



# CABERNET SAUVIGNON - A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

REGION	Napa	Sonoma	Paso Robles	Washington	Bordeaux	Italy	Chile	Argentina	Australia
KEY FACTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4% of CA's wine</li> <li>Cabernet Sauvignon is:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>52% of production</li> <li>70% Napa's crop value</li> <li>\$8,000/ton</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6% of California's wine productions</li> <li>12,628 acres</li> <li>21% of plantings</li> <li>Knights Valley &amp; Alexander Valley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200+ wineries</li> <li>Most family owned</li> <li>40,000 planted acres</li> <li>Cabernet Sauvignon is #1 grape variety</li> <li>49% of production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> largest premium wine producer in US</li> <li>Cabernet Sauvignon is #1</li> <li>60,000+ acres planted</li> <li>1/3 planted to Cabernet Sauvignon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 diverse appellations</li> <li>Produces 15% of all French wine</li> <li>Approx 6,000 chateaux</li> <li>\$6.48 average price</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28,000+ acres in Italy</li> <li>20% is planted in Tuscany</li> <li>Cabernet Sauvignon is 2<sup>nd</sup> most planted red grape in Tuscany</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cabernet Sauvignon is most important grape</li> <li>32% of all plantings</li> <li>Vintage to vintage consistency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>532,000 total acres – 10x Napa</li> <li>Cabernet Sauvignon is 35,300 acres</li> <li>High altitude up to 10,000 feet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cab Sauv is 2<sup>nd</sup> most important grape</li> <li>55% of reds in Coonawarra</li> <li>47% of reds in Margaret River</li> <li>Old vines</li> </ul>
CLIMATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mediterranean</li> <li>Dry</li> <li>Fog influence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More rain than Napa</li> <li>More climate &amp; vintage variation than Napa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warmer further inland</li> <li>Widest temp swings of any CA appellation</li> <li>Distinct microclimates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continental</li> <li>Semi-arid</li> <li>Wide diurnal swings</li> <li>Winter freeze</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maritime climate</li> <li>Cold, wet winters, spring frost, hot, humid</li> <li>Rain during season &amp; harvest</li> <li>Vintage variation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mediterranean</li> <li>Maritime influence</li> <li>Bolgheri - cool sea breezes</li> <li>Maremma - less maritime further inland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mediterranean with some maritime at coast</li> <li>Cooling from ocean &amp; Andes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continental</li> <li>Arid</li> <li>Intense sun</li> <li>Wide diurnal swings</li> <li>Zonda wind</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coonawarra is maritime</li> <li>Margaret River is Mediterranean with some maritime at coast</li> <li>Low diurnal</li> </ul>
STYLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deeply colored; high, fine-grained tannins; bright acidity; full-bodied</li> <li>Generous use of new oak – baking spices and toast</li> <li>Powerful, rich, blackberry, black cherry, ripe plum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaner, more herbaceous than Napa</li> <li>Less new oak</li> <li>Alexander Valley softer than Napa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can't paint Paso Robles Cabernet in broad strokes</li> <li>Intense and concentrated, fruit-forward</li> <li>Similar flavors to Napa but with riper, softer tannins and warming alcohol</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inky purple, high alcohols &amp; moderately fresh acids</li> <li>Firm tannins</li> <li>Mint &amp; herbal</li> <li>Not subtle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angular, earthy even in ripe, hot vintages</li> <li>High acid, firm tannins</li> <li>Often needs aging to soften</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Profile is between Napa and Bordeaux</li> <li>Deeply colored, balanced yet soft acidity</li> <li>Ripe black cherry &amp; notes of black currant</li> <li>Oak forward with earth, tobacco &amp; clove</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exuberant, ripe fruit &amp; strong menthol and herbal notes</li> <li>Supple tannins</li> <li>Obvious oak use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intense, voluptuous</li> <li>Dark fruits and spices</li> <li>Rich black and purple fruit</li> <li>Fleshy, approachable</li> <li>Sweet vanilla oak</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coonawarra is savory &amp; ripe</li> <li>Often 100% CS</li> <li>Mint and eucalyptus</li> <li>Margaret River is more OW</li> <li>Perfumed &amp; elegant</li> <li>Age worthy</li> </ul>