

The 12 Cabs of Christmas: Wines to Enjoy This Holiday

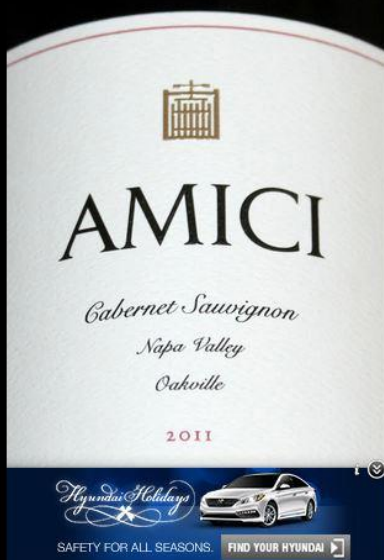
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The ubiquitous holiday song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was first published in 1780 and is just as annoying today as it was 233 years ago. Frankly, if your true love truly loved you they would send you at least one of these Cabernet Sauvignons for the holidays. THR's picks of the choicest 12 Kings of Cabernet for Christmas and Chanukah will make your spirits bright and make certain your New Year begins in liquid style (partridge and pear trees extra; leaping lords courtesy of Central Casting).

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Amici Cellars 2011 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon

From Calistoga, winemaker Joel Aiken has a pedigree worth toasting. He made the BV Georges de Latour, one of Napa's most iconic wines for a quarter century. Now he crafts killer Cabernets from choice vineyard sites around the Napa Valley. Once poured you'll find flavors reminiscent of violets, oak and vanilla, blackberry and blueberry. This is a smooth drinking wine that makes you realize how approachable a high end Cabernet can be, without all the fussy tannins and aging time. (\$125, amicicellars.com)



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