

Wine Spectator's Insider Weekly

A First Look at Our Editors' Most Exciting New Wines | July 19, 2023

34 Showstopping California Cabernets

NEWTON

Cabernet Sauvignon Spring Mountain District
2018

95 points | \$210 | 425 cases made | Red

A classic Spring Mountain Cabernet, this delivers a range of captivating boysenberry, loganberry and mulberry fruit flavors that are vivid and defined, while racy iron and tar streaks provide support. Packs singed anise, wood spice, apple wood and mesquite notes in the background, along with sweet bay leaf and a savory tickle. The finish pulls everything together and then just drives on steadily. Best from 2025 through 2040. —*J.M.*



NEWTON

Cabernet Sauvignon Mount Veeder 2018

94 points | \$210 | 490 cases made | Red

This late release has a densely packed core of boysenberry and blackberry paste wrapped in roasted apple wood, bramble and sweet bay leaf notes. The finish is driven by heavy tarry grip. A textbook mountain Cabernet that needs a touch more cellaring to open fully. Best from 2024 through 2036. —*J.M.*



NEWTON

Cabernet Sauvignon Yountville 2018

93 points | \$210 | 463 cases made | Red

Fresh and polished, with a nice open-knit core of plum sauce and boysenberry preserves laced with alder and warm earth. The fruit keeps the upper hand on the finish, which shows nice underlying energy. Drink now through 2035. —*J.M.*



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