

12 Best Wines of 2016



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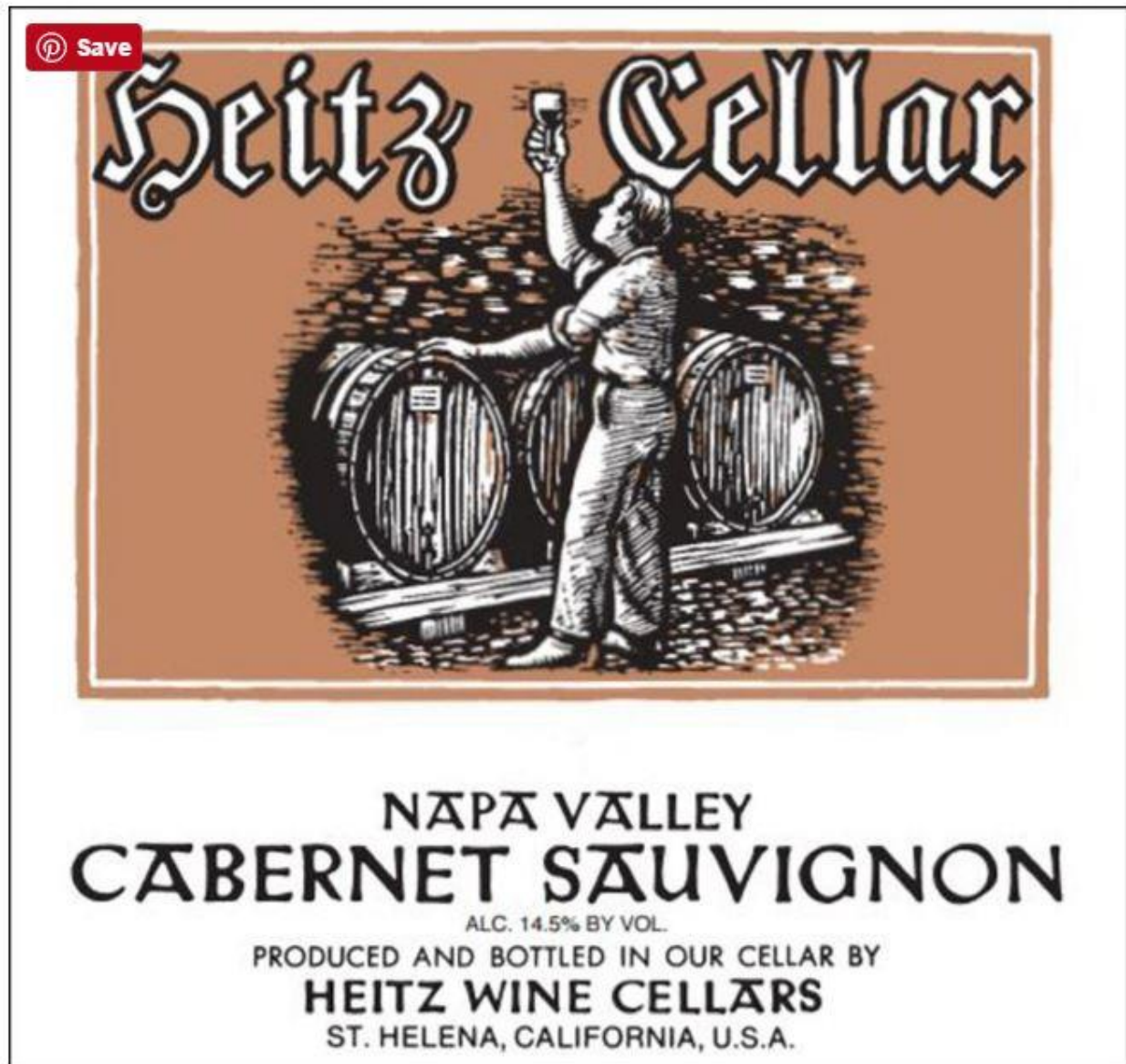
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Perhaps this column should more accurately be titled the ten *mostenjoyable* wines of 2016 because this isn't a list of the twelve most prestigious, or twelve most technically accomplished wines, and certainly not the twelve wines that came out top in an elaborate, multi-question, MW-type analysis system. No, they are just twelve wines that made me go WOW! And then WOW! again as I drank, and contemplated and savored.

They all had one thing in common, though: each achieved what for me is the nirvana of wine enjoyment: they sparked my intellectual curiosity, they made me think, as well as delivering visceral pleasure by the magnum-load.

Heitz Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon 2010



Napa Valley, California, \$55

Polished and mature with well-ripened tannins providing balance to the delectable fruit. California Cab on top form.

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