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Exploring The Cabernet Sauvignon Of Napa Valley, Part Three: Oakville



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Among Napa Valley's many AVAs, Oakville has a notably high concentration of iconic wine producers. Names like Screaming Eagle, Dalla Valle, Harlan, and Robert Mondavi dot the landscape, and around every bend there seems to be another world-class winery to discover.

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I recommend the following wines from Oakville, listed alphabetically, to get a better sense of what makes it so special.

Boich Family Cellar Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 Oakville

Dramatic, ripe, and generous, this drips with black fruit, lots of still-absorbing new oak, singed vanilla, ripe blackberries, Amarena cherries, dark chocolate, Chinese five-spice powder, and pencil shavings. There's a bit of lift to the finish however, which provides an excellent counterpoint to all of that decadence. Drink over the next decade to make the most of that lovely fruit.

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