a single varietal wine. I'm blown away by its elegance and balance, which is a true testament to both the **viculture** and **viniculture** skills that go into making it.

The grapes for this wine are grown in Napa Valley's esteemed Martha's Vineyard, which is owned by the May family and is farmed organically. Since buying Martha's Vineyard in the early 1960s, The Mays have been selling its grapes exclusively to the Heitz family, who in turn have used them to make its Martha's Vineyard Cabernet. This was Napa Valley's first vineyard-designated Cabernet, and 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the acclaimed vineyard. This gorgeous wine is evidence as to why it is collected and celebrated by wine aficionados around the world.

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